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BURNUM WEBSTER FRANCIS is one of the leading business men of Cheshire, New Haven county, where he is engaged in house painting, graining, whitewashing, paper hanging and glazing, and is a dealer in paper, mouldings, paints and oils, while at present he is also giving some attention to farming. A native of this county he was born in Meriden Feb. 22, 1840, a son of Frederick A. and Jeannette (Hall) Francis.

Cyrus Francis, his paternal great-grandfather, was a major in the Revolutionary war and in a hand-to-hand conflict had to brain his opponent in order to preserve his own life. The grandfather, Appleton Francis, was a soldier of the Mexican war. He was born in Meriden but was reared in Kensington, Hartford Co., Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life as an agriculturist. He was the father of the following children: Herbert; Charlotte; Frederick A., father of our subject; and Catharine, wife of Almon Ives, of Cheshire.

Frederick A. Francis was born in Berlin, Hartford county, in 1801, and was reared and educated in Kensington. Throughout life he followed the occupation of farming. At one time he was a member of the State militia. In Wallingford, this county, he married Miss Jeannette Hall, a native of that town, who died in Meriden in 1844, and he died in 1845. In their family were four children: Harriet, who married William Powers, and died in Meriden; Jeannette, wife of Amos Tuttle, of North Haven, Conn.; Frederick, the inventor and originator of the system of burning coal in engines, who lived in New Britain but died in New Haven; and Burnum W.

During his boyhood and youth our subject attended school in Meriden and New Britain, Conn. Coming of a very patriotic and loyal family which has been well represented in the wars of this country, he espoused the cause of the Union during the Rebellion and enlisted in 1862 at Bristol, Conn., in Co. K, 16th Conn. V. I., and was mustered into the United States service at that place Aug. 5, 1862. He participated in the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg, the siege of Suffolk, and at Plymouth, N. C., was taken prisoner, being confined in Andersonville for eight long months. He was finally exchanged at Charleston, S. C., and taken to the parole camp at Annapolis, Md. He remained in the service until the war ended and was honorably discharged at Hartford, Conn., in 1865. Mr. Francis then made his home in Bristol, Conn., until coming to Cheshire, in 1881, since which time he has successfully engaged in his present business.

In Bristol, in 1865, Mr. Francis was married to Miss Helen Blakeslee, who died in Hartford county in 1882, and in Cheshire he was again married, in 1888, his second union being with Miss Harriet Humiston, a native of Cheshire, and a daughter of John and Rhoda (Nichols) Humiston. Her father died in that town in 1850, her mother in 1896. Politically Mr. Francis is a Republican and he is now

most creditably serving his sixth year as justice of the peace in Cheshire. He was one of the charter members of the Grand Army Post at Bristol, and in days of peace, as in times of war, has shown himself to be a worthy and loyal citizen, true to the best interests of his country.

CHARLES E. HART stands high among the substantial business men and valuable citizens of New Haven, where he is considered a representative dealer in his line. His unassuming and pleasant personality has made him as popular personally as he is reliable commercially.

Mr. Hart was born April 2, 1843, in the town of Durham, Conn., and comes from one of the old and honorable families of New England, and one of the very oldest in Connecticut, he being a representative in the seventh generation from Deacon Stephen Hart, who was the progenitor of this family in America. His line is from Deacon Stephen through Thomas, Hawkins, Samuel, Samuel (2), and William Augustus.

(I) Deacon Stephen Hart, born about 1605, at Braintree, County of Essex, England, came thence to Massachusetts Bay Colony about 1632, and is supposed to have belonged to the company that settled Braintree, Mass. He located for a time at Newtown (now Cambridge), where he married and where his first wife died. For his second wife he married Margaret Smith, widow of Arthur Smith. Mr. Hart was one of the fifty-four settlers at Cambridge, Mass., later went to Hartford with the company of Rev. Thomas Hooker, in 1635, and was one of the original proprietors in 1639. At Cambridge he had been a member of Mr. Hooker's church and continued a member at Hartford. In 1672 he became one of the eighty-four proprietors of Farmington, Conn. In 1647 he was a deputy to the General Court of Connecticut, and continued to serve as such during most of the succeeding years up to 1660, from the town of Farmington. At the latter place he was one of the seven pillars of the church, and was chosen the first deacon. An extensive farmer, he became a man of influence, and was one of the leaders in the town. His death occurred in 1683, his widow dying in 1693.

(II) Thomas Hart, son of Deacon Stephen, was born in 1644, and married Ruth Hawkins, who was born in 1649, in Windsor, Conn., a daughter of Anthony Hawkins, a man of distinction in Farmington, whose wife was the daughter of Gov. Welles, of Connecticut. Mr. Hart served as ensign, lieutenant and captain of the trainband. Mr. Hart and John Hooker were the two most prominent men of the town, and conspicuous in the Colony, being men of wealth, activity and usefulness. From 1690 to 1711 he represented the town in the General Court, for twenty-nine sessions, and he was several times clerk and speaker. Capt. Hart died in 1726.

(III) Hawkins Hart, son of Capt. Thomas, was born in 1677, in Farmington, and was a farmer. He

married, in 1701, Sarah Lathrop, who was born in 1683, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah Lathrop, of Wallingford. They lived for a time in Farmington, and then removed to Wallingford, where Mrs. Hart died in 1733. Mr. Hart then married Mary Street, daughter of Rev. Joseph Elliott, and his second wife Mary (Wilys), of Guilford, the latter a daughter of Hon. Samuel Wilys, of Hartford. Mr. Hart held the rank of lieutenant, and represented Wallingford in the General Court nine sessions, between 1714 and 1732. He died in 1735.

(IV) Samuel Hart, son of Lieut. Hawkins, born in 1735, in Wallingford, married, in 1759, at Durham, Conn., Abigail Fowler, and settled on a farm in that town; this farm was part of a tract of land which had been given to Rev. Joseph Eliot by the Colonial Legislature, for preaching the election sermon. Both he and his wife were taken into full church communion in 1771. Mr. Hart held the rank of lieutenant in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary war, and was wounded at the battle of Saratoga, after which he drew a pension. His death took place Jan. 12, 1805, and his widow passed away Nov. 26, 1827.

(V) Samuel Hart (2), son of Lieut. Samuel, was born July 12, 1770, and was baptized in Durham, Conn. On March 3, 1803, he married Patience Hubbard, who was born in August, 1772, a daughter of Eber and Patience (Chittenden) Hubbard. Mr. Hart was a farmer, living on his father's homestead, and was an industrious man. He died Dec. 25, 1857, his widow surviving until March 15, 1864.

(VI) William Augustus Hart, son of Samuel (2), was born April 26, 1806, at Durham, Conn., and was well known to the residents of New Haven, Middletown and Durham, as he carried on a butchering business in these towns, and also kept a country store on the old homestead. He married Sally Maria Jones, daughter of John Jones, of North Madison, and the children of this union were as follows: Elizabeth H., born May 17, 1831, married Charles E. Camp, of Middlefield, Conn.; Franklin H., was born April 20, 1834 (he is mentioned elsewhere); Mary E., born July 10, 1836, is deceased; William Lewis, born Dec. 28, 1838, is residing in Brighton, Ohio (he served as private in the First Connecticut Heavy Artillery in the Rebellion); Ellen M., born March 11, 1841, married Isaac Hall, of Wallingford, and both are deceased; Charles E., our subject, was born April 2, 1843; F. J., born Feb. 26, 1845, now a resident of Joplin, Mo., was during the Civil war a lieutenant in the 100th U. S. Colored Regiment, previous to which he had served as a private in the First Connecticut Regiment, Heavy Artillery; Catherine S., born Aug. 10, 1849, lives in Durham, Conn.; Alice L., born April 19, 1852, is an artist in Boston, Mass. The parents of this family died in Durham, Conn. They were honored members of the South Congregational Church, and Mr. Hart was deacon in the same. Mr. Hart

was noted for his strict total abstinence from all kinds of intoxicants, and for his firm stand on the subject of intemperance.

Charles E. Hart was born on a farm that had been in the family since the time of Rev. Joseph Eliot. He spent his early school days in Durham, and at the age of seventeen came to New Haven to work as a clerk in the establishment of Horace H. Strong, which stood on the site of Mr. Hart's present place of business, on State street. On Aug. 2, 1862, Mr. Hart enlisted in Company I, 15th Conn. V. I. In 1864 he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, in the 100th United States Colored Infantry, and just before the surrender of Gen. Lee he was promoted, in March, 1865, to the rank of captain. In March of the following year he was mustered out of the service at Louisville, Ky. Mr. Hart was in service for nine months in Texas, at the time Maximilian made his raid along the border.

On his return from the army Mr. Hart engaged in the market business with his brother, William Lewis, at Wellington, Ohio, for about four months. Coming back to New Haven, he became a member of the firm of Strong, Hart & Co., and later became a member of Frisbie & Hart, of New Haven, the members being John Frisbie and C. E. Hart. This partnership lasted until 1860, when Charles E. Hart engaged in business alone for a year. Then he became a member of C. E. Hart & Co., which organization consisted of our subject, R. H. Nesbit and W. E. Judd, and continued until 1894, when the C. E. Hart Co., a corporation was formed. C. E. Hart became president and treasurer, and W. A. Hart, his son, became secretary. Mr. Hart has been at his present location since 1886.

Mr. Hart is a member of Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., and is an enthusiastic Grand Army man; is a member of the New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion; the Sons of the American Revolution; the Sons of Temperance, with which he became connected in 1861; and Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He is a member of the official board of the Davenport Congregational Church. Genial and hearty in disposition, he is welcomed wherever he goes.

Mr. Hart was married in New Haven, Feb. 12, 1870, to Belle F. Burns, of New Haven, and two children have been born to this union, Edith M. and William A. William A. is an attorney in New York, having graduated from Yale in 1897, after which he studied law in Harvard and the New York Law School. Miss Edith M. lives at home. The family residence is at No. 19 Warren street, New Haven.

HERMAN HESS, whose name is familiar to the people of Meriden, is that of a man who has served them for fifteen years as city and town clerk and registrar of vital statistics. He comes of German parentage, and was born in Meriden April 4, 1861.

Frederick Hess, his father, was born in the Grand Duchy of Baden, in Germany,



Herman Hess



where he spent his early life, coming to the United States, however, before he had reached his majority. He located in Meriden and was among the first of his nationality to settle in this section of the State. Finding employment as a burnisher in the works of the Meriden Britannia Co., he was there actively engaged all his life. Noted for his industry and integrity, he had many friends, and was held in general respect. In political affairs he was a Democrat, but he never was an office-seeker. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, 6th Conn., V. I., Col. John L. Chatfield and Capt. Henry Bibel being his commanding officers. The following March he was discharged from the service on account of disabilities. The death of this worthy gentleman occurred in May, 1898, and his remains were interred in the East cemetery. In religious connection he was a member of the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he prized his membership in Merriam Post, No. 8, G. A. R., Meriden.

Frederick Hess was married in the city of New York to Miss Johanna Yobke, a native of Germany. She died in 1872, and was buried in the East cemetery. A good wife and mother, she was a good Christian woman and a devout member of the Lutheran Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Hess were born three children: Herman, Frank and Frances, the last named now the wife of James Story, of New Haven.

Herman Hess was afforded somewhat meager advantages for education in his youth. He attended the district school until he was eleven years of age, when he became a cash boy in the mercantile establishment of W. H. Babb, in Meriden, beginning at a salary of \$2.50 a week. There he was employed five years, meantime devoting much time to study at home nights, bringing his education up to a more practical standard. In 1877 he obtained a situation with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., with which he spent five years as a clerk, being one year in the ticket department and four years in the freight office at Meriden and New Haven. In 1882 he secured a position as bookkeeper with the Meriden Malleable Iron Co., and held same five years. Since September, 1900, he has been a director of the Meriden National Bank.

In 1883 Mr. Hess was elected city auditor to fill a vacancy. In October, 1886, he was elected town clerk and registrar of vital statistics, and in the same year was made city clerk. For fifteen years he has continued to fill these offices with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public. His first election was as a Democrat, but since 1892 he has been the nominee of both parties. He is a genial and popular gentleman, thoroughly efficient, and in every way an honorable and upright man.

Mr. Hess is well versed in Masonic lore, belonging to St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, K. T., and to Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; he is also a member of Meriden Center Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F.; the K. of P.; the R. A.; the B. P. O. E.;

and the American Order of Foresters. He and his family are members of the Universalist Church.

Mr. Hess was married May 28, 1883, to Eugenia De Crosby Pomeroy, who was born in Meriden, a daughter of Norman W. and Ruth Ann (Norwood) Pomeroy, and a granddaughter of the late Noah Pomeroy. They have had two children, Raymond Pomeroy and Ruth Imogene, the latter deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hess are people of much refinement and evident culture, and the latter belongs to one of the oldest families in this part of Connecticut.

ALBERT BARNES MATHER, A. M., superintendent of the public schools of Meriden, where for a third of a century he has been prominent in educational matters and a useful citizen, is one of the leading educators of the State.

Prof. Mather was born July 13, 1845, at Fairfield, N. Y., a son of Jairus and Eliza (Jones) Mather, and is a descendant in the eighth generation from Rev. Richard Mather, who came to New England in 1635, stopping for a time in Boston, and going thence to Dorchester, Mass. Rev. Mr. Mather was a native of England, born in 1596 in Lowton, Winwick Parish, of Toxeth Park, son of Thomas and grandson of John Mather, both of Lowton. Rev. Richard Mather married (first) in 1624 Catherine, daughter of Edmund Holt, of Bury, who died in 1655, and he married (second) in 1656 Sarah Story, widow of Rev. John Cotton. He died at Dorchester in 1669, and his wife, Sarah, in 1676.

From Rev. Richard Mather Prof. Mather's lineage is through Timothy, Atherton, William, William (2), Moses and Jairus Mather.

(II) Timothy Mather, son of Rev. Richard, the emigrant settler, born in 1628, in Liverpool, England, married (first) Catherine, daughter of Major Gen. Humphrey Atherton, and (second) March 20, 1678-79, Elizabeth, daughter of Amiel Weeks. As a farmer he settled in Dorchester, Mass., and died in 1684.

(III) Atherton Mather, son of Timothy, born in 1663, married (first) in 1694 Rebecca Stoughton, daughter of Thomas, and (second) in 1705 Mary Lamb, of Roxbury. When a young man Mr. Mather settled at Windsor, Conn. He removed in 1712 to Suffield, Mass., which in 1752 became a part of Connecticut, and was there a prominent and useful man and citizen. For four years he was a deputy from the town to the General Court at Boston. He died in 1734.

(IV) William Mather, son of Atherton, born in 1698 in Windsor, Conn., married in 1821 Silence Butolph, daughter of Daniel Butolph, of Simsbury, Conn., and lived in Suffield.

(V) William Mather (2), son of William, was born April 25, 1735, in Suffield, and later was of Marlboro, Vt., and Fairfield, N. Y. He married (first) April 10, 1760, Helen Allyn Talcott, daughter of Peletiah Allyn; she died in 1770, and he married (second) Martha Dickinson, who died May 29,

1809. Mr. Mather died in Fairfield, N. Y., May 22, 1810.

(VI) Moses Mather, son of William (2), born Feb. 1, 1774, in Suffield, Conn., was later of Marlboro, Vt., and Fairfield, N. Y. He married June 10, 1790, Sarah Dresser, who died Nov. 15, 1863. Mr. Mather died Dec. 20, 1832. Their children, all born between 1802 and 1819, inclusive, were: William, Jairus, Jacob D. and Martha.

(VII) Jairus Mather, son of Moses, born Aug. 23, 1810, at Fairfield, N. Y., married July 30, 1844, Eliza Jones, and to the marriage came children as follows: Albert Barnes, born July 13, 1845; Charles Jairus, born Oct. 22, 1847, who married Dec. 21, 1875, Mary B. Getman, and died March 28, 1884; Laura Maria, born Feb. 7, 1850; and Frederick Dresser, born June 20, 1860.

Albert Barnes Mather, whose name introduces this sketch, received his primary education and was prepared for college in the schools of his native town. He was graduated with honors from Amherst College in 1868, and in the fall of the same year located in Meriden, Conn., having been placed in charge of the Meriden High School for one term. Following this he was given charge of the schools of the Corner District of the same city, and from that time to this has been identified with its schools. Prof. Mather is an intelligent and enthusiastic educator, and is well and favorably known in this line of work throughout the State and beyond State lines. Since 1898 he has been the superintendent of the Meriden schools. He has been president of the State Teachers' Association, and of the State Council of Education, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He has been a prominent member of the Scientific Association, of which he has served as an officer for a decade or more, and is a Knight Templar Mason, and for a dozen years or more was recorder of St. Elmo Commandery, of Meriden. He is also a member of the Home Club, and has served as its president, and is clerk of St. Andrew's Episcopal Parish. He is a popular and genial gentleman.

On Feb. 27, 1887, Mr. Mather was married to Anne Wylie, daughter of Dr. Wylie, late of Meriden.

DAVID STEARN STEVENS was for many years prominently identified with the printing industry of New Haven county, and made for himself an honorable record in business. He was progressive, reliable and energetic, and won the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact, in either business or social life. He now makes his home in Northford.

The first of the Stevens family of whom we have any authentic record was Rev. Timothy Stevens, a native of Bristol, Wales, who came to Hartford, Conn., when a young man, and was the first Congregational minister at Glastonbury, being ordained in October, 1693. He died April 16, 1725.

His son, Joseph, born in Hartford, in 1705, was the father of Elisha Stevens, who was born in Glastonbury, in 1752, and married Agnes Kimberly. Their son, Milton Stevens, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Hartford county, and died in Prospect, New Haven county, when our subject's father was quite small. He had three children: Henry; Mary, wife of Timothy Fowler, of New Haven; and David S.

David Stearn Stevens, Sr., our subject's father, was born July 14, 1823, in Prospect, and there married Eliza Benjamin, who died at the age of thirty-six years, leaving the following children: Albert died at the age of thirty-six years; Alice, born Aug. 17, 1849, married Jared Bassett, of North Haven, and is now deceased; Eliza Seneca, born March 3, 1851, is the wife of H. Maltby, of Northford; Henry, born May 7, 1855, married Ella Augur, a sister of Watson D. Augur, and lives in Wallingford; David S., our subject, is the next in order of birth; and Agnes G., born Oct. 4, 1859, is the wife of Watson D. Augur, of North Branford. For his second wife the father married Frances Hart, of Quinipiac, town of North Haven, and to them were born two children: Fannie, wife of Lea Revere, and Peter, both residents of Millenbeck, Va. When a young man the father moved to Quinipiac, where he engaged in the manufacture of spoons, silverware, etc., until 1869, when he sold his business there and came to Northford, town of North Branford, where he continued to manufacture silverware for some years. In 1881 he removed to Lancaster county, Va., where he purchased property and lived in retirement for some time, and died in 1895, at the age of seventy-two years.

On the maternal side our subject traces his ancestry back to Samuel Benjamin, who was married, in 1731, to Elizabeth Boswick, and in 1754 removed from Stratford to Hartland, Conn. His children were John, Patty, Asher and Samuel. The last named was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, enlisting from Hartland, in June, 1776, for one year, under Capt. Woodbridge. He married Rachel Holcomb, of Granby, and to them were born three children: David, who married Rachel Moore, and lived in Southwick, Mass.; Eleazer, father of Eliza; and Samuel, who married Asenath Holcomb, and lived in Granby, Conn. Eleazer Benjamin married Polly Case, of Simsbury, Conn., and to them were born the following children: Rachel, born Aug. 18, 1811, married Dr. Russell H. Tiffany, of Canton, Conn., and died April 23, 1863; Abigail, born Feb. 1, 1813, married Anson Holcomb, of Simsbury, and died Jan. 18, 1890; Polly, born Feb. 10, 1815, married Charles P. Clark, of East Granby, Conn., and died Dec. 16, 1892; Mariette, born Nov. 28, 1817, died Sept. 13, 1819; Mariette, born May 21, 1821, died unmarried Sept. 14, 1853; Eliza, the mother of our subject, was born Jan. 1, 1824, and died Sept. 8, 1860; DeWitt Clinton, born June 4,

1826, went to California as a gold seeker in 1849, and is still a resident of Georgetown, that State; Fleazer, born Jan. 6, 1828, died Dec. 25, 1850; and Scott, born Oct. 26, 1830, died October, 1853.

David S. Stevens, Jr., was born in Quinnipiac, town of North Haven, April 4, 1857, and for three years was a student at Gen. Russell's Institute, in New Haven, and two years at Durham Academy. Soon after the completion of his education he conceived the idea of the card printing industry—a business that was soon afterward taken up by scores of firms throughout Connecticut, depending for sales upon newspaper advertising and the mail order system of delivery. He was the first to engage in this business extensively. Beginning as he did in a corner of his father's silverware factory, with a small press, he increased his business by continual application and the use of original methods, to an establishment occupying three floors and employing from seventy-five to eighty hands. Owing to various causes the business in time lost patronage, and after twenty-two years of successful operation Mr. Stevens discontinued it. In connection with his printing business he dealt extensively in novelties, scrap pictures, etc., and in a single year imported \$50,000 worth of scrap pictures alone.

On Oct. 9, 1879, Mr. Stevens married Miss Clara Hoadley Maltby, a daughter of Chapman Maltby and granddaughter of Julius Maltby, natives of Northford. She is the fourth in order of birth in a family of eight children, the others being Harriette; Flora Belle, wife of John M. Dutton, of Hamden, Conn.; Arthur, a resident of Wallingford; Robert, who is engaged in the real estate business in Seattle, Wash.; Wilbert, who is connected with a coffee house at Plainfield, N. J.; Douglass Fowler, a resident of Matawan, N. J.; and Mary Irene, who died at the age of twenty years. Mr. Stevens and his wife have five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Douglass Maltby, Sept. 4, 1880; Clifford Fleetwood, July 8, 1885; Wilbert Benjamin, Dec. 3, 1886; David Stearn, July 23, 1888; and Clara Margaret, Dec. 31, 1889. The eldest son is a graduate of the normal school at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are members of the Congregational Church, and give liberally to its support, and politically he is an ardent Republican. In 1899 he most efficiently represented his town in the State Legislature, and was a member of the Railroad Committee. He is a member of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guards. Courteous, genial, well-informed, alert and enterprising, he stands today one of the leading men of his town—a man who is a power in the community.

AUGUSTUS HOWARD JONES, who is named in honor of the pilot who first brought the steamer "Great Eastern" into New York harbor, was born in the city of New York Dec. 21, 1851.

Joseph Jones, his father, was born in Wales, of

which country his father was also a native. Joseph Jones was reared in his native country, and learned the trade of scroll sawyer. Being a natural genius, he could successfully turn his hand to almost any kind of mechanical labor. Before attaining his majority he crossed the Atlantic, and spent some time at Quebec, Canada. Thence he went to New York, where he followed his trade. His death was caused by septicaemia, brought on by the bite of a dog, and his body was deposited in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn. While living in Quebec he married Martha Jackson, also a native of Wales, who passed her last days in Meriden tenderly cared for in the home of her son whose name begins this article; her last resting place is in Greenwood cemetery, beside the remains of her husband. They had six children, namely: William, who died in New York; Nathaniel, a mechanic, who also died in New York; Jane, wife of William Luckey, of Meriden; Augustus Howard; Walter, a citizen of Meriden; and an infant that died unnamed.

Augustus H. Jones was deprived of a father's care at the early age of nine years. He continued to attend school until twelve years old, and then entered a store, where he might earn something to aid in his maintenance. Anxious to secure an education, he attended a night school while discharging his duties in the store by day. At the end of three years he left this employment in order to give a year's time exclusively to study. Having a natural taste for mechanics, he determined to master a trade, and secured a position in a brass foundry where his brother, Nathaniel, was a foreman, serving an apprenticeship of four and one-half years. For the first six months he received as compensation three dollars per week. Being energetic and ambitious, he soon made himself valuable to his employer, and during the next year he was paid ten dollars weekly. In time he became highly expert as a coremaker, and his salary for the succeeding years was, respectively, fifteen, twenty and thirty dollars per week. After completing his trade he worked one year as a contractor in the manufacture of locks.

In 1867 Mr. Jones came to Meriden and spent the two years succeeding as foreman in the brass foundry of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., making gas fixtures and similar articles. He then started a small brass foundry, but at the end of two weeks he received such a flattering offer from his former employers that he sold out to them and made a five-years contract to resume his former position. He continued in a responsible relation with this concern until 1882, when he assisted in organizing the Foster Hardware Co., to carry on the production of brass goods. In 1885 this concern was reorganized, under the name of the Meriden Bronze Co., of which Mr. Jones became president in 1891. His pluck and energy were admired by the older manufacturers of Meriden, who often tendered him assistance, and he continued to operate the business fourteen years. The financial de-

pression of the latter part of the nineteenth century was severely felt by all the industries of Meriden, and Mr. Jones was forced out, with a loss of one hundred thousand dollars. But his ambitious spirit could not be put down, and he began business again in February, 1901, under the name of the A. H. Jones Manufacturing Co., and is engaged in the manufacture of novelties.

Mr. Jones was married, in Meriden, in January, 1870, to Miss Jennie F. Logan, who was born in Meriden, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Logan, both now deceased. Mrs. Jones is a cultivated lady, fit companion for an energetic and intelligent man. She presides over their modest home with that ease and grace which betoken good breeding. Two children have been born to this couple, of whom the youngest died in infancy. The other, William H. Jones, is associated with his father in business. The family are identified with the First Congregational Church.

Of genial and companionable nature, Mr. Jones has naturally allied himself with various social and fraternal organizations of his city. He is a member of the Home Club, and is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with Meridian Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council, No. 22, R. & S. M.; and St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, K. T. In politics he is a staunch Republican. He has served four years as a member of the Meriden common council, and during that period acted on the committees on Fire, Sewers and By-laws. He served for two years more as an alderman, and was mayor pro tem. during the last year, and chairman of Police, By-laws and Lamps committees.

ALBERT H. BARTLETT was for about twenty years one of the successful building contractors of New Haven, and he has left many substantial evidences of his skillful and thorough work in that city and other places in New Haven county.

Mr. Bartlett was born in Northampton, Mass., a son of Samuel Bartlett. The father, who was also a contractor, laid out all the roads in Northampton. Our subject's mother was engaged during her earlier years as a teacher. Albert H. was one of fourteen children, several of whom still survive.

Albert H. Bartlett spent his youth in New Jersey, where he early engaged in carpentering, and at the age of eighteen he undertook the erection of two houses at Windland, that State. About 1871 he came to New Haven, where he was a contractor of rate until his death, in December, 1890, putting up a large number of houses. Some fine residences in Orange street, New Haven, in Fair Haven and elsewhere testify to the grade of work which he executed, and his financial success would be sufficient proof in itself, having been gained solely on the merits of his work. A man of the highest honor and strict integrity, he commanded respect for his personal qualities no less than for his business

ability, and was held in high esteem by the large number of people with whom he came into daily contact in his busy career. His shop was located on the present site of the New England Telephone Co.'s building, and he furnished employment to a number of men. Fraternally Mr. Bartlett was a member of the Knights of Pythias (in which he held the office of treasurer) and the New England Order of Protection. He was a Republican in political affiliation.

In October, 1870, Mr. Bartlett was united in marriage with Miss Marion Bird, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., and two children blessed this union: Frank was a student at Yale Law School, and is engaged in business in New Haven; Alice attended the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Mass., and is now devoting herself to the study of music. The family reside in a comfortable home at No. 312 Orange street, New Haven, and they have many friends in the city. They worship at the Church of the Redeemer.

CHARLES W. S. FROST, M. D., whose scientific acquirements, upright character and devotion to his profession have given him a leading place among the physicians of Waterbury, was born in that city Dec. 22, 1857, a son of Warren S. Frost, who traces his ancestry to Samuel Frost, of England.

Samuel Frost came to America from the mother country in 1700, and on March 21, 1733, wedded Naomi Fenn, of Wallingford.

David Frost, son of Samuel and Naomi, was born in Southington, Conn., Sept. 10, 1743, and died Dec. 15, 1812. During the war of the Revolution he was a soldier in the Continental army. He married Mary Beach Nov. 6, 1761, a daughter of Joseph Beach, a prominent man of his day.

Enoch Frost, son of David, was born in Southington Jan. 8, 1765, and died May 27, 1822. His entire life was passed as a farmer. Anna Culver was his wife and they became the parents of six children: Anna, Stephen C., Selah, Nancy, Enoch W. and Emice.

Selah Frost, the Doctor's grandfather, was born in Waterbury Feb. 2, 1708, and died in 1838. He was engaged as a merchant in Torrington. His wife was Ursula Brooker and they reared a family of two children: Mary and Warren S., the father of the Doctor. Mary married George Mason, who is now deceased.

Warren S. Frost was born in Torrington Jan. 10, 1827, and his long and useful life was terminated April 20, 1899. He married Miss Edna J. Spring, of Collinsville, Conn., a daughter of Thomas Spring, who was born in Granby, Conn., and was a farmer and wheelwright. The Springs are of English extraction and the first representative of the family on the American shores came over about 1680. Mrs. Edna J. Frost died Sept. 20, 1897, and is remembered as a woman of far more than the usual



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gifts and attractions. She was a good wife to her husband and a wise and helpful mother to her children. Mr. Frost was a Republican and served many years in the Waterbury common council. The family were all connected with the Congregational Church.

Dr. Charles W. S. Frost spent his boyhood days in Waterbury where he acquired his elementary and general English education in the public schools and the Waterbury English and Classical School. He entered Yale Medical School in 1870 and graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City in 1880. His vacations were spent in the hospitals of the great city, and soon after his graduation he came to Waterbury, opening an office here. The summer of 1880 marked the beginning of a singularly successful professional career. Dr. Frost and Miss Jennie G. Davis were married Feb. 5, 1880. By this union was born one daughter, Edna J. Dr. Frost was again married Dec. 31, 1891, to Mrs. Minnie L. Ryder, the daughter of Leander Wright, of West Ashford, Conn. Two children have been born of this union: Barbara and Sela. The Doctor is a Republican and was president of the board of health for two years, of which he has been a member since 1887. He is city and town health officer and is a member of the staff of Waterbury Hospital. Dr. Frost was secretary of the Waterbury Medical Society for eleven years and is a member of both the State and County Medical Societies. On the membership roll of the Masonic fraternity, the K. of P., the Red Men, the R. A., the Heptasophs, the K. O. T. M., the O. U. A. M., the Sons of the American Revolution and several social organizations, such as the Waterbury Club and the Golf Association, the name of Dr. Frost is found; and wherever he appears he is sure to be a welcome presence. Dr. Frost is a member of the First Congregational Church and is a man of fine character and superior professional standing.

CHRISTIAN FISCHER, one of Meriden's best known German-American citizens, and the capable foreman of the packing department of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., was born at Biskirchen, Rhine Province, Germany, April 27, 1846.

Henry Christian Fischer, father of Christian, was a native of the same place, and was well educated in the German schools. At the age of seventeen years, according to the law of his land, he entered the Prussian army, joining the cavalry branch of the service, and spent three years in defending his country. Among the many experiences of his army life was an expedition upon which he was sent with a detail to capture horses, at Wallachia, Roumania, where he secured a mare with a little colt. He kept the latter for himself and it grew to be a pet of the family for many years, reaching the age of forty-four years. The other members of the family to which Henry Christian Fischer belonged

were: Frank, who became a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church; Frederick, who went to Paris, and was there during the Revolution and was lost to his family afterward; and Emma, who married Valentine Konold, came to America, and resides in Collinsville, Conn. By trade Mr. Fischer was a blacksmith and learned his work at his father's forge. For many years he carried on a successful business, reared a large family and was a much respected man. His death was caused by cramps attacking him when bathing in a river, near his home, June 7, 1846. His marriage was to Katharine Zipp, in Niederhausen, Nassau, Germany. She was a most estimable woman, a devoted wife and the mother of eight children. Both parents were consistent members of the Dutch Reformed Church. The children were: Katharine, now deceased, was the wife of August Pistorius, of Meriden; Elizabeth died in Germany, the wife of Frederick Fischer, superintendent of a factory at Ems, who died from heart failure; Conrad, who died in Collinsville, Conn., in 1894; Ernestine, who married Carl Montanus and lives in Germany; Christina, who married Emil Weidig, died with her husband from asphyxiation in Germany; Louisa, who died in infancy; Louisa (2) was the second wife of August Pistorius; and lastly Christian, the subject proper of this sketch.

Christian Fischer received an excellent German education in his native land and there became proficient in the blacksmith trade. His service was demanded in the army when he was seventeen years old, but he decided that three years of his life could be better spent in other directions, and with this end in view he left his home and made his way to Bremen, where he took passage on a sailing vessel for America, arriving in New York in December, 1865.

As a brother was already located at Collinsville, Conn., the young German lad made his way thither and soon secured employment at his trade with the Collins Company, and there he remained two and one-half years. In 1868 Mr. Fischer came to Meriden and worked in the machine room of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., until 1869, entering then the shipping department of the business. For a period of thirty-four years he has satisfactorily filled the position of foreman of this important department, gaining the confidence of the company in greater degree as the years go by, and they more fully realize the earnest and honest service which he renders. Mr. Fischer is gifted with the ability which all do not possess, by which he is able to manage his department in a thoroughly satisfactory, orderly and economical manner with the respect of his assistants and to the benefit of his employers.

On September 24, 1870, Mr. Fischer was married, in Meriden, to Miss Johanna Maschmeyer, a sister of August Maschmeyer. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Fischer five children have been born:

Henry August, Theodore A., Augusta A., Lillian L. and Catherine E., all of whom reside at home but Theodore, who resides at Medford Hillside, Miss. While Mr. Fischer has a tendency to lean toward the Democratic party in politics, he declares himself more of an independent, being a man of intelligence and ability, perfectly capable of deciding the merits of a candidate, or to measure for himself. During 1879 and 1880 he was a member of the city council from the third ward, and was a member of several important committees. Mr. Fischer has always been deeply interested in the cause of education and he was the first German resident of Meriden to call a meeting to look toward the establishment of a German-American school, and was one of the trustees of this institution for six years. For a considerable period he had been a trustee of the West school district before the consolidation. Mr. Fischer has been a member of the German Aid Society for thirty-two years. He and family are all members of the Universalist Church, active in its work in every direction. All his life he has believed in progress and advancement and lends his assistance to all worthy objects. Mr. Fischer enjoys popularity with all classes, is industrious and upright, and a man who is devoted to the welfare of his family. To him Meriden means home, and he takes an interest in every measure which is calculated to benefit her locally or abroad. Mr. Fischer has added to the beauty of the city by the erection of a fine dwelling place on Fourth street, which he built in 1875, at a time when there had been little building on that street. It is a roof under which generous hospitality is offered to the hosts of friends who are made welcome by Mr. Fischer and his most estimable family.

GEORGE WILLIAM HENRY HUGHES. A prominent representative of an old and most honorable family, which has been conspicuous in the State of Connecticut for many years, is George William Henry Hughes, a citizen who has been identified with the material growth of New Haven for a long period.

Mr. Hughes was born in Prospect, Conn., Aug. 28, 1848, a son of Reuben Beecher and Harriet M. (Sloper) Hughes. The great-grandfather of George W. H. Hughes was sturdy, honest William Hues, a man well known in his day as an excellent farmer and respected citizen. Reuben Hughes, son of William Hues, was born in Southington, Conn., and early in life learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. His talents lay in the direction of invention, and he displayed remarkable mechanical skill. One of his machines intended for the dressing of flax was the cause of his losing his left right hand, thus probably causing many of the excellent ideas on machinery to remain within his fertile brain. It is known that he did a soldier's duty in the war of 1812, and at that time went to New London, and later settled in Southbury, Mass. He married Jane

Beecher, who belonged to the celebrated Beecher family, which traces clear ancestry as far back as 1637 as the time of the settlement of this family in New England.

Reuben Beecher Hughes, a son of Reuben, who with carefulness and accuracy has published an interesting record of the Beecher family and connecting branches, is one of the best-known and highly regarded citizens of New Haven. He was born in Southbury, Mass., Jan. 27, 1820, in the first house south of the famous White Oak Tree on the Mitchell land. This now beautiful mansion is the residence of William Beecher, a prominent citizen of Southbury. Soon after this date Reuben Hughes, Sr., purchased the home, lying between the residences of Ezra Beecher and Nathaniel Beecher, south of the school-house. Here his boyhood days were passed, attending school as opportunity offered, and assisting in the farm work. The family being large, Reuben also worked occasionally for the neighboring farmers, but in 1836 removed to New Haven. Here he remained four years with Pernet Booth, and learned the trade of painter. Just about the time that Mr. Hughes was prepared to commence a career of his own in the trade he had mastered, there fell a business depression over the country, and then began the musical career which has made Mr. Hughes famous. Music had always been with him a passion, and upon his settlement in the city he had connected himself with several church choirs, and now, when there was no promising outlook in his trade, he turned his musical ability to good account. Mr. Hughes is a master of the 'cello, trombone, string bass, ophicleide, violin and other instruments, and he was soon recognized as a superior teacher of band music. In this connection it may be mentioned that many of the members of his mother's family were distinguished musicians.

A natural mechanic, Mr. Hughes became skilled in many lines, was an excellent shoemaker, and learned the trade of toolmaker, and also became an expert engineer, and subsequent to the Civil war made tools for manufacturing pistols, cutlery, clocks, guns, carriage springs and many other articles. For a great many years he was engineer in the works of the Wheeler & Wilson Company, at Bridgeport, Conn., and was toolmaker for the New Haven and the Waterbury Clock Companies.

Prior to coming to New Haven Mr. Hughes worked at shoemaking, also did carpentering, and at the same time cultivated a farm which he owned at Prospect, living there for a period of nine years. He was sent to the Legislature from that town, for the session of 1849-50, serving also as justice of the peace, tax collector, member of the school board and lieutenant in a military company.

It is in musical circles that Mr. Hughes is so widely and favorably known. For fifteen years he was a member of the Union City and Wheeler & Wilson celebrated male quartette, also the Wheeler & Wilson Band, was a member of the Second Com-

pany Governor's Foot Guards Band, and when over seventy-five years of age he played in bands and marched fifteen miles. In Naugatuck he had charge of the orchestra, and for ten years led the choir in the Methodist Church, and later for several years in the Congregational Church, living in this place for fifteen years. For fifty years Mr. Hughes has been engaged in organizing and instructing bands, orchestras and church choirs. In 1877 he organized an orchestra for the benefit of the New Haven City Missions, conducting it for twenty years free of charge.

Mr. Hughes is a member of the Church of the Redeemer in New Haven, and in his earlier years he was a member of the choir. For many years his orchestra played for five different services every Sunday. Mr. Hughes is still in the enjoyment of vigorous health, and presents the appearance of a man not over sixty years of age, although the records show the almost unbelievable fact that he is eighty-two. On his trusty wheel he sometimes covers as many as fifty miles a day, and his friends would not be surprised if he made a "century run." A man of high order of talent, he has always favored all enterprises that in combination with music work for the uplifting and refining of the city's life.

On Dec. 31, 1840, Reuben Beecher Hughes and Harriet M. Sloper were united in marriage. She was born in Bath, England, May 1, 1821, a daughter of the Rev. Jacob Sloper, and the children born to this union were: George William Henry, born Aug. 28, 1848, and Charlotte Matilda, born Aug. 14, 1858. In his political belief Mr. Hughes has always been a Republican, but has not in late years taken any active interest in party affairs. In 1882 he retired from mechanical pursuits, and is amply supported by the income derived from the labors of a life of strict temperance, industry, prudence, economy and integrity, and is now able to enjoy the fruits resulting from such a life, without labor or care. Mr. Hughes has legions of friends and myriads of acquaintances.

While George W. H. Hughes was still a child his parents removed from Prospect, Conn., to Naugatuck, and here he took advantage of the excellent educational opportunities afforded, and in the high school was under the instruction of the well-remembered A. N. Lewis, graduating from this school in 1864. The musical talent which was a most natural inheritance from a gifted father, soon displayed itself in young Hughes, and his entrance into the business world was as a tuner of organs about twenty-five years ago. Under the firm style of Vogel & Hughes, he became interested in the manufacture of organs, in Norwich, Conn., this enterprise prospering until its career was closed by a disastrous fire destroying nearly all of the property of the firm.

With the assistance of Mr. J. W. Huntington, a financial magnate, Mr. Hughes then built a factory in Norwich, and until the death of Mr. Huntington,

in 1879, the manufacture of organs was successfully carried on in this place. Then Mr. Hughes closed this business and returned to New Haven, embarking in the coal and flour trade at No. 34 Church street, conducting this very successfully until 1891, when he sold this business and organized the Royal Shoe store, which one year later he gave to his cousin, Harry Hughes, who is still conducting it.

Mr. Hughes is a man of most varied talents, and possesses business ability of a superior order. For some ten years he has been actively engaged in the real estate business, and in 1889 he purchased an interest in the Hyperion Theater, in this city, and with his partner, Dr. A. E. Winchell, has improved this property very greatly. It had been badly managed and required renovation and business tactics to place it upon a paying basis. Mr. Hughes is also a stockholder, owning a controlling interest in a corset factory, and also in some prosperous patent medicines, outside of this city. Active, alert and energetic, Mr. Hughes has long been a very important factor in the business life of New Haven. In the management and sale of real estate he has been far-seeing and politic, and his management of various properties and their disposal have brought him large commissions, notably in the case of the "Florence House." Howard avenue in this city has been principally built up by Mr. Hughes, and some of its edifices are still his property. Soon after building the imposing Hughes block, on the corner of Congress and Asylum streets, he disposed of it to Mr. Newman.

In 1886 Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Maude Kellogg, of Bridgeport, Conn., a daughter of William Kellogg, of that city, and to this union was born one son, George W. R., Sept. 14, 1887. This young man is a student of the Day school, in New Haven, and is a very interested member of the foot-ball team. Mr. Hughes votes with the Republican party, but has no political ambition. His business interests in this city are large and growing, but are under his control, his ability and grasp of affairs making him one of the leading factors in the growth and development of this beautiful city.

CHARLES ELIHU IVES, a prominent market gardener and selector of Cheshire, New Haven county, was born in that town Sept. 23, 1857, and is a descendant of John Ives, the first of the name in this county. The grandfather, Elihu Ives, was a native of the town of Wallingford, where he engaged in farming during early life, and where he married Rachel Blakeslee. Their children were Charles; John, a resident of Marion, Iowa; Elihu, of the same place; George; and Norman, all of whom, with the exception of Charles, went West and located in Iowa. The grandfather also removed to Iowa, becoming one of the first settlers of Marion, where he took up land and engaged in farming until his death. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and a member of the Baptist Church.

Charles Ives, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Wallingford, and when a young man came to Cheshire, where for several years he engaged in agricultural pursuits upon what is now known as the Morgan farm. He then purchased the farm now operated by his son, and upon that place made many improvements. His death occurred Sept. 4, 1866, on the Morgan farm, and his remains were interred in Cheshire cemetery. He, too, was an earnest member of the Baptist Church, and a Democrat in politics. In Cheshire he married Sarah L. Moss, a native of that town, and a daughter of Joseph Moss. She is still living, and now makes her home in Wallingford. To them were born five children, namely: George Rodney, who died in infancy; George Rodney (2d), also deceased; Mary C., wife of Amos Ives, of Wallingford; Matilda L., wife of Robert Miner; and Charles Elihu.

During his boyhood Charles Elihu Ives attended the district schools of his native town and early became familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He was only nine years of age when his father died, and he early took charge of the home farm, and has since devoted his energies to its operation. It consists of seventy-five acres, upon which he has made many useful and valuable improvements. He is engaged principally in market gardening, and in this branch of industry is meeting with good success.

Mr. Ives was married at Meriden, Conn., in 1887, to Miss Harriet L. Todd, a daughter of James and Esther (Hall) Todd, and granddaughter of Streat Todd, all natives of Wolcott. She is a most estimable lady and a member of the Episcopal Church. In his political views Mr. Ives is a Democrat and has filled the offices of selectman and assessor of his town, and is now a member of the board of selectmen. Fraternally he is a member of the Grange. Industrious, enterprising and progressive, he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, and has many warm friends throughout the town.

ANDREW HENDERSON has been engaged in business in New Haven as a florist since 1875, and has long been regarded as one of the best in that line in the city. He is a native of Sweden, born June 24, 1858, son of John H. Henderson, who passed all his life in that country. Our subject's father was a machinist, and always followed that trade. His death at the age of sixty-two was the result of an accident. He married Sadie Erickson, also a native of Sweden, whose father was a farmer, and seven children were born to them, six of whom are yet living: John, in Sweden; Charles, a resident of Emporia, Kans.; Hannah, in Sweden; Augustus, in Vienna, Austria; Andrew, our subject; and David L., a machinist, of New Haven. The mother died at the age of sixty-one. Both parents attended the Swedish Lutheran Church.

Andrew Henderson spent his boyhood in his na-

tive land, attended the common schools, and at an early age commenced work at the business which he has continued to follow. He worked at nursery and landscape gardening until coming to this country, in 1871. His first three years in America were spent in New Rochelle, N. Y., with James S. Knapp, and he was subsequently in business a short time at Long Branch, N. J., before coming to Westville, in 1875. For four years he was partner in a florist business, at the end of that time starting in business for himself in a small way at first. His business has attained such proportions, however, that he now has more land than any other florist in the place, having four acres devoted to growing roses, violets and carnations. He gives employment to a number of men, having a fine local patronage, and supplying the large florists in the city of New Haven. His place of business is at No. 845 Whalley avenue. Mr. Henderson caters to first-class trade only, and makes a specialty of the best grade of flowers. By integrity and honest dealing he has gained a substantial footing among the reliable business men of Westville and New Haven and has prospered deservedly.

Mr. Henderson was married, in 1885, to Miss Ellen Jane Pritchard, a native of England, who, on coming to America, lived in Pennsylvania before her marriage. Three children have been born to them, Seigert, Ida and Jennie. The family attend the Episcopal Church. Mr. Henderson is a Republican in political faith.

CHARLES HENRY FRISBIE, one of Branford's respected citizens, comes of good old New England Revolutionary stock. A native of Connecticut, he was born Oct. 28, 1836, in Stony Creek, New Haven county, and was reared and educated in Branford, in the northern part of the town, called the Mill Plain District.

Josiah Frisbie, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Branford, and died at the age of ninety-one years. He was a farmer by occupation, and served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution. Four children were born to him: Augustus, Levi, Samuel and Lavinia. Of these,

Levi Frisbie, father of our subject, was also of Branford nativity, and followed the pursuit of a fisherman at Stony Creek, where he died at the age of fifty-four years. By his wife, Betty (Beach), daughter of Elnathan Beach, he had five children: Elnathan B., Russell, Anna B., Thaddeus B. and Charles Henry.

Charles Henry Frisbie, the subject proper of these lines, learned the trade of carpenter, and followed same up to and some time after the Civil war. On Aug. 13, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, 15th Conn. V. I., and participated in the first battle of Fredericksburg, after which he was placed on detached service in the quartermaster's department, 2d Division, 9th Corps, Army of the Potomac. Later he had charge, as wagonmaster, of all the



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land transportation at Newbern, N. C., over one thousand horses and mules and one hundred men. After three years' service he was honorably discharged at New Haven, Conn., July 11, 1805. After the close of hostilities Mr. Frisbie followed his trade and lumbering up to June 3, 1874, when he had an accident with a buzz-saw whereby he lost his left arm, at the elbow. Since 1890 he has been engaged in the manufacture of hammer handles for granite cutters.

On Dec. 31, 1854, Mr. Frisbie married Mary Foote, daughter of Jonathan and Abigail R. (Linsley) Foote, of North Branford, Conn., and they have one son, Frank H. Socially Mr. Frisbie is a member of Mason Rogers Post, No. 7, G. A. R., of Branford, and served three consecutive terms as commander of the post, an evidence in itself of his popularity in the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican, and has held the office of assessor two years.

JERE DEWEY EGGLESTON, M. D., of Meriden, where for twenty and more years he has successfully practiced his profession and been a valued and useful citizen of that manufacturing center, is one of the commonwealth's selfmade men.

Born Oct. 28, 1853, in Longmeadow, Mass., Dr. Eggleston is a son of the late Jere D. and Louisa (Carew) Eggleston, and a descendant in the seventh generation from Begat Eggleston, who was born in 1590, and came probably from Exeter, England, to Dorchester, Mass., in 1630, only ten years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. He was a freeman in 1631, was an original member of Mr. Warham's Church and with it removed to Windsor, Conn., in 1635, becoming one of the first settlers of the town. His second wife was Mary Talcott, of Hartford. Mr. Eggleston died Sept. 1, 1674, and his wife Mary died in Windsor Dec. 8, 1657.

From this first American ancestor Dr. Eggleston's lineage is through James, Nathaniel, Nathaniel (2), Eber, Eli and Jere D. Eggleston.

(II) James Eggleston, son of Begat, the emigrant settler, born in England, married Hester, sister of Roger Williams, and she is said to have been the first female white child born in Hartford, Conn. Mr. Eggleston was made a freeman in 1637. He was in the Pequot fight, for which services he received in 1671 a grant of fifty acres of land. He died Dec. 1, 1679, at the age of fifty-nine. His widow married, April 29, 1680, James Enno.

(III) Nathaniel Eggleston, son of James, born Aug. 15, 1666, married, Sept. 13, 1694, Hannah Ashley, of Westfield, Mass., born Dec. 26, 1675, and removed from Windsor to Westfield, where his death occurred.

(IV) Nathaniel Eggleston (2), son of Nathaniel, born in Westfield April 3, 1712, married, Aug. 17, 1741, Esther Wait, of Northampton, and died in Westfield March 7, 1790, aged nearly ninety. Their children were: Eber, Simeon and Abner.

(V) Eber Eggleston, son of Nathaniel (2), married Submit Judd, of Southampton, who died July 4, 1821. Mr. Eggleston was a soldier of the war of 1812, was wounded in battle, losing three fingers, and was a United States pensioner. His children were: Eli, born in Westfield in 1784; Eber, born in 1790; Eunice; Judd; Submit; Laura; and Esther.

(VI) Eli Eggleston, son of Eber, born in 1784, married (first) Oct. 1, 1805, Zeruiah Searle, born at Southampton in August, 1780, and died in Westfield Oct. 3, 1826, at thirty-seven; he married (second) Laura, niece of Benjamin Eggleston, of Middlefield, Conn. Eli Eggleston was an honest, industrious, cheerful and obliging man, a great reader of the Bible and was greatly respected. He was engaged in farming. His children were: Eunice, born Dec. 19, 1806, died Sept. 1, 1827; Minerva, born April 19, 1808, married, in November, 1834, Sylvester Cooper, and died at Springfield, Mass., Feb. 2, 1841, had children, Cornelius and Russell; William Judd, born Aug. 21, 1809, died in Hampton, Mass., had three sons and three daughters; Zeruiah, born Feb. 7, 1811, married May 3, 1835, Abel Pendleton, of Norfolk, Conn., and died there July 31, 1842, had two daughters, Mrs. Sherman Kimberly and Mrs. Humphry, both of Goshen, Conn.; Jere Dewey is mentioned farther on; Electa, born Jan. 4, 1814, married Sumner Cooper, of Suffield, Conn., and removed to Woodstock, Conn., had three children; Russell Searle, born in September, 1816; Harmon, born Jan. 18, 1818, married Maria Root, of Westfield, where he died; Eli, born Sept. 21, 1819, died Feb. 18, 1822; Julia, born in 1821, died when young; and Julia (2), born Sept. 30, 1822, married, June 22, 1842, James D. Collins, then a gunsmith of Colts factory, Hartford.

(VII) Jere Dewey Eggleston, son of Eli, born July 11, 1812, married, in 1831, Louisa Carew, and resided for a time at Broad Brook, East Windsor, Conn. He was a miller by occupation, a man of generous impulses, of strict integrity and of decided opinions. He died in Enfield, Conn., March 10, 1855, and his widow passed away some years later. Their children were: (1) George, who died in 1876, leaving a son, Charles. (2) Mary Louise married Horace King, and had five children. (3) Arthur F., born Oct. 23, 1844, and married, March 1, 1871, Mary Isabel Abbe, of Windsor Locks, Conn. Judge Eggleston is now one of the foremost lawyers of the State, a member of the firm of Buck & Eggleston, of Hartford. He was prepared for college at Monson Academy, Monson, Mass. The breaking out of the Civil war gave him a spirit of uneasiness and restlessness that could only be quieted by actual participation in the conflict, and though not yet as old as was generally deemed necessary he managed to enlist in the 16th Mass. V. I., followed its vicissitudes until it was mustered out, and received an honorable discharge. He then resumed his studies, in 1864 entering Williams

College, from which he was graduated in 1868. He read law in the office of Strong & Buck, Hartford, and was admitted to the Bar of Hartford county in 1872. Some time after Mr. Strong's death in 1872 he became a member of the firm of Buck & Eggleston, an association which has since remained unbroken, and which has developed into one of the strongest law firms in the state, as well as one of the most successful. Judge Eggleston is a Republican, and active and influential in the councils of the party. He has served as president of the common council. He served for a period of ten years as attorney for the board of County Commissioners, and filled the office of county treasurer a like number of years. In 1877 he was appointed judge of the Hartford police court, and continued on the bench until 1883, when he declined re-election. In 1888 he succeeded Hon. William Hammersley to the office of State Attorney for Hartford county, a position he has since filled with signal ability and efficiency. From 1892 to 1895 he was police commissioner of the city of Hartford. (4) Hannah married B. Tillson, and resided in Pomfret, Conn. (5) Herbert E. (6) Jere Dewey, Jr.

Dr. Eggleston's father having died in the son's infancy, and his mother while he was yet a youth, he became self-reliant and dependent when a mere lad, but rose equal to circumstances and conditions. At thirteen years of age he began supporting himself by working on a farm, and later by teaching school he was prepared for and passed through college, graduating from Williams College, and later in 1879 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at New York City. He began the practice of medicine in the town of Windsor Locks, Conn., and in about 1886 located in the city of Meriden, where through his studious habits, close attention to his profession and agreeable manners he gained the good will and confidence of the people, and obtained a large share of the practice in that growing city, and is now in the enjoyment of an extensive and successful patronage. He has kept abreast of the times in the profession and has earned the reputation of being a conservative and safe practitioner. Like his brother, Judge Eggleston, the Doctor is a Republican in his political affiliations and has given some time to the duties of citizenship, having served the municipality of Meriden for several years as an alderman. Dr. Eggleston is known as a man of strict integrity and honor, and as a man of energy and snap. He is self-made, his position in society and his professional success being due wholly to the force of his make-up. He is prominent in his community in both Freemasonry and Odd Fellowship, and is a member of the local orders there.

On May 18, 1881, Dr. Eggleston was married to Elizabeth C. Duncan, of Poquonock, Windsor, Conn., and to them have come children as follows: Robert D., born March 7, 1882; Ralph B., born November, 1884, and died March 19, 1886; Jeanette

L., born April 18, 1887; Arthur J., born Nov. 19, 1890; and Jere Dudley, born May 29, 1894.

Mrs. Eggleston is a native of Poquonock, and the daughter of one of its prominent citizens and manufacturers—Thomas Duncan (2), who is a native of Scotland, where he was born Aug. 13, 1832, son of Thomas Duncan, a descendant of an excellent Scotch ancestry. Thomas Duncan (2) for upwards of forty years has been a resident of Connecticut, and here has been prominently connected with religious and civil interests. He is an expert paper manufacturer and for many years has been identified with the making of paper in Poquonock and elsewhere in the State. Late in the 'nineties he removed to New York city. His first wife, the mother of his children, was formerly Miss Grace Yule, who was born June 14, 1834, and died Feb. 15, 1867. Their five children were: T. E. and John C., both well known men to the paper trade of the country; Grace, now deceased; Agnes, now deceased, formerly the wife of Nelson R. Lord, of Poquonock; and Elizabeth C., wife of Dr. Eggleston.

CAPT. DANIEL LOYAL BARBER was born March 19, 1855, in Litchfield, Conn., a son of Loyal Rossetter Barber, who was born Aug. 21, 1811, in Harwinton, Litchfield Co., Conn. The father was a farmer and was extensively engaged in the timber business. He was a Republican, and removing to Litchfield when he was twenty-two years of age became a prominent member of the community, serving for several terms as selectman; and was an active member of the Congregational Church. On June 25, 1833, he was married to Miss Lucretia Buell, born in Litchfield April 25, 1814, and a daughter of Norman and Lucretia (Webster) Buell. Loyal R. Barber died May 25, 1885, in the town of Harwinton, where he had been living for some years on his farm. His widow is still living in Waterbury. Their children were: (1) Amelia B., born Sept. 9, 1835, married Edwin F. Perkins, of Litchfield, who died in the war of the Rebellion; she is now living in Litchfield. (2) Norman B., born Oct. 9, 1837, died Oct. 12, 1863, at Alexandria, Va., during the Rebellion; he married Susan Wood, of Milton, Conn. (3) Lucretia R., born March 17, 1840, married D. M. Hancock, of Raynham, Mass., where she died Oct. 22, 1890. (4) Minerva W., born Sept. 4, 1842, died Aug. 9, 1843. (5) Marina W., born May 30, 1849, married L. O. Bradley, of Torrington. (6) Lyman B., born March 8, 1847, died April 12, 1897; he married Miss Jennie W. Cooper, of Bristol, Conn., and died in Wallingford. (7) Augusta B., born May 2, 1853, married Edgar H. Chipman, of Waterbury. (8) Capt. Daniel L. (9) Julia M., born Aug. 30, 1859, married George E. Taft, of Unionville, Conn., and died April 27, 1891.

Asa Barber, the grandfather of Capt. Daniel L., was born in Harwinton, Conn., where he spent

his entire life engaged in farming. An active Whig, he held many town offices, although he died when but thirty-one years old, and he was prominent in church matters. He married Miss Mindwell Rosseter, of Harwinton, and to them were born: Abner, Asa, Loyal and Lyman.

Capt. Daniel Loyal Barber had his early education in his own home town, and then attended the Harwinton schools, whither his parents removed when he was about thirteen years old. Leaving school at the age of eighteen years, he began life for himself in charge of an engine in the Barber & Dayton Spring Bed and Scaffold Bracket Co. He remained with this company about a year and a half, when it failed and he took charge of the wood department of the Stanley Level and Rule Co., at New Britain. Mr. Barber was with this establishment about three and a half years, and then removed to Burlington, where he was foreman of W. R. Hartigan's wood turning establishment, having some twenty-five wood turners under him. He held this responsible position for two years or more, and then came to Wallingford to be assistant foreman of the buffing department of the R. Wallace & Sons Manufacturing Co., where he remained for nearly ten years. At that time he began contract work in the same department, in which he is now engaged, having in his employ about twenty hands.

Capt. Barber joined Co. E, First Conn. Nat. Guards, as a private, at New Britain in 1875, and served for four years. On Sept. 20, 1883, he united with Co. K, 2d Conn. Nat. Guards, at Wallingford, as a private, and became a corporal May 20, 1885; sergeant, Dec. 30, 1886; first sergeant, Sept. 20, 1890; second lieutenant, June 25, 1891, and captain, Nov. 17th of the same year. On Nov. 17, 1896, he made application to be placed on the retired list, and Jan. 1, 1900, Captain Barber was appointed inspector of small arms practice on Col. T. F. Callahan's staff at New Haven.

Capt. Barber was one of the charter members of Ivy Lodge, No. 43, K. of P., and is a member of Compass Lodge, of the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 37, F. & A. M., and of Mira Temple, No. 90, Knights of Khorassan. He was colonel of the second regiment, U. R. K. P., for two years, where he was on the staff of Major General Carnahan. Capt. Barber is a charter member of Court Samuel Simpson, No. 131, Foresters of America, and was the first Chief Ranger of the Court, where he served two terms. He belongs to the Charter Oak Circle, C. of F., auxiliary to the Foresters. Capt. Barber is a charter member of Putnam Council, O. U. A. M., and for six years was secretary of that body. He is also a member of the Wallingford Club.

Capt. Barber has served on the town committee for several terms. For a number of terms he has served on the Court of Burgesses, and is one of the solid and influential citizens of the county. On national issues he is a pronounced Republican,

but in local affairs is a Republican with a tendency toward the best man of either side for the office.

Capt. Barber was married, June 25, 1878, to Miss Emma J. Butler, born May 8, 1859, at Harwinton, a daughter of Lewis L. and Pearly (Brace) Butler, of Torrington, Conn. In 1896 he built one of the most modern and handsome homes in Wallingford, in Church street. Capt. Barber and his wife attend the Congregational Church at Wallingford.

JOHN PHILANDER HOPSON, the very efficient superintendent of the Berkshire Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, was born in Wallingford, Conn., Dec. 15, 1852, a son of Philander, also a native of Wallingford, and a grandson of Samuel, who was born in Wallingford, where he followed farming, and died at the early age of thirty-five.

Philander Hopson was only ten years old at the time of his father's death, and was reared on the farm. When quite young he was set to work, and learned the carpenter trade, which became his avocation during life. He worked at it first as a journeyman, and then as a contractor, having a very extensive business on his hands, and building in Branford and elsewhere. At one time he had six hundred men in his service, and he not only did a vast amount of building, but had an extensive lumber yard and planing mill. When he was sixty-two years of age he died in Branford from an apoplectic attack. He was a deacon of the Baptist Church, and was a man of much character and ability. His mother, Mary Blackstone Hopson, who died at the age of seventy, came from a prominent family, and was a sister of the father of Timothy Blackstone, who gave the public library to the town; she was the mother of five children, two of whom are still living in Wallingford, and have their residence on the old homestead, the farming operations being under the care of George Blackstone, a cousin. Philander Hopson married Betsy Ann Newell, who was born in Cheshire, a daughter of Nathaniel Newell (a mason and contractor, who came to Cheshire to work on the Northampton canal, and he also engaged in farming) and his wife, Mary Rogers (who was born in Vermont). Nathaniel Newell and wife had three sons and three daughters, three of whom are living: Cornelia, who is Mrs. Crook, of Troy; Betsy Ann, the mother of J. P. Hopson; and Edward J., who is in the gentlemen's furnishing business on Fifth avenue, New York. The mother of these children belonged to the Congregational Church and died at the age of eighty-nine. Mrs. Betsy Ann Hopson, who is still living, hale and hearty at the age of seventy-one, had three children, of whom John Philander is the only survivor.

John Philander Hopson spent his early years in Branford, where he attended the common schools, and at the age of fourteen began life for himself as a clerk in Branford Station, where he was later ap-

ported agent. After ten years at Branford he was transferred to New London, where he was agent for six years, when he resigned to go into business as a stock broker. He ran office for Henry Clews, and still has a letter of recommendation from that eminent financier. Mr. Hopson entered the business of stock broking in October, 1882, and followed it until June, 1885. At that time he was appointed agent at South Norwalk, where he was engaged two years. For eleven months he was superintendent of the New York, Rutland and Montreal Railroad, when he took charge of the New Haven & Derby Railroad until its consolidation with the New York & New Haven Railroad. The completion of that deal was followed by the appointment of Mr. Hopson as the superintendent of the Berkshire Division of the reorganized line. He now has 200 miles of the line under his personal supervision, including seventy-five stations, many of which do a very large business. As a railroad man he has made a very high reputation and is rated as one of the most efficient men on the line.

Mr. Hopson was married, in 1871, to Sarah Hull, who was born in Branford, a daughter of Eliza Hull. To this union was born one child, Homer B., now an engineer on the New York & New Haven Railroad, to whom is given charge of all the official trains on the line; Florence Gardner, his wife, was born in Ashford. Mrs. Sarah Hopson died at the age of thirty-nine, and Mr. Hopson married for his second wife Martha A. Howland, who was born in Danbury.

Mr. Hopson is a Republican, and is a prominent Mason, belonging to Widows' Sons Lodge, No. 66, of Branford; Franklin Chapter, R. A. M.; Harmony Council; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Bridgeport; and the Knights of Malta. He is also connected with the Union League; the Royal Arcanum; the A. O. U. W. at New London, and the Heptasophs. At one time he was a member of the Pequot Club and now belongs to the Knights Templar Club. In the New England Association of railroad superintendents his experience and ability command attention. At one time he was a director of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association.

MARTIN HENRY BROWN, the efficient superintendent of the E. A. Bliss Co., manufacturers, of Meriden, is one of the well-known and highly esteemed residents of that city, in which he has served as a useful member of the council, and now holds a position on the board of public works.

John Brown, father of Martin H., was born in County Clare, Ireland, and came to America when a young man, finally locating at Sydney, Cape Breton, where he engaged in mining. There he married Hannah Ormond, who was a native of Cape Breton. In 1852, with his family, he re-

moved to the United States and located at North Attleboro, Mass., at which place he was employed as a silversmith, by Tift & Whiting, and he continued in the employ of this great manufacturing company the remainder of his life. In 1869 he passed away, sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. His political affiliation was with the Democratic party, but he never sought office, being content to work hard and provide and care for his family and live up to the standard of a good Christian citizen.

John Brown reared his family in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, and they became excellent citizens, respected in the localities in which they found homes. Mrs. Brown died in 1898, and was buried by the side of her husband at Attleboro. After his death she assumed the care of the family, and much of the success which has attended the career of the subject of this biography may doubtless be traced to the teaching of his estimable mother. The family consisted of thirteen children, six of whom still survive: Mary, who married Michael Crossey and removed to Bisbee, Arizona; Martin H., subject of this sketch; William, a silversmith of Wallingford; Frank M., a jeweler of North Attleboro, Mass.; and Pattie and Annie, both of whom reside in North Attleboro.

Martin Henry Brown was born at Sydney, Cape Breton, Nov. 10, 1846, and removed with his parents to Massachusetts. His educational opportunities were limited, and at the age of fifteen he engaged as an office boy with the S. Richardson Co., jewelers, working for forty cents a day. There he continued three years. Although he did not prosper financially with this firm, he learned obedience to authority and business methods which proved of value later in life. A very sensible proceeding was his apprenticeship to Tift & Whiting, manufacturing jewelers, with whom he learned the trade of silversmith, or jeweler, and received \$9 per week. In 1868 he obtained a position with the firm of Whimsey & Rice, and the five succeeding years were spent as a journeyman in their employ; he was then made foreman of their factory, which important position he filled satisfactorily for ten and one-half years.

The fertile brain of Mr. Brown saw wider usefulness in another field, and in 1882 he was one of the organizers, stockholders and directors of the J. R. Nichols Co., remaining with that corporation two and one-half years. In 1885 he accepted a tempting offer from the E. A. Bliss Co., then of North Attleboro, and in January of the following year was made superintendent of the company, which in July, 1890, removed to Meriden. Here Mr. Brown for the past eleven years has been the capable superintendent, and enjoys the confidence and respect of the firm. As a manager he has proven himself very efficient, those under his authority esteeming him highly. Mr. Brown is a self-



Martin A. Brown

made man, of liberal mind, and is the fortunate possessor of an affable manner and a genial personality.

In 1874 Martin H. Brown was married, in North Attleboro, Mass., to Miss Mary A. Kennedy, a daughter of Patrick and Margaret Kennedy, and four children have been born of this union: Walter, a student in the Meriden high school; Estella; Charlotte; and Hazel. A life-long Democrat, Mr. Brown has very liberal ideas. He well served the Fifth ward in the city council in 1892, and in 1897 was elected from the First ward, serving two years. In 1898 he was appointed, by Mayor Ives, a member of the board of public works for a term of four years, and is still filling that office. Socially and fraternally he is popular, and belongs to the A. O. U. W. in Meriden, the Amaranth Club, and the Jewelers' League, of New York. The family belongs to St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Mr. Brown stands very high in the esteem of the people of Meriden, where he has lived so many years. His neighbors know him to be kind and helpful, charitable and generous, and the general public feels that in Martin H. Brown it finds an honest and upright citizen.

CHARLES B. ALLING. One of the most substantial and highly esteemed citizens of New Haven county, and for a half-century engaged in the manufacture of woolen hosiery and underwear, is a resident of Derby, in which city he is an extensive owner of real property and probably the largest tax-payer. He was born in Orange on June 20, 1824, and traces his ancestry back to Roger Alling, one of the early settlers of New Haven county, who emigrated from England in the spring of 1637. A somewhat detailed history of his line may be found in the sketch of Amos H. Alling on another page of this work. His father, Charles W. Alling, was a pioneer manufacturer in Orange and his mother (née Lucy Booth) was the daughter of Walter Booth of Woodbridge, one of the patriot heroes of the Revolutionary war. The foundation of both his scholastic and commercial education was laid in his early boyhood, when he alternated attendance upon the district school with collecting wool from the farms around about to be used in his father's mill. It is unnecessary to direct the reader's attention to his primitive methods of securing raw material and that which now obtains in the great manufactory, with its five hundred employes, of which to-day he is the sagacious, energetic head. He early developed a natural aptitude alike for the mercantile and mechanical branches of the business, and at the age of seventeen was given charge of the wool carding, spinning, weaving and finishing of the cloth, which was for the major part sold to the farmers of the surrounding country.

In 1845, in connection with his brother, Amos H. Alling, he leased the small mill from his father and embarked in the career which, through his keen

acumen, untiring watchfulness and unblemished honor, has not only made him a capitalist, but has won for him the respect of the commercial world, and the love and respect of his fellow townsmen. The style of the young firm was A. H. & C. B. Alling, and both brothers worked industriously and faithfully, early and late to extend its business. At the outset their capital was very small. Upon the shoulders of Mr. C. B. Alling devolved the weightier share of the actual management of the concern's business affairs, and to the discharge of this task he brought habits of economy, a close application to business and a mental fitness of no common order. From the making of custom cloth for farmers the line of manufacture gradually developed—first into the production of yarn for the market, and later into the turning out of hose and hosiery, which find a ready sale in every State of the Union. As the business grew the brothers Alling perceived the limited advantages offered by a comparatively small town, such as Orange, to a business of the character and extent which theirs promised to become. Looking about for a new situation, their attention was attracted to Derby with its magnificent water-power and its exceptionally good transportation facilities. There they established themselves in 1858, and the value of the mills in the development of the city belongs to the domain of history, not to the realm of conjecture. The original plant was destroyed by fire in 1864, but the firm promptly rebuilt, on a larger scale, locating their new works in the immediate vicinity, and purchasing the site once occupied by the copper works of the late Anson G. Phelps. For thirty-five years the Alling woolen mills have stood there, gradual enlargements being made as the exigencies of the constantly growing business demand.

As their trade expanded the brothers bought real estate in the city of their adoption, having faith that the future of Derby would abundantly justify the wisdom of the investment, and not unnaturally being anxious to aid in the town's development. Their business instinct and keen foresight induced them to buy chiefly near the city's center, and here Mr. C. B. Alling's interest and influence is shown on nearly every street along which the weary stranger may turn his feet. Many of the business blocks and office structures of Derby owe their erection to the sound judgment and public spirit of A. H. and C. B. Alling. Among the best known of these is a handsome brick structure at the corner of Main and Elizabeth streets; and in this connection it is worthy of mention that the erection of this structure virtually marked a new epoch in the building history of Derby.

Apart from interests which may be characterized as more or less self-engrossed, Mr. Alling has always shown himself one of Derby's most public spirited citizens. Various public improvements may be traced, more or less directly, to his personal efforts, notably the dam across the Housatonic river,

Since the death of his brother, Amos H., Mr. C. B. Alling has conducted the business alone. Despite his seventy-eight years, his physical powers are unimpaired and his mind as active and keen as when in early manhood he laid—broad, deep and sound—the foundations of the great business which has grown up under his careful scrutiny and watchful care. His muscular frame, undimmed eye, and active step, one and all, give convincing evidence of a life of well directed energy and temperate self-restraint. It is men such as he that shed lustre on their native State, and bring honor upon the name of New England. His nature is kindly, his disposition genial and his impulses generous. Philanthropic in the best and truest sense of that much abused term, his charity is unostentatious; his life simple and sincere. His religious faith is that of the M. F. Church, of which body he is a devout and consistent member. He is an esteemed member of the local Board of Trade, to whose deliberations he brings a keen intellect and a ripe experience.

His home is one of the most beautiful in Derby. Situated near the heart of the city, it stands upon a high elevation, overlooking the streets which he has built up and beautified. Two thoroughfares abut against its spacious grounds. Here he passes those hours which he can redeem from business cares to devote to leisure and recreation. Here, too, he may review his past with that pardonable pride which is the legitimate offspring of self-conquered success, and here he can look forward to life's sunset without dread.

LEE JOSEPH AUBRY. Among the prominent citizens of New Haven who have done much to contribute to the industrial prosperity of that city is Lee Joseph Aubry, proprietor of the L. J. Aubry Carriage Co., located at No. 139 Park street.

The industry which has brought wealth and prominence to Mr. Aubry and which has reflected credit upon this city for a long period is the manufacture of carriage bodies ironed up and ready to paint and trim, this business being one of the most prosperous concerns in New Haven. Carriage making in all its branches has been the occupation of the Aubry family for several generations.

Grandfather Francis Aubry was born in France but later became a citizen of Canada, taking part in the Revolution of 1837. In St. Scholastique, Canada, he established himself in the carriage building trade and was one of the capable, persistent and trustworthy men who live successful lives on account of their close and constant attention to business. Francis Aubry established a reputation for excellent work in his line, which has been supported by both his son and grandson. His death occurred in his seventy-fourth year, after a life of industry. Possessing the strong, wiry frame of his countrymen he also inherited the energy and ability of his race. His family consisted of four sons and one daughter.

Gregory Aubry, son of Francis, and father of Lee Joseph Aubry, was born in Canada in 1819 and died in Troy, N. Y., in the autumn of 1887. In his youth he became an expert worker in wood and learned the carriage making trade under his father and when the latter removed to Montebella he engaged in the business for himself in St. Scholastique, where he prospered exceedingly until 1857, at which time by a disastrous fire he suffered the loss of all he possessed. Unfortunately he had no insurance and thus was left to begin the world over again, meeting this misfortune with a courage and patient perseverance which commanded the respect of all who knew him. For three years he worked at his trade in New Haven, Conn., going from there to Troy, N. Y., where he died of pneumonia one year later.

In 1842 Gregory Aubry was married to Edmire Chaurette, also a native of Canada, a daughter of Joseph Chaurette. Her death took place in Hartford, Hartford Co., Conn., in 1900. The children of this marriage were: Alice, who was born in 1844, married Paul Dupuis, who died some twenty years ago, but she still lives in Hartford, Conn., and has a family of three sons; Lee Joseph, of the L. J. Aubry Carriage Co.; Alfred, who was born in 1852, married Louise Gandron, and is in the employ of the aforesaid company; and Valarie, who was born in 1854, married Edmund Jacques and died in New Haven in 1880, leaving no children. Gregory Aubry was a good and law-abiding citizen and after locating in the United States became a member of the Republican party, although never a politician. In religion he belonged to the Catholic Church, of which he was always a consistent and most worthy member.

Lee Joseph Aubry was born in St. Scholastique, Province of Quebec, on May 1, 1848, the second child of his parents, and was very liberally educated, attending an English school until he was nine years of age, then receiving instruction in a French school in Lower Canada, and later entering an English school in Upper Canada. Mr. Aubry was fourteen years old when the family located in Troy, N. Y. This was after his father's misfortunes, and young Aubry began to learn his trade, in preparation for a future career under Edward Chamberlain, working hard all day and studying in the night schools after his work was done. The perseverance thus manifested in the lad has been a foundation stone in his business success. For three years his life continued thus in Troy under Mr. Chamberlain and was followed by one year of journeyman work in the same city and then he went to Pownal, Vt., where he found work for three months, but then drifted to New York City.

The ability and energy he displayed in connection with the excellence of his work soon secured for Mr. Aubry a very lucrative position with the R. M. Stiver Co., resulting in a residence there for two years, enabling him to feel justified in marrying.

His honeymoon was spent in Peekskill, N. Y., where he easily found employment which he kept for four months, accepting then a position with the Beers & Hanover Carriage Manufacturing Co. in New Haven, Conn., coming to that city in October, 1860. For two years he continued with this company, doing some of the most satisfactory work that had ever been turned out from this large establishment, although he was still young in years. His next business connection was with Durham & Wooster in the manufacture of sidebar buggies; these vehicles being new at that time, his work, on account of his thorough knowledge, was confined to the finest product of the firm. For seven years he remained with this firm, going then into the employ of Osborne & Adriance, for two years doing their most particular work. For a short time he gave his services to the firm of Brockett & Dorman, returning then to his former employers, Durham & Wooster, where he continued until the financial panic which was so seriously felt in industrial circles, resulting in the severing of his business relations with this firm.

Mr. Aubry then went to Quincy, Ill., and engaged in work for the firm of E. N. Miller & Co., serving as foreman, but three months later returned, at their urgent request, to Durham & Wooster, in New Haven. This last association with this firm continued for one and one-half years, and then for a few months his talents were given to the firm of Brockett & Tuttle, and immediately after he became foreman in the responsible firm of Henry Hale & Co., remaining here for the space of seven years.

This long business association with reputable and well-established firms thoroughly prepared Mr. Aubry to embark in business for himself, and he made his start in March, 1888, with a capital of \$19, hiring a fire in the works of Beers & Hanover. His success was such that in January, 1899, he was able to hire the building of his former employers, Osborne & Adriance, and three years later his orders had increased to such a degree that larger quarters were required, and he then leased his present building at No. 139 Park street. From this small beginning and insignificant cash capital Mr. Aubry by strictly attending to his business and by producing work superior to that of competitors, has won a place in the front rank of carriage manufacturers, no other firm successfully competing in the line of his specialty, that of the manufacture of fashionable carriages. His business has extended in every direction and has been a source of prosperity in many homes, Mr. Aubry employing a very large force in his factory.

Mr. Aubry is gifted in many ways, being not only a skilled mechanic, but also so accurate a draughtsman that his sketches are in the greatest demand for the trade magazines, although he never took a lesson in mechanical drawing in his life. Added to this technical knowledge Mr. Aubry is a keen man of business, quite able to handle large en-

terprises and manage vast interests. At the time he located in New Haven there were thirty-five manufacturing plants in his line, his successful competition crowding out in this short time all but ten of these. The business of the L. J. Aubry Carriage Manufacturing Co. includes the construction of all kinds of carriages, wagons, automobiles and similar vehicles, these being made ready for trimmings and painting, and his product is shipped all over the country. The correctness and excellence of his carriage drawings have not only given him an enviable prominence in the trade, but have been of substantial value, bringing him many prizes.

On June 22, 1871, Lee Joseph Aubry was married to Miss Alzina Castell, of Troy, N. Y., a daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Castell, and the children born to this union were: Charles G., born May 30, 1872, is a carriage painter, located in Erie, Pa.; on Dec. 25, 1900, he was married to Miss Josephine Hunt. Arthur L., born in New Haven, died there Dec. 16, 1892. Alice was married in September, 1897, to Frank Cargill, bookkeeper for the New Haven Baking Co., and they have two children, Dexter and Valorie. Benjamin, a traveling salesman, was married to Miss Ruby Bean, and their one child died in infancy. Estelle, Lilian, Mable and Wilfred are all at home.

While Mr. Aubry is a successful manufacturer he is also much more. For many years he has been a leading member of the Methodist Church, liberally contributing to its charities, and although not an active politician he ardently supports the Republican party and lives up to the highest ideals of citizenship. Fraternally he has long been an active member of Davenport Council, No. 700, Royal Arcanum, of New Haven, and is past chancellor of Ezel Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias. Few men can point to more substantial returns or wider usefulness in so short a time as can Mr. Aubry, and the city of New Haven cherishes a feeling of pride in his success and prominence.

JOHN EDWARD ROGERS, a successful agriculturist of the town of Milford, was born in that town May 6, 1834, and is a member of a well-known family of the locality.

Joseph Rogers, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Milford, and made his permanent home on a farm in that town. He married Jane Smith, and had three children: Mary, deceased, who never married; Joseph, our subject's father; and Nancy, who married William Nettleton, of Milford, and had a son, Joseph W., now a prominent resident of the town.

Joseph Rogers (2), our subject's father, was born in Milford in February, 1792, and was always engaged in farming at the homestead. Politically he was a Whig, and in religious faith he and his estimable wife were Congregationalists. He died in 1853. His wife, Anna Nettleton, daughter of Benajah Nettleton, of Milford, was born in the

town of Milford, in September, 1801, and died Jan. 31, 1802. They had the following children: Elizabeth A., deceased, who never married; Charles J., who died at the age of forty-two, unmarried; John Edward, our subject; George E., deceased, a farmer at the homestead; Mary A., a resident of Milford; and Theodore H., deceased, who never married.

John E. Rogers began his education in the district schools of Milford and at sixteen years of age entered the Milford high school. He has been engaged in farming all his life, and his farm of eighty acres is a part of the old homestead, which contained 300 acres. On Oct. 2, 1801, he married Miss Charlotte L. Plumb, of Milford, daughter of Lyman Plumb, a joiner of that town. She died Jan. 28, 1886, leaving no children, and on June 6, 1888, Mr. Rogers married Miss Ella Wilcox, daughter of Russell Wilcox, a native of Cromwell, Conn. Mr. Rogers is influential in a quiet way in local affairs, and is a member of the Grange and of the Congregational Church of Milford. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

WALTER HENRY TWITCHELL is one of the representative public-spirited and progressive citizens and business men of Naugatuck, who has won success through his own assiduity, intellect and industry, to which has been joined a sturdy and unquestioned integrity.

Robert Twitchell, his father, was born in Oxford, and passed the greater part of his life in Naugatuck, where he died when his son Walter was a lad of ten years. He married Jennette Clark, who was born in Prospect, New Haven county, in which town her father, Amos Clark, was a well-to-do farmer. Three sons were born to them, Edward C., Walter H. and Robert C. Edward C. conducts a meat market in Union City, town of Naugatuck, and Robert C. is a farmer in Prospect, living in the old Clark homestead, where his mother was born and where she passed the days of her girlhood. Robert Twitchell was a Democrat in politics. Both he and his wife were members of the Episcopal Church.

Walter Henry Twitchell was born in Naugatuck Oct. 17, 1858. He attended the local schools until he reached the age of fifteen years, when he went to reside with an uncle on a farm near Syracuse, N. Y., going to school during the winter months. After four years spent thus he returned to Naugatuck, and for a time worked as a farm hand there, finally entering the employ of Fremont W. Tolles, an undertaker and furniture dealer, who also carried a general line of carpets and house furnishing goods of every description. In January, 1897, Mr. Twitchell bought the business from Mr. Tolles, and has since conducted it alone. To its management he brought a thorough familiarity of every detail, a power of mental concentration and sound business sense. It is not surprising, therefore, that he has succeeded. To enterprise he has

joined conservatism, and to sagacity unflinching courtesy. His establishment occupies the fine brick building at Nos. 132-134-136 Church street, is well stocked, and his goods are tastefully arranged.

On June 15, 1882, Mr. Twitchell married Miss Addie Richards, of Wethersfield. No children have been born to them. Mr. and Mrs. Twitchell attend the Congregational Church. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. In private life he is social, and readily makes and keeps friends. He is a member of the I. O. R. M.; and is a Mason of high degree, belonging to Shepherd's Lodge, No. 78, A. F. & A. M.; Allerton Chapter, No. 39, R. A. M.; Clark Commandery, No. 7, K. T., of Waterbury; and Pyramid Temple, of Bridgeport.

JOHN N. LEONARD, contractor and also mason and builder, well-known and valued in New Haven, was born in that city Jan. 24, 1842, son of Linus H. and Maria (Burwell) Leonard, the former of whom was born in Charlestown, Mass., in 1809, and the latter a daughter of Daniel Burwell, who died in Barkhamsted; both he and his wife lived to be over eighty years of age, and ten of their thirteen children also reached that age. Linus Leonard removed first to Springfield, Mass., and then to Westville, where he was connected with the hardware firm of Blake Brothers, and in that place he died at the age of sixty-three. His widow survived until Feb. 3, 1890. Both had been active and earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Leonard was a steward and class-leader.

John N. Leonard was the only survivor of a family of three children. His education was obtained in the schools of Westville and at West Rock Seminary, and after finishing his course he learned the trade of mason with N. D. Sperry. This was interrupted by his enlistment for service in the Civil war in Company E, 15th Conn. V. I., in 1862. His devotion to his country cost him three years of his life, during which he saw some hard service. At Kinston, N. C., he was captured and incarcerated in Libby Prison for a short time. When discharged he held the rank of sergeant.

Upon his return to New Haven Mr. Leonard worked as a journeyman for a season, and then went to Rockville, where he spent three years, going back to New Haven and again taking up his trade as a journeyman. In 1865 he began contracting and building and has continued in active work ever since, his business being continually on the increase. In one year he built and sold twenty houses and also did much other building and improving. So thoroughly does Mr. Leonard understand his business, and so faithfully does he carry out his contracts, that he has gained much of the best custom in the city, his patrons numbering among the wealthiest and most exacting of the citizens.

On Aug. 4, 1869, Mr. Leonard was married to



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Miss Martha F. Pardee, a daughter of William L. Pardee, a farmer and mechanic, who was born in Madison, Conn., and grew up in Oxford, and to this union has been born: Harry A., in business with his father, married Bertha E. Gorham, and has one child, Janice; Susie May and Grace Abigail are graduates of both high and private schools; and Jennie E., who died in childhood.

Fraternally Mr. Leonard is connected with F. & A. M., Olive Branch Lodge, No. 84, Chapter and Council, of New Haven, and Commandery, up to the 32d degree, having been connected with the Masonic order for twenty-five years. Mr. Leonard also has membership with the O. U. A. M., the Red Men, the Royal Arcanum, the Heptasophs and the A. O. U. W. The family attends the Methodist Church, to which Mr. Leonard is a generous contributor. For a number of years he was a member of the Governor's Foot Guards. Mr. Leonard built the Westville Methodist Church and donated a memorial window in memory of his parents.

SAMUEL B. BRONSON, for many years a capable and trustworthy carpenter and builder in Ansonia, where he has a cozy and attractive home at No. 56 Franklin street, was born in Middlebury Jan. 24, 1828.

Jared Bronson, his father, was also a native of Middlebury, where his grandfather, Thaddeus Bronson, was also born. Both father and grandfather were engaged in the tanning business. Jared Bronson lived to be eighty-four years old. He was married to Lydia Mallory, a daughter of Thomas Mallory, and both father and daughter were natives of Middlebury, where he was engaged in farming. Esther (Benham) Mallory, her mother, had eight children. Jared and Lydia Bronson were the parents of four children, of whom two are living: Lewis, who is living in Middlebury, and Samuel B. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bronson attended the Congregational Church.

Samuel B. Bronson spent the first twenty years of his life in Middlebury where he attended the local schools and secured a very good education, which was supplemented by a course at Woodbury Academy. When he came to a suitable age he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade and served three years under instruction, becoming quite proficient, and when his term of apprenticeship was up he began contracting and building on his own account, and for some years was a resident of Middlebury. Then he removed to Waterbury where he spent three years at his work. After some time in Plymouth, he in 1865 came to Ansonia and the next year opened a contracting and building business, in which he was actively engaged until 1896. In 1869 he formed a partnership with Mr. Barnes and the two continued together for a number of years. Mr. Bronson is the oldest builder in this section, having been in the business forty-five years. In his career he has had to do with the building of many of the finest homes

in this part of the State, and in Ansonia alone he has built nearly two hundred houses. His advice and instruction as an expert in his business are still freely sought and heeded.

Mr. Bronson was married to Miss Mary J. Castle, of Woodbury, a daughter of Seckey Castle. Mrs. Bronson is the only child of her parents now living and is herself the mother of a family of two children: Walter and Frederick. Mr. Bronson is a Republican in his political associations, but a strong believer in prohibition. He has served on the board of burgesses and is a public-spirited citizen. He belongs to Naugatuck Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is a member of the Congregational Church, where he has been a deacon for some years and also superintendent of the Sunday-school. A very active part is taken by him in church and Sunday-school work.

WALTER BRONSON, noted above, was born in Woodbury Feb. 27, 1850, and was brought to Ansonia when he was five years old. He had his education in the high school and when fifteen years of age began life for himself as a clerk in a store in Middlebury. He was engaged in this fashion about nine months and then returned to Ansonia where he attended school a few months more and then began in the store where he is now found, clerking for J. C. Miles, with whom he remained eighteen years. At the end of this time he bought him out and since that transaction he has been in business for himself. Mr. Bronson is with one exception the longest in business of any man on the street. He carries a large stock of foreign and domestic goods and employs three clerks to meet the demands of a very large and profitable trade. The store which he occupies has been entirely remodeled and it is today one of the most attractive on Main street.

Walter Bronson was married in 1883 to Miss Anna French, born in Ansonia. Her mother was Harriet Johnson before her marriage and is still living. Mr. Bronson is a staunch Republican and in local affairs votes for the best man. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is affiliated with Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., and Mt. Vernon Chapter. He also belongs to the Naugatuck Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Ancient Order of Heptasophs, the New England Order of Protection, and is also a member of the Board of Trade. He is an attendant at the Congregational Church and belongs to the Ansonia Club.

BENJAMIN HUBBELL is a wide awake and energetic business man of Derby, New Haven county, where for a quarter of a century he has successfully conducted a livery stable. He was born in the town of Wilton, Fairfield Co., Conn. Nov. 26, 1841, and is a representative of an old and highly respected family of that county. His grandfather, Nathan Hubbell, spent his entire life in Wilton, his time and attention being devoted to agricultural pursuits.

Wakeman Hubbell, father of Benjamin, was

born in the same house where our subject's birth occurred and remained on the old homestead engaged in farming throughout life. He was quite a prominent man of his town and was known as Doctor Hubbell. He married Miss Julia Ann Lynes, a native of Ridgebury, town of Danbury, Hartford county, and a daughter of Benjamin Lynes, of that town. Four children were born of this union, namely: Henry L., who is a Doctor of Divinity and followed the ministry at one time, is now president of Lake Charles College, Louisiana; James W., who was also a Doctor of Divinity, died in Mansfield, Ohio; Stephen is engaged in the insurance business in Des Moines, Iowa; and Benjamin is our subject.

Benjamin Hubbell spent his boyhood on the home farm in Wilton and was fitted for college under Prof. Edward Ohlstead. He began his business career as a drug clerk in Hartford, Conn., which position he filled for some time and later studied medicine with Dr. Samuel Lynes, of Norwalk. For about three years, after which he took a course of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of New York City, and was graduated at the institution in 1862. Mr. Hubbell then operated the home farm until coming to Derby, in 1871. He engaged in the grocery business in East Derby for about four years, and has since devoted his time and attention to the livery business.

In 1864 Mr. Hubbell was united in marriage with Miss Alice Marvin, of Wilton, a daughter of Charles Marvin, a prominent man of that place, who was a member of the State Legislature several times and also served as bank commissioner. Our subject and his wife have two sons: Henry M., who is engaged in the lumber business in Derby; and Benjamin, who was graduated from Yale in 1897, and is now a teacher of languages in the Derby High school. Mr. Hubbell and his family are members of the Congregational Church and are quite prominent in the community where they reside. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party; has served as alderman from the Third Ward of Derby for two years, was selectman one year, in 1898; is at present one of the assessors and is also a representative to the Legislature. He is a man of recognized ability, is genial and pleasant in manner and is quite popular both in business and political circles.

FRANK R. STILLMAN, the well-known farmer and dairyman of Meriden, was born June 9, 1847, on the Stillman Homestead at Bench Hill, in Connecticut, and is a descendant of one of the old and honorable families of Connecticut.

There was a coat of arms issued to Stillman, to Stephen Ashton, Wiltshire, England, on May 6, 1552, having a camel's head and a crest. Rev. John Stillman was a chaplain in Cromwell's army. He had opposed to beheading Charles I., but was in favor of dethroning him. George Stillman, the

founder of the family in America, was a native of London, England, where he was born in 1654, a son of a London merchant. George also became a merchant. The Stillmans were supporters of Oliver Cromwell during the days of the Commonwealth. Upon the restoration of Charles II. George was forced, for safety, to assume another name, selecting that of Pritchard or Pieccering. His marriage to Lady Jane Pieccering occurred in London, where his son, George, was born. Those were times of storm and stress and many of the Cromwell supporters found it necessary to emigrate secretly to America. This was the case with Mr. Stillman, and in 1680, leaving little George with friends in London he, with his wife, set out on the voyage to the free land across the ocean, but this Mrs. Stillman never reached, her death occurring before land was sighted. Mr. Stillman located at Hadley, Mass., and in 1685 he there married Rebecca Smith. Later he removed to Wethersfield, Conn., and there spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1728, and his remains lie in the old cemetery there with the dust of so many other early settlers. George Stillman and his second wife were the parents of ten children: Nathaniel; Benjamin; John; Henry; Martha; Rebecca; and others whose names are unknown. George, the son of the first marriage, whom Mr. Stillman left in England, came later to America with a party of Seven Day Baptists and settled in Rhode Island.

John Stillman, son of George, was born in Hadley, Mass., Feb. 19, 1693, and removed to Wethersfield, Conn., with his parents, where he spent the remainder of his days engaged in farming. A prominent citizen and a deacon in the church he died full of years in 1775 and was buried in Wethersfield. On May 26, 1715, he married Mary Wolcott, who was born May 14, 1694, and died in 1777, a daughter of Mrs. Judith Wolcott and a granddaughter of Samuel Appleton, of Wethersfield. Their union was blessed with eleven children: John, Rebecca, May, Abigail, Martha, Sarah, Elisha, Abigail (2), Appleton, Huldah and Benjamin.

John Stillman, son of Deacon John, was born Aug. 19, 1717, in Wethersfield, where he grew to manhood and where he married Oct. 26, 1738, Rachel Robbins, a daughter of Richard and Martha (Curtis) Robbins, of Wethersfield. In 1757 he removed with his wife and family to Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., where he spent the remainder of his days and died July 15, 1782. His widow removed to Colebrook, Litchfield Co., Conn., where she died July 12, 1807, at the age of eighty-nine years and was buried in the old cemetery there. John Stillman was one of the founders of the church in Sandisfield. The children born to John and Rachel Stillman were: Josiah, Sept. 10, 1739; Hannah, Feb. 13, 1741; John, Jan. 16, 1743; Joshua; Roger; Appleton; and Robert.

Roger Stillman, son of John, was born July 4, 1754, in Wethersfield, where he grew to manhood.

He then removed to Sandisfield, Mass., where he enlisted. Roger Stillman was one of the first to enlist in the Continental army for service in the Revolutionary war, and he participated in the battle of Bunker Hill and many other engagements, finally being honorably discharged at Lake Champlain. In 1780 he located at Colebrook where he spent the remainder of his days, dying Dec. 8, 1832, and on the morning of the dark day he was engaged in building his house. Both his name and that of his wife occur among the founders of the Congregational Church in Colebrook, in 1705. He married Mehitable Hurd, who was born March 4, 1757, in Killingworth, now Clinton, Conn., and died in Colebrook Aug. 24, 1828, and there her remains are laid to rest. She was the mother of ten children, five of whom were sons: William, Deacon Daniel, Osburn, Edmund and Chester.

Chester Stillman, son of Roger, was born in Colebrook, Conn., April 9, 1797, on a farm, one-half mile south of the main road. Mr. Stillman became a land owner and farmer in Colebrook and built a house there in 1825 and he was buried in Stillman's cemetery in Colebrook. On Dec. 10, 1815, he united with the church and was appointed deacon in 1838. On March 2, 1820, he was married to Clarissa Esther De Wolf, of French ancestry, who was born Aug. 1, 1797, at Otis, Mass., and died May 14, 1864, and was laid to rest in Stillman's cemetery. Eight children were born to this union, four of whom were sons: Edwin C., Dorwin E., Lester R. and Collins L.

Edwin C. Stillman, the father of Frank R. Stillman, was born in Colebrook, in the Beach Hill district, Sept. 14, 1821, and grew to manhood in his native home, following the life of an agriculturist. Later, with his family, he moved to Southington, Conn., where he settled down to farming and dairying and spent the balance of his life, dying June 6, 1895, and was buried in Southington. Mr. Stillman was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, liberal-minded and progressive, a most worthy citizen and an exemplary father and husband. In politics he was a Republican but was never an office seeker.

On June 28, 1846, Mr. Stillman was married to Sarah M. Doolittle, who was born April 18, 1828, in Westfield, Middlesex Co., Conn., a daughter of Seth Doolittle, who removed from Westfield to Barkhamsted, then to Pleasant Valley, where he died. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stillman were: Frank R.; William C., a dealer in butter and eggs, in Meriden; Jesse E., mentioned elsewhere in this work; Waldo, of Meriden.

THE DOOLITTLE FAMILY, on the maternal side, is one of the oldest in Wallingford. Abraham Doolittle, the first of that name in Wallingford, was a native of England who came to America and located in New Haven before 1642, later removed to Wallingford as one of the earliest settlers and there died Aug. 11, 1690. He was twice married, the

second wife being Abigail Moss, who died Nov. 5, 1710.

Daniel Doolittle was the tenth child of Abraham Doolittle and was born Dec. 9, 1775. He married Hannah Cornwall, of Middletown, Conn., and later removed to Middletown, where he spent several years, returning again to Wallingford, where he died in 1755 at the ripe age of eighty years, his wife having died Jan. 16, 1736.

Daniel Doolittle (2), son of Daniel Doolittle, was born Feb. 3, 1707, and engaged in farming near the North Haven line, living there through life, and dying in September, 1791, at the age of eighty-four years. He married Elizabeth Dayton, and to them seven children were born.

Michael Doolittle, son of Daniel (2), was a farmer by occupation and became a deacon in the Baptist Church in Wallingford, where he lived to a ripe old age. He married Millicent Hough, of Wallingford.

Seth Doolittle, son of Michael and Millicent Doolittle, was born in Wallingford, but later removed to Westfield parish, Middletown, where he followed the trade of wagon maker, but still later removed his family to Barkhamsted, where he pursued his trade and died there. He married Betsey Healey and their daughter, Sarah M. Doolittle, married Edwin C. Stillman, as before related.

Frank R. Stillman attended the Beach Hill district school in Colebrook and remained at home until he was twenty-one years old, removing with his family to Southington, where he assisted his father in his farming operations. On attaining his majority he came to Meriden and for one year was employed by Deacon Samuel Paddock in the butcher business. Returning to Southington he worked for his uncle, Richard Williams, during the following two years in the express business but his services were needed on the farm of his father and he returned home, there to engage in farming, dairying and the raising of tobacco until 1874, when he came to Meriden and bought his present farm on South Broad street, consisting of fifty acres. Many improvements were needed here but Mr. Stillman soon had everything in first class condition; and for many years he has been known as a fine farmer and successful raiser of the best breeds of cattle.

On Nov. 28, 1872, Mr. Stillman was united in marriage, in Southington, to Miss Julia L. Hart, of that town, a daughter of Roswell and Pernelia (Amsden) Hart, the latter a native of Boston, the former of Southington. To Mr. and Mrs. Stillman five children were born: Harry Hart, born Feb. 5, 1875, died Aug. 5, the same year; Marion, born Sept. 19, 1879, died Sept. 13, 1881; Flora P., born Sept. 25, 1884; Dorwin, born April 11, 1886, died Nov. 2, 1890; and Elsie Julia, born Dec. 21, 1887. Both of the survivors are attending school. In political preference Mr. Stillman is a Republican and both he and his amiable wife are members of the Meriden Grange and have long been valued

members of the Baptist Church. In the community Mr. Stillman stands high, and he is justly considered one of the representative men of the town of Meriden.

CHARLES LEE SCRANTON, retired agriculturist, and one of the most highly respected citizens of the town of Madison, is a native of the same, born Feb. 21, 1825, in the New District. He is an honorable member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of New Haven county.

(II) John Scranton, the first of the name in Guilford, had a son (II) John (Capt.), who had a son (III) Ebenezer, born March 16, 1696, in Guilford, where he in early manhood removed to North Guilford, there passing the rest of his days in farming pursuits, dying Oct. 6, 1774, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife, Ann, born in 1693, died July 2, 1780, aged eighty-seven years. Both were buried in the North Guilford cemetery. Four children constituted their family: (1) John, born Aug. 27, 1726, died in November, 1736; (2) Ebenezer, born Aug. 17, 1728, settled in the eastern part of Connecticut or in Rhode Island; (3) Ann, born March 31, 1731, married, in 1751, John Dibble, of Boston; (4) Jared is mentioned below.

(IV) Jared Scranton, born in North Guilford June 25, 1733, was a lifelong farmer there, died Nov. 12, 1816, and was buried in the North Guilford cemetery. On Jan. 1, 1766, he married Lucretia Russell, who died June 14, 1813. Children: (1) John Russell, born July 14, 1799, who married Zerviah Fowler and died Dec. 21, 1820; (2) Jared, sketch of whom follows; and (3) Ebenezer, born Sept. 6, 1773, who was drowned in Quinebaug pond, Guilford, May 21, 1794.

(V) Jared Scranton, grandfather of Charles L., was born May 10, 1771, in North Guilford, on the old homestead, and received his earlier education at the district schools of the neighborhood, after which he attended Yale College, graduating therefrom in 1795, with the degree of A. B. Like his forefathers, he was a tiller of the soil all his days in North Guilford, dying there March 15, 1851. He married Rachel Fowler, born in North Guilford, a daughter of Asher Fowler, and nine children were born to them, as follows: (1) Frederick William, sketch of whom follows; (2) Evelyn, born Aug. 9, 1798, who married first Susan N. Adams and second Fannie Davis; (3) Eliza Ann, born March 2, 1800; (4) Asher Fowler, born Sept. 29, 1801, who when a young man left home for the West; (5) Cathia Russell, born Oct. 12, 1813; (6) Julia, born May 21, 1815; (7) David, born April 20, 1817, who married Lucy Edwards and lived in Cromwell, Conn.; (8) Romeo, born Dec. 27, 1819, who died May 14, 1827; and (9) Elvethan, born March 27, 1814.

(VI) Frederick W. Scranton, father of Charles L., was born Aug. 15, 1796, and at the age of

three years was adopted by his uncle and aunt, Capt. Frederick and Ann Lee, of Madison, with whom he grew to manhood. For a time, in early manhood, he was a clerk in the New Haven post office, and then returning to the Lee homestead (Capt. Lee appointing him his heir) took charge of the farm, and cared for his foster father in his declining years. He died in 1877, a Democrat in politics and a member of the Episcopal Church of Guilford. Mr. Scranton married Hannah Barker, a native of Branford, and a daughter of Archillis and Mary Barker, well-known citizens of that locality. She died in Madison, Aug. 9, 1890, and her remains were laid beside those of her husband in the West cemetery, Madison. Their children: (1) Charles Lee, a sketch of whom follows; (2) Harriet, born Feb. 26, 1826, who died Oct. 27, 1846; and (3) Romeo, born May 14, 1829, who died March 4, 1832.

(VII) Charles Lee Scranton, the subject proper of these lines, received his education in part at the district schools of Madison, in part at Lee's Academy, and remained on the home farm with his parents, taking care of them in their old age. For many years he followed agricultural pursuits on his father's farm, known as the Capt. Frederick Lee homestead, but he is now living retired at the advanced age of over seventy-six years, yet hale and active, and well posted on all the leading events of the day. In politics he is a lifelong Democrat, in religious faith a member of the Episcopal Church of Guilford, and a vestryman in the same.

On May 17, 1854, at North Lyme, New London Co., Conn., Charles L. Scranton was united in marriage with Louisa Stark, a native of that place and a daughter of Christopher and Phebe (Jewett) Stark, and one child graced their union, Anna Louise, who died in 1886, at the age of twenty-one years, deeply mourned not only by her parents but by a wide circle of friends, by whom she was much admired and beloved. Mr. and Mrs. Scranton are a most estimable couple, and deservedly enjoy the friendship and esteem of the best people of the community in which they live.

WALLACE S. CHASE, the efficient librarian of the Taylor library in Milford, was born Jan. 28, 1847, in Paxton, Worcester Co., Mass., a son of John and grandson of Nathan Chase.

The family traces its descent from one of three brothers who came from England at an early period and settled in Rhode Island.

Nathan Chase, grandfather of our subject, resided near Providence, R. I., and his wife, Content Anthony, was a native of that State. They had two sons: Rufus, a shoemaker in Paxton, Mass., who died in 1864, and John S., our subject's father. Nathan Chase died when the latter was a young man.

John S. Chase was born May 18, 1810, at his father's home and died in Paxton, Mass., Nov. 23,



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1901. His boyhood was mainly spent at Paxton, Mass., where he learned the shoemaker's trade. He married Miss Amey E. Warren, a native of Paxton, and they had six children: Wallace S., our subject; Charles E., who died at the age of twenty-one; Carrie E., wife of Almon Pingree, of Denmark, Oxford Co., Me.; Emma G., who died aged eighteen; George, who died aged two years; and Emmons W., a resident of Milford.

Amey E. (Warren) Chase was born Dec. 12, 1828, daughter of John Warren, of Paxton, and a descendant of John Warren, who came from England in 1783, and located at Marlboro, Mass. Her mother, Lucretia Merriek, traced her descent from John Merriek, a native of Wales, who came to America in 1614. The line of descent is John Merriek, born 1655; James, born 1699; Elisha, born Sept. 13, 1735; Telly, the father of Lucretia.

Wallace S. Chase was educated in the public schools of Paxton, attending until nearly the age of seventeen. In November, 1863, he enlisted at Paxton in Co. L, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery, with which he served nearly two years, being mustered out Sept. 3, 1865, at Smithville, N. C. The following year was spent at Paxton and for two years he worked in a shoe factory at Barre, Mass. He then went to Norwalk, Conn., where he was employed for two years in a hat factory and in 1870 he came to Milford. After working two years in a hat factory there he entered the Baldwin shoe shop and two years later he went to Albany, N. Y., to take charge of a retail shoe store, remaining about a year. Returning to Milford he worked in the shoe shop most of the time until 1894 when he was elected to his present position as librarian of the Taylor library.

On Feb. 14, 1868, Mr. Chase married Miss Emma Chickering, of Rutland, Mass., daughter of Salmon Chickering, a well-known resident of that town. They have one son, Charles R. Mr. Chase is a Republican in politics and he and his wife are prominent in social life. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity; the G. A. R.; the Order of American Mechanics; and is an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, being a trustee at the present time.

WILLIAM H. FORSYTH, president and treasurer of the Pond Lilly Co. For forty years and more the name of Forsyth has been most closely associated with the business interests and growth of New Haven, the late Thomas Forsyth establishing here in 1868, the well-known Elm City Dye Works, which he and his sons, following him, have developed into one of the largest and most complete establishments of its kind in the country. No name in New Haven stood higher than that of Thomas Forsyth, carrying with it such suggestions of honor and integrity and all the other qualities that go to make up a sound business life. His sons, one of whom is still identified with the business, and whose

name appears at the opening of this article, were identified with many important business enterprises in the city.

The late Thomas Forsyth was born in Paisley, Scotland, March 26, 1830, a son of Thomas Gordon and Mary (McCunne) Forsyth, both highly respected citizens of their community. They were in moderate circumstances and Thomas received but a limited schooling, but being of a bright and studious disposition he read much and became familiar with the best literature of the language. When he was twelve years of age he began learning the dyeing and bleaching trade, but soon turned to weaving at Paisley, where he worked for five years in the factory that produced the celebrated Paisley shawls. His extensive reading had stirred within him a spirit of independence and in 1848 he was involved in the Chartist movement. He was finally moved to seek a fairer field in the United States. Landing in New York in November, 1848, with but a half penny in his pocket, the beginning of his career in this country was attended with every discouragement. Friends in Springfield whom he had expected to find had gone away; weeks passed without his finding employment; finally he discovered a young countryman at Malden, Mass., with whom he had worked in a Paisley dyeing shop and who was carrying on a small dye shop at Malden. He gave young Forsyth employment but after two months the enterprise proved a failure and all the wages Mr. Forsyth had earned during the entire period were lost and he was three months indebted to his landlord. Mr. Forsyth secured employment with Barrett Brothers, then the largest dyers and bleachers in Malden, who later moved to Somerville, and remained with them eighteen years, learning the business from start to finish.

Thomas Forsyth was energetic, frugal and industrious, and by saving his money was able to start in 1867 for Saccarappa, Maine, accompanied by Abial Foster, for the purpose of starting in business for himself in the line in which he had been so long engaged. This partnership was of but short duration as Mr. Forsyth, owing to poor health, was obliged to retire from business for a time. In 1868 Mr. Forsyth located in New Haven, where he was associated with Henry Fisher in the establishment of the business with which he was so long successfully and prominently associated, under the firm name of Forsyth & Fisher. It was later carried on under the name of the Forsyth Dyeing, Laundering and Bleaching Co. In the beginning the concern was a small affair and its first location was at the corner of Elm and Orchard streets. After a time the firm erected a building of their own near their present location. In 1870 a steam laundry department was added and they were the first laundry company in the State to do business by machinery. On the death of Mr. Fisher, in 1876, Mr. Forsyth became sole proprietor, his sons gradually coming into the business and relieving him of the active management and

responsibility. In 1882 the demand of the business for more commodious quarters was answered by the erection of a commodious brick building on the corner of State and Lawrence streets, the plant covering nearly an acre of ground and answering all demands for dyeing and bleaching, principally dyeing for rubber shoe manufacturers. Their customers in this line at one time included a dozen or more of the largest rubber concerns in that line in the United States, and in the year 1885 there were colored and sent out from this house more than four million yards of cloth fifty-two inches in width. The laundry could handle 500 shirts, 17,000 cuffs and collars a day and 10,000 pieces of unstarched goods at the same time. Carpet cleaning was also an important branch of the business and the house could handle 20,000 yards of carpet a day. In 1887 the firm was incorporated under the name of the Forsyth Dyeing, Laundering & Bleaching Co., with a capital of \$25,000. In 1890 Mr. W. H. Forsyth withdrew from the management of the Forsyth Dyeing, Laundering & Bleaching Co. and organized the Pond Lilly Co., which in 1890 absorbed the former business, buying out their machinery and real estate.

Thomas Forsyth was a Republican and took delight in the thought that he was a Republican before the organization of the party, having been a Whig and an Abolitionist, and at one time an associate with John Brown, in Kansas. In his religion he was a Presbyterian.

Mr. Forsyth was married in March, 1860, at St. John's, New Brunswick, to Miss Agnes White, who died in 1895 in Paisley, Scotland. To this union were born the following named children: William H.; Leslie W., who died in 1887; Thomas Gordon, now in Bridgeport; and Janet, who married Franklin K. Hickok, of New Haven. All the sons grew up in the business and were identified with it at one time or another.

William H. Forsyth, one of the surviving sons, and now the active head of the Forsyth estate, was educated in New Haven, where his early life was spent. He was a student in the Dwight school and afterward in the Workley school at Fairhaven. His preparations for business were made in a business college. For two years he had private teachers and was liberally educated in the business that he was to follow. In 1890 he formed the Pond Lilly Co. and purchased from his brother the other business in 1890. The Pond Lilly Co. does general cotton dyeing for manufacturers. Mr. Forsyth is president of the Pond Lilly Co., of which William C. Harmon is secretary and treasurer, and president of the Pond Lilly Laundry Co., which occupies the plant of the old Forsyth Dyeing, Laundering & Bleaching Co., corner of Lawrence and Mechanic streets. George A. Keyes is secretary, and C. R. Whedor, Jr., treasurer of this company. Fraternally Mr. W. H. Forsyth is connected with Olive Branch Lodge, F. & A. M., Ujramid Lodge, A. O. U. W.;

the Heptasophs; and the Woodmen of the World. In 1887 Mr. Forsyth was married in New Haven to Mary L. Easton, a granddaughter of Joseph Fairchild, one of the old and prominent citizens of New Haven. To this marriage have been born three children, Lesley Easton, Thomas and Donald W.

CHARLES ELKANAH PADDOCK, one of Meriden's well-known farmers and dairymen, was born on his father's farm in Meriden Aug. 31, 1844, and is a representative of a very honorable family of his locality.

Throughout the last century the name of Paddock has been identified with the history of Meriden, where have dwelt the family of the late Samuel Paddock, the latter for sixty and more years one of the active and influential men of the town. He was succeeded by his son, Charles L. Paddock, who passed away full of years and good deeds.

Zachariah Paddock, from Wales, says tradition, came to New England along in the eighteenth century, landing on the Rhode Island coast, and thence later came to Middletown, Conn., where he passed the remainder of his life and died May 13, 1800, when in the seventy-third year of his age. His wife, Hannah, survived him until 1819, dying March 3, of that year, aged eighty-one years.

Samuel Paddock, son of Zachariah, the emigrant, born June 18, 1758, resided in Middletown. On May 12, 1782, he married Mehitabel Loveland, who was born Jan. 29, 1759.

Samuel Paddock (2), son of Samuel, born Feb. 22, 1784, in Middletown, married (first) Aug. 30, 1806, Polly Sears, who was born Dec. 2, 1782. In 1806 they removed to Meriden and made that town their home the balance of their lives, saving a few years' residence in Wallingford. There Mrs. Paddock died Oct. 26, 1822. On Jan. 22, 1823, Mr. Paddock married Charlotte Yale. As above stated, for more than sixty years Mr. Paddock was an influential man of the town, holding a number of offices in the gift of his fellow men and proving worthy of the civic trusts bestowed upon him. For many years he was extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Charles L. Paddock, son of Samuel (2) and father of the subject of this biography, was born on the old Paddock homestead in the town of Meriden June 6, 1807, and was engaged in farming all his life. He was a successful agriculturist and well-known citizen and was the owner of one of the largest farms in East Meriden when he died, March 13, 1870. He married Elizabeth Day Hall, a daughter of Elkanah Hall, of Wallingford, and a granddaughter of David Hall, and to this union four sons and three daughters were born: Elbridge G., deceased; Frances E., who married Justin Bradley, of East Haven, and is now deceased; Sarah, now deceased, wife of Horace Hemingway, of Fairhaven; Mary A., deceased, was the wife of Seth Hotchkiss, of Georgia; Charles Elkanah; John

M., a farmer of East Meriden; and Joel H., a prominent fruit grower of Wallingford.

Charles Elkanah Paddock was reared upon the old family farm, attended the district schools and also Meriden Academy and has spent almost all of his life on the farm. For several years he worked as a mechanic and then settled down on a part of the old homestead, built a nice residence and has successfully followed general farming, market gardening and dairying.

In July, 1866, Mr. Paddock was married to Miss Ellen Jennette Hubbard, a native of Meriden, daughter of Asaph Hubbard and a member of one of the oldest families in Connecticut. They adopted one daughter, Nellie M., who is a highly educated young lady, and was engaged as a stenographer and typewriter in Hartford for several years, and on Oct. 17, 1901, she was married to L. Morelle Cooke, of Wallingford, Connecticut.

Like his father Mr. Paddock is in sympathy with the Democratic party but has always declined office at its hands. His religious membership is with the Congregational Church and Mrs. Paddock is a member of the First Baptist Church, of Meriden. Both are valued members of the Meriden Grange. Mr. Paddock is a representative citizen, honest and upright in his dealings, of exemplary life and enjoys the esteem of the whole community.

WARD H. SANFORD, M. D. Among the prominent young professional men of the city of New Haven the subject of this brief biography, Dr. Ward H. Sanford, takes an envied position, for in the comparatively short time since his graduation and location in this city he has built up a practice larger and more satisfactory than that of many older practitioners.

Dr. Sanford was born in Liberty, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1859, a son of Elias W. Sanford, who was born in Fulton Settlement Jan. 29, 1821, and died in 1900, a worthy son of Hiram Sanford who, with his wife, Phoebe Warren, was born in Connecticut. Grandmother Warren was a cousin of the brave Gen. Warren, of Revolutionary fame. Elias W. Sanford, the father, settled in Liberty, N. Y., and attended the common schools, later going to school in New York City. All his life he was a great student of history and every moment that he could spare from business was devoted to the enjoyment of this taste. Mr. Sanford learned the trade of tanner at Liberty Falls and worked at it at Cohecton, N. Y., later becoming the first postmaster of that village, holding the office many years. He married Mary T., daughter of the late Capt. H. P. Horton, of Bethel, N. Y. In 1861, with his family, he removed to New York and was there appointed weigher and inspector for the government for the New Jersey division and as he was exceedingly well-qualified for such a position he held it for five years. In 1877 he removed to White Lake and purchased the old John Linson farm, which is now known as

Koneonga Place. In 1892 he sold this and returned to Liberty, where his wife died Oct. 1, 1895.

Mr. Sanford was a consistent member of the M. E. Church for a period of fifty years. The children who survive their parents are: Ward H., our subject; Bruce E. and Alice M., both of whom reside in Liberty.

Ward H. Sanford spent his boyhood days at White Lake and attended private schools both there and at Walton, N. Y., entering the University of Vermont, although previous to this time he had pursued special studies under private tutors at Utica, N. Y., for several years. Leaving the University of Vermont before graduation he entered the Baltimore Medical College and graduated in the class of 1895, coming immediately to New Haven. In this city Dr. Sanford soon found there were plenty of patients awaiting his skill and he has built up a still growing practice.

On May 24, 1889, Dr. Sanford was married to Miss Rosa Rhine, a native of Watertown, N. Y. With his brother physicians our subject is held in high esteem and is very often called in consultation upon subjects of which he has made a special study. He is connected with a number of societies, among these, Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M., of New Haven; I. O. O. F., of Utica; Royal Arcanum, of Utica; New England Order of Protection; State and county Medical and New Haven Medical Societies; also the New York State Pharmaceutical Association. In politics Dr. Sanford has long been connected with the Republican party, but his professional duties are so urgent that he takes only a voter's interest in the contests at the polls.

JOHN T. KENT. The large industrial companies reach out and select as foremen and superintendents of their various departments the best men they can find for their responsible places. It is a guarantee of superior ability for one to hold a position of that nature. For nineteen years the subject of this sketch has been foreman in the wood-working department of the Farrell foundry at Ansonia.

Mr. Kent was born in Meriden, Conn., Dec. 27, 1851, a son of Timothy and Ellen (Rowan) Kent. The father, a native of Ireland, migrated when a young man to America, locating first in Massachusetts and later in Connecticut. He was a carpenter and builder and worked as a journeyman until his death at Ansonia at the age of forty-eight years. His wife, also a native of Ireland, lived to the age of fifty-three years. To Timothy and Ellen Kent were born five children, three of whom, John T., Anna and Nora, survived. Anna married William Conklyn, of Waterbury; and Nora is married and lives in Bridgeport.

John T. Kent, when ten years of age, left his home and worked as a farmer in Cheshire, Conn., until he was sixteen years old, attending the common schools. He then began to learn his trade with

his father, remaining with him and his partner until 1871. He then came to Ansonia with his father and here worked at his trade, first with John Dixbury and later successively with D. F. Johnson and Platt, Lanes & Co., with the latter company acting occasionally as foreman and he was sent by them to Farrell Foundry and was engaged in its construction about a year. He was then employed by the Farrell Foundry and a few months later, in 1880, was made foreman of the wood working department, a position which he has since held uninterruptedly. At first he had seven men in his department and now he has eighteen, and at times when constructing some of the buildings he has employed sixty men. Mr. Kent does all the drafting for new buildings or alterations. He has seen the business of the foundry grow to more than double in size and its employes increase from 200 to 500. He is a thorough wheelwright also, one of the few masters of that trade that can now be found.

Mr. Kent is prominent in the fraternal organizations of America. He is a member of the Maccabees, Tent No. 5, and has served as its commander. He has been through all the chairs and is chief of the Ancient Order of Foresters and also of the Circle of Foresters. For twenty-six years he has been a member of the Young Men's Temperance Society, has filled all the offices and he takes a deep interest in its affairs. He is also a prominent member of the Farrell Foundry Beneficial Association and is one of the oldest and most active members of the Knights of Columbus. He is an attendant of the Catholic Church, of Ansonia.

Mr. Kent is one of the public-spirited citizens of Ansonia. His sound business principles, stern integrity and high attainments have commended him to the good wishes of the community and he commands a host of friends. He is not only conversant with current affairs but has a large and well selected library, including standard works of history, poetry and mechanics, and of these and the latest literature he is an appreciative student.

BENJAMIN LOTT LAMBERT, M. D., one of the prominent and respected physicians of New Haven, whose pleasant home is at No. 358 Howard avenue, in that city, was born in New Haven Feb. 10, 1856, son of Denison David Lambert, who was born Sept. 20, 1820.

The Lambert family can trace its descent from High antiquity, going back with all the certainty of written records to the time of William the Conqueror, in the eleventh century, and by history of unimpaired credibility to the Kingdom of the Lombards, in Italy. The earliest account we have of the Lombards is that they were a roving clan from Germany, who then settled awhile in Amdili (in Germany), all attracted by the fair plains of Mesopotamia, they passed from their mountain fastnesses to the plains, and founded one of the most powerful States in Italy. The signification of the

name in their language was long beard, as history states that "this clan parted their hair and suffered it to grow to whatever length it might attain." This clan is described as being of a warlike temper, as the fact and manner of their establishing themselves in Italy would prove. Upon the subversion of the Kingdom the descendants of the clan were dispersed into various parts of Europe, many of them settling in cities and large towns in that part of the world. The family from which the Milford (Conn.) branch is descended we find in history had established itself in Normandy, France. It appears from the records of heraldry that they were of the highest respectability in the said place, and on them were bestowed the various orders of knighthood. When William the Conqueror invaded England he took with him Rodolph de Lambert as his armor bearer, or knight at arms. Cardinal Lambertini, of this family, was elected Bishop of Rome Aug. 27, 1730, and took the title of Benedict XIV.

Rodolph de Lambert left one son, Hugh, and from him are descended all of the name in England and North America. Among the most noted of these were John Lambert, who commanded the Parliamentary forces against King Charles I; also Richard, ancestor of the Earl of Cavan; his heir, the first baron, who was created Lord Lambert, and Earl of the County of Cavan, in 1617 (he died July 9, 1718); his son Charles on May 12, 1642, was made governor of the city of Dublin. Jesse Lambert, the ancestor of the Lambert family of Milford, Conn., emigrated from England about 1680. He was from a branch of the Earl of Cavan's family who settled in Wiltshire (or Devon). Jesse Lambert, previous to his coming to New England, had been an officer in the British navy, and had been up the Mediterranean sea against the Turks. His first landing in America was at Boston, but in a few days he proceeded on to New Haven, and soon after to Milford, where he settled in 1684. His residence was on the west side of the Wepowage river, a few rods north of the First Presbyterian meeting-house, on No. 7 of the lots of the early planters. On May 10, 1688, he married Deborah Fowler, daughter of Capt. William Fowler, and granddaughter of William Fowler, magistrate. Jesse Lambert died in the autumn of 1718; his will is recorded on Probate Records, New Haven, Lib. IV, page 553. His son Jesse was born April 20, 1693, and died Dec. 20, 1773.

David Lambert, great-grandfather of the Doctor, and third son of Jesse (2) was born Dec. 2, 1731, in Milford, settled in the family homestead there, and was the owner of a large real estate. He was a farmer by occupation. In 1755 he married Martha (Gunn) Northrop, and they had ten children. He died Nov. 8, 1815, aged eighty-four; his wife, born July 21, 1737, died Oct. 27, 1815, aged seventy-eight. Mr. Lambert was a large, well-built man, of dignified carriage. He had a



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firm, unbending spirit, and was noted for his decision and independence of mind. He was sincere in his attachments as a friend, and stubborn and uncompromising to those who offended him. Truly benevolent, his house was ever opened to the poor and friendless. In his active years he was one of the leading men of the community, serving as town clerk, justice of the peace, and in other capacities.

Benjamin Lott Lambert, seventh son of David and grandfather of our subject, was born Sept. 29, 1782, in Milford (now the town of Orange), Conn. He taught in the academy in Milford for eleven years, then settled on a farm in Orange. He was the first representative sent to the Legislature from the town of Milford, and was also town clerk for several years. He died Oct. 11, 1825, at the early age of forty-three, from an overdose of root given for swamp fever. He was buried in the Orange cemetery. He was married Sept. 8, 1817, to Eunice, daughter of Isaac Hemingway, of Woodbridge, Conn. One of their sons, Benjamin Lott Lambert, born Dec. 28, 1825, is still living in New Haven.

Denison David Lambert, son of Benjamin L., was reared upon the farm in North Milford, and was educated in the common schools. Until 1840 he was engaged in the cultivation of the old homestead. For a number of years he was employed as a carpenter and builder in New Haven; was also engaged in erecting mills in the South, at Atlanta, Ga., for a time; and for fifteen years was in business at Milledgeville, Ga., after which he retired. After his return to New Haven he entered the real-estate business, which he followed for only a few years, his death occurring May 13, 1871. He married Jane Adams Hinman, who was born in Woodbury April 27, 1827, and they had three children, of whom Benjamin Lott and David Denison survive. Jennie Celia, twin sister of Benjamin L., died Aug. 4, 1898, after a life of usefulness in the United Church. Mrs. Lambert belonged to the Minor family through her mother, Mrs. Hinman, who died when Mrs. Lambert was a little girl. The father married for his second wife a lady of the same name, Hinman, who lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years.

Dr. Benjamin L. Lambert has spent his life in New Haven, where he received his literary education, finishing at Yale. In 1883 he graduated from the Medical Department of the University of New York. For two years he was engaged in the practice of his profession in Brooklyn, and in 1882 became a resident of his native city. His home and business have been maintained here since that time with most excellent and satisfactory results. In his medical practice, while he was broad and thorough in his preparation, he makes a specialty of the diseases of children.

Dr. Lambert was married Dec. 15, 1881, to Mary Durant Gilbert, of Durant, Ohio, who was the first child born in that town, hence her name;

she received two building lots for the honor. She was one of five children born to Isaac U. and Mary (Husson) Gilbert; her mother, a native of Lancaster, Pa., is still living. Dr. and Mrs. Lambert have had one son, Harold Denison, who died Aug. 22, 1899. The Doctor built the house in which he resides.

Dr. Lambert is a Republican, and was the first of his political faith to be elected from his ward to the court of common council. For the four and one-half years ensuing he was elected alderman, in 1895, 1896, 1897 and until July 1, 1898, being a member of the board of aldermen, and during this time he served as chairman of the lamp committee, and as president of the board of aldermen in 1897 and six months of 1898. In 1895 and 1896 he was on the board of finance, and for one year was a member of the park commission. For the past two years he has been police surgeon of the Third precinct; he was chairman of the committee to improve Beecher pond and the adjacent land.

Dr. Lambert takes pride in his social relations, and is highly esteemed in fraternal circles. In Masonry he is an adept, having risen to the thirty-second degree, belonging to Trumbull Lodge; Franklin Chapter; Harmony Council; Lafayette Consistory, No. 2; Pyramid Temple; and other bodies. He is also affiliated with the I. O. O. F.; the A. O. U. W., in which he is past master; and the K. P., having assisted in organizing the local lodge, in which he is now past chancellor. He is past archon of the Order of Heptasophs, and belongs to the Red Men at New Haven; is past president of the American Guild; also supreme medical director of the American Mutual Life Society. The Doctor since he began life for himself has been a member of fifty-two different societies and associations, and in all these relations he has been much esteemed, winning a host of friends who wish him well and are glad to see him prosper. He is identified with the Howard Avenue Congregational Church, and has placed a memorial window in this church for his son.

In his professional associations Dr. Lambert stands well among his brethren of the science of practice as well as with the general public. His membership in the city, county and State medical societies and the American Medical Association serves to display his professional enthusiasm and to emphasize his kindly and fraternal feeling toward all who are walking in the same lines with him. He has acted as vice-president of the City and County Medical Societies, and has written often for publication on important medical themes.

DAVID DENISON LAMBERT, the present popular and capable supervising principal of the Day District, in New Haven, was born in that city Aug. 7, 1862, a son of Denison David and Jane Adams (Hinman) Lambert. He acquired his education in the New Haven schools, and was grad-

nated from the Academic Department of Yale in 1880, receiving his degree of M. A. two years later. After this special course of two years he began teaching mathematics in New York city, where, after a year of good work, he received a call to the schools at West Ansonia, in New Haven county, Conn. At this place he spent two years, after which for three years he was principal of the public schools at Westville. In 1894 he entered upon his present work, as supervising principal of the Day District, which in 1901 consisted of five buildings, forty teachers and 1,700 pupils.

In 1888 Mr. Lambert was married to Katie A. Latham, who was born in New York, a daughter of Joseph A. Latham, who was a rare mechanical genius, and moved to New Haven to take up the steam fitting business, later becoming a pattern and model maker, and he died there in 1893. Ellen A. (Atkins) Latham, mother of Mrs. Lambert, was a daughter of Samuel Atkins, of Waterbury. Three children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, namely: Cecile, Rheta and Denison Latham.

Mr. Lambert is a Republican, and belongs to the Union League and the Young Men's Republican Club. He is also a member of the Young Men's Institute, the A. O. U. W., the New Haven Golf Club and the American Mutual Life Society. As a mathematician he has more than a local reputation, and he has perfected a perpetual calendar, which shows any day of any year by a simple change which requires but a moment to effect. With his family he has attended for eight years the Howard Avenue Congregational Church.

WILLIAM A. PENFIELD, of Meriden, is a scion of one of the early families of New England.

Nathaniel Penfield, the first of the American branch of the family, was a member of the New Haven Colony, and settled at Wallingford, where he died in January, 1776.

Nathaniel Penfield (2), son of Nathaniel and his wife Hannah, was a farmer in what is now Meriden. On June 9, 1755, he married Lydia Barnes, and died in Meriden May 18, 1777. His widow married Jeremiah H. Osgood, April 23, 1778, and died Jan. 31, 1811, aged seventy-six years.

Phineas Penfield, son of Nathaniel (2) and his wife Lydia, was born June 6, 1756. From Farmington, Conn., he became an enlisted private soldier in the Continental army, and saw actual service for the space of twelve months and twenty-three days, a part of this time being under Capt. Curtis and Col. Enos. On April 9, 1778, he married Lucy, daughter of Jeremiah H. and Lucy (Churchill) Osgood, and he died March 28, 1834, in Hartford county, at the age of seventy-seven years. Nathaniel, a brother to Phineas Penfield, but four years his junior, also enlisted at Farmington as a private, in the Continental troops, and his service lasted for eighteen

months and twelve days, during a portion of which time he served under Capt. Bray and Col. Butler.

Phineas Penfield (2), son of Phineas and Lucy, was born Oct. 18, 1785, and Nov. 25, 1812, he married Ruth Judd Hart, who was born May 3, 1793, a daughter of Linus Hart, of Farmington. She died Dec. 11, 1848, at the age of fifty-five years. Phineas Penfield was a farmer and cooper and died in his sixtieth year, Aug. 3, 1845.

Lemuel Penfield, son of Phineas (2), was born in New Britain, and died in 1876, aged fifty-six years. He was reared in his native place, and while still a youth he entered the shipping department of the Stanley Rule & Level Co., where he remained for several years. Mr. Penfield was the first policeman appointed under the city government of New Britain, and continued on the force until his death. His remains rest in the New Britain cemetery. His first wife was Caroline Allen, who bore him four children, the eldest of these died in infancy; Henry B. resides in Meriden; William A.; and Caroline married Spencer Page and lives in New Britain. Lemuel Penfield was married a second time, Miss Hattie Terrell becoming his wife. During life he was a faithful and valued member of the Congregational Church, and espoused the principles of the Republican party from its first organization.

William Allen Penfield, son of Lemuel and Caroline (Allen) Penfield, was born March 30, 1852, in New Britain, Conn., and there attended the district school, passing through the course at the high school. When but fourteen years of age he entered the employ of the Stanley Rule & Level Co., in the rule department, where he continued for twelve years, eight of these being employed on piece work. Then he came to Meriden, and here accepted a position with the Meriden Britannia Co., in the German silver department, remaining in this city for three years in the same capacity. When Mr. Penfield returned to his old home, New Britain, he worked in the lock shop for one year, but decided to come back to Meriden and accepted a position in the brass department of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., as a contractor, and for seventeen years he has continued with this well-known concern. His reliability and substantiality are well established in this city, where he is regarded as a representative citizen.

Mr. Penfield has been prominently identified with public affairs in this city for a number of years. Until 1901 his political connection was with the Democratic party, but the issues of that time caused him to vote with the Republicans and he has been warmly welcomed into that party. In 1896 he was elected on the Democratic ticket as alderman from the Third ward, in this city, was chairman of the Claims committee, and in 1899 he was appointed a member of the board of Public Works, having two years yet to serve. Under Mayor Ives he also served as fire commissioner for one year.

On Oct. 10, 1874, Mr. Penfield was married in New Britain, Conn., to Sarah Briggs, who was born

in New Brunswick, Canada, a daughter of Eben and Melitable (Taylor) Briggs, and the four children born to this union were: Harry Briggs, who died young; Mattie May, who married Lorenzo T. Fuller, has one child, Briggs Penfield; William Lemuel, with the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co.; and Charles Larkin. The home which Mr. Penfield erected on Randolph avenue, in Meriden, is one of the most attractive and stately on that beautiful thoroughfare, and it is presided over with ease and grace by his most estimable wife, who is prominent in both religious and social circles in Meriden. She is an active member of All Saints' Episcopal Church, while Mr. Penfield shows by an exemplary life his liberal and discerning bequests to all deserving objects and his public spirit on all occasions, that he is actuated by true Christian principles.

Fraternally Mr. Penfield is a member of Myrtle Lodge, No. 6, K. of P., also of Meriden Lodge, No. 35, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Montowese Tribe, I. O. R. M., Silver City Lodge, O. U. A. M., and Pilgrim's Harbor Council, R. A. Perhaps Mr. Penfield's first interest, outside his business and his family, is the possession of fine horses, and usually he owns some speedy trotters. Several specimens which have attracted attention have been trained under his eye. Although in no way a sporting man, the interest he takes in horses is an enjoyable diversion from business cares.

E. EUGENE HUBBARD, a well-known agriculturist of the town of Orange, was born June 10, 1848, on his present farm, an attractive homestead at Oyster River, or Woodmont, about three miles from West Haven.

The family has been prominent in this section from an early day, and our subject's great-grandfather, Gen. John Hubbard, served as a general in the training of the old-time militia, under appointment from the governor. He resided in New Haven in early manhood, and for more than twenty years was chorister of the Center Church, but his last days were spent in Litchfield, Conn., where he died at the age of eighty-six.

John Hubbard, our subject's grandfather, was born in Hamden and became a farmer by occupation, locating at the present homestead in 1817. He died there in 1861, aged eighty-three years. In 1802 he married Sally Peck, of Woodbridge, who died in 1855, at the age of seventy-three. They were devout members of the Congregational Church and attended for a time in New Haven and later in West Haven. They had two children, a son and a daughter.

John P. Hubbard, our subject's father, was born in Hamden, and much of his early life was spent at the present homestead. For some years he was in the shoe business in Norfolk, Va., but he then returned to agricultural pursuits at the farm where

he died at the age of seventy. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist, and politically he was first a Whig, and later active as a member of the Republican party. At times he held offices in the township, including that of assessor. He married Miss Sarah Ann Clark, a native of Woodmont, and the daughter of Thomas Clark, a well-known tailor and farmer of that town. Her mother, Eunice Mallett, of Bridgeport, lived to eighty-three years of age, and of the seven children six lived to maturity. Of these one is still living, Mrs. Harriet Law, of New Haven. Our subject's mother died in 1899, at the advanced age of eighty-two. John P. Hubbard and his wife had seven children, of whom six are now living, the other having died in childhood. John M. and Lewis C. reside near our subject; E. Eugene; Anna married William Cottle, of Waterbury, who conducts the West Side Hill greenhouses; Rev. George H., who has been in China as a missionary since 1884; and Mary E., wife of Charles R. Lawrence, of Waterbury.

As a boy our subject assisted his father on the homestead, of which he took charge at the latter's death. The place contains about eighty acres, which he devotes to general farming and gardening, with excellent results. In politics he is a Republican, and at one time he served as a constable. He was reared in the Congregational Church, to which his parents belonged, and he and his wife are active members of the First Congregational Church of West Haven and of the Sunday-school. In 1877 he married Miss Vara Smith, and they have had six children, of whom five are living, viz.: Minnie, Bertha, William, Florence and Clarence. Mrs. Hubbard is a native of the town of Orange, and a daughter of Marcus Smith, a prominent agriculturist, who died there aged eighty-two years. Her mother, Lucy Garlick, was born in Clyde, N. Y., and died in 1888, aged sixty-five years. Of the four children of Marcus and Lucy Smith, three are living, viz.: Brace, a resident of West Haven; Fanny, wife of Lewis Hubbard (our subject's brother); and Mrs. Hubbard.

THOMAS ENGLISH WORTHINGTON, a representative of one of the oldest and best known families of Massachusetts, and for many years a prominent contracting brick mason of New Haven, was born in Oxford, Conn., Aug. 25, 1842, a son of Thomas and Nancy (Hoyt) Worthington. The father was a native of Agawam, Mass., and by occupation a hatter. He died in Oxford, in 1848, when our subject, second of a family of four boys, was six years old. The mother, Nancy Hoyt, was a native of New York City, where she was educated, removing later to Connecticut, where her father engaged in farming. She died in 1873. The four children of Thomas and Nancy (Hoyt) Worthington were Harvey, Thomas E., George and Albert. Harvey was a carriage builder, head of the Concord Carriage Co., of Concord, N. H., and he died in 1892;

George, also a carriage maker of Gilmanton, N. H., died in 1868. Albert was a rubber boot manufacturer, and died in 1881.

Thomas E. Worthington spent his boyhood days on a farm in Oxford. He attended the old district school until he was fifteen years of age, and a year later he came to New Haven and began an apprenticeship at the mason trade. He continued steadily at his trade until August, 1862, when he enlisted for three years or until the close of the Civil war, in Company B, 20th Conn. V. I. He saw much active service and was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg in July, 1863, and was mustered out of service at Washington at the close of the war.

Returning to his old home, Mr. Worthington resumed his old trade at once, and has ever since been prominently identified with the same. Most of his work has been in New Haven, but occasionally business called him to other cities, and one year, 1877, he spent in St. John's, N. B., where he built three churches.

On Sept. 3, 1867, Mr. Worthington married Mary Jane Pardee, a native of Oxford, daughter of William L. and Sarah E. (Sackett) Pardee. Her father was born in Madison, and her mother in what is now Beacon Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Worthington are members of the Universalist Church. Mr. Worthington is prominent in the fraternal benevolent and social orders. He is a member of Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., No. 17; Garfield Council, American Mechanics; Camp No. 8, Patriotic Order Sons of America; Hammonasset Tribe, No. 1, Red Men; Vetrain Lodge, No. 1, Good Fellows; and also a member of the Bricklayers' Union. In politics he has always identified himself with Republican principles, and he has been an active and influential worker in the ranks of the party organization. For eleven years he has been the sewer inspector of New Haven, and in 1901 he received from Mayor John P. Studley the appointment of superintendent of sewers. He is highly respected, successful in business, and one of the prominent, self-made men of New Haven.

GEORGE BRONSON MURDOCK, whose standing in Meriden as a man of affairs and as an honorable citizen is unquestioned, was born in the town of Waterbury, New Haven county, Feb. 25, 1840, and is connected by both maternal and paternal ancestry with old Connecticut families.

The Murdocks are of Scottish descent. The first of the family in America was Peter Murdock, a native of Limerick, Ireland. He was a son of John Murdock, a wood comber by occupation, whose parents were natives of Scotland, but settled in Limerick on account of religious persecution at home. John Murdock was a staunch supporter of William of Orange, losing nearly all his property because of this loyalty. He married Mrs. Thomas, who became the mother of four

children, Peter Murdock, our subject's emigrant ancestor being of the number.

Peter Murdock was eleven years old when he was sent from his native place, because of his father's losses and the troublous times, to seek a home with his uncle, Peter Murdock, who resided in the North of England. There he remained until seventeen years old, when he came to the New World, landing at Philadelphia with only a crown in his pocket. Finding employment with a Quaker family, he worked on the farm for a time, and finally, having saved a few shillings, he invested in cutlery and notions, which he peddled. Coming North, he settled in Long Island, and married Mary E. Fithin, at Southampton. He bought a small store at East Hampton, the care of which fell to his wife, while he devoted himself to the coast trade with a small vessel. Making some money, he bought 2,200 acres of land in Little Egg Harbor, N. J., and 840 acres in what is now Westbrook, Conn., to which latter point he moved his store. There he died Nov. 6, 1753, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and there he was buried. His wife died Oct. 29, 1755, in her sixty-ninth year. Becoming established on Long Island, Peter Murdock sent for his three sisters, Abigail, Elizabeth and Dorcas. The first of these had died in the meantime, but the other two came. The last named married John Conklin; those of the name mentioned in this article were of the same lineage as United States Senator Roscoe Conkling. Elizabeth married a Mr. Sing, a goldsmith of Philadelphia.

John Murdock, only child of Peter, was born in 1706 on Long Island, and accompanied his father to Saybrook, where he became engaged in farming, and was an extensive land owner. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church from 1764 to 1778; was a major in the Colonial militia; judge of the common pleas court of the county of New London; and represented his town, then Saybrook, in the Legislature. He died in Saybrook, and was buried in the local cemetery. John Murdock was twice married. Phoebe Sill, his first wife, was born in Lyme, Conn., and died ten months after marriage. Frances Conklin, his second wife, was a native of East Hampton, Long Island, and became the mother of thirteen children: Peter, who graduated from Yale College, and died the same year; Mary, who married Nathaniel Hunting, Jr.; John; Phoebe, who married Rev. John Devotion; William; Abigail, Mrs. Lee, who had nine children; Enoch; Jonathan, a graduate of Yale and a clergyman in after life; Anna, Mrs. Lay; Miriam, Mrs. Morgan; Abraham; Frances, who married Lewis Jones and had a large family; and James, a graduate of Yale College.

William Murdock, son of Major John, was born Aug. 31, 1740, and was a farmer in Westbrook. He married Jerusha Lay, of Lyme, who bore him



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thirteen children: John; William; Phebe, who was twice married, first to a Mr. Hambleton, second to a Mr. Richardson; Peter, grandfather of our subject; Elisha (twin of Peter), who was drowned; Polly, Mrs. Zachariah Hurd; Miriam, Mrs. Isa Hurd; Anna, Mrs. Daniel Anderson; Frances, Mrs. Benjamin Smith; Enoch; Jonathan; James; and Abigail, Mrs. Samuel Whitney. The mother of these died in 1796, aged fifty-five years, and the father subsequently married Thankful Warner, widow of David Warner, of Millington; she died in 1816. There were no children by this union. William Murdock, the father, died in 1821 or 1822.

Peter Murdock, son of William, was born in Westbrook in 1768, died March 20, 1852, and was buried in Westbrook cemetery. He was a cabin boy on three privateers during the Revolution, and in later life a farmer and land owner, becoming one of the substantial citizens of his day. He married Mrs. Bathsheba (Dodge) Bush, widow of John Bush, in East Lyme, and to this union were born: Polly U., who married a Mr. DeWolfe, of Clinton, Conn.; Charles and Delia, twins, the latter of whom married Edwin Dowd, and was the mother of Zina Dowd, of Meriden; Emeline, who married Horace Nettleton; Zina Kelsey; and Mathew Griswold. Mrs. Murdock was the mother of three children by her first marriage: Fenner, a prominent manufacturer of Meriden; John; and Amaziah. Mrs. Murdock died in Westbrook in 1852.

ZINA KELSEY MURDOCK, the father of George B., was born in Westbrook, March 2, 1811, and his education was obtained in the district schools of his native town. In early boyhood he had delicate health. Endowed with a restless disposition, he left home at the age of fourteen years to make his way in the world, walking from Westbrook to Meriden, where his brother, Fenner Bush, was engaged in the business of manufacturing ivory combs. For several years he worked in this factory, and then became engaged in a mercantile business in partnership with Curtis L. North, Mr. North managing the local business, while Mr. Murdock carried on trading along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. This arrangement did not prove satisfactory and Mr. Murdock retired, leaving Mr. North in possession. He bought the farm where his son George Bronson now resides, in Murdock avenue, then known as the Curtis farm, and here spent his last days, dying Jan. 30, 1874. He was at the time among the large land owners in the town. A broad-minded man, he was a lover of fair play and liberty, and left a fine reputation. His courage and regard for free speech were fully demonstrated during the so-called riots of 1837 in Meriden. In the fall of 1837 Rev. Mr. Ludlow came to Meriden to lecture on Anti-slavery, and as Meriden was a pro-slavery town it was proposed to shut him out. Mr. Murdock and several other advocates of free speech insisted on hearing him,

and in consequence a mob gathered which inflicted serious injuries on the brave defenders of free speech. A Whig in early life, Mr. Murdock had no sympathy with slavery and no patience with those who brought on the Civil war. In his last years he supported the Democratic party. He never sought political honors. In his early life he was a Congregationalist in religious connection; after his marriage he and his wife united with the Episcopal Church, and in that communion he died. He married Harriet M. Bronson, who was born in Waterbury, daughter of Judge Bennet and Anna (Smith) Bronson. To this union were born three children: Mary E., Oct. 8, 1843; George Bronson, Feb. 25, 1846; and Charles Z., May 1, 1850. Mrs. Murdock died on the farm in 1895, and was buried in Meriden cemetery.

George Bronson Murdock attended the district schools, and the Russell Military Academy, at New Haven. He grew to manhood on the farm, where he has always remained, engaged in general agriculture, and he is one of the better known farmers of his section, highly respected for his industrious habits, kindly disposition and intelligence.

Mr. Murdock was married, in April, 1896, in Meriden, to Harriet Elizabeth Graves, a native of New Haven, a lady of charming disposition, a vocal artist of much ability, and known as a model wife and mother. They have three children, George Peter, Harriet Josephine and Bennet Bronson. Mr. Murdock is a Democrat, and has served on the school committee of the town. As one of the organizers of Meriden Grange he takes much interest in its work, and held the office of master for the first three years. Mrs. Murdock is also a member of this society.

JOHN N. POPP, late of Seymour, Conn., where his death occurred Oct. 2, 1897, was for nearly a third of a century one of the town's business men and commanded the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens and townsmen.

Mr. Popp was born in 1841 or 1842, in Bavaria, Germany, a son of Conrad and Katherina Popp, and in about 1865 came to America, and not long thereafter to Seymour, Conn., which place he ever afterward made his home. He was a merchant tailor by trade, and for a short time was employed at journey work. He then went into business for himself at Seymour, and continued therein up to the time of his death, meeting with deserved success. Of a kind disposition and generous nature, he was popular in the community and made a good citizen. Socially he was identified with a number of different orders or fraternities, among which were the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was also a member of the A. O. U. W., and of the New England Benefit Association, and of the German Society of Hermanns-Sohne. On Mr. Popp's death marked respect was shown his memory, the business houses of Sey-

near closed during the funeral. Many beautiful floral tokens of esteem and respect came on that occasion from the various orders to which the deceased had belonged, and from personal friends. The funeral was largely attended, attesting the affection, esteem and respect of the community at large in the deceased as a friend, neighbor and citizen. The pall bearers were Charles Monwhiler, Henry Schneider, Antone Noe, Leonard Wyom, Wolfgang Schaeffer and Louis Miller.

Mr. Popp in his religious faith was a German Lutheran, but, there being no church of that denomination at Seymour, he attended there, with his wife, the Congregational Church. In his political views Mr. Popp had been a Democrat up to the campaign of 1896, but voted in that year for William McKinley for President.

In 1867 Mr. Popp was married to Miss Sarah E. Wirth, born in Seymour, Conn., the only daughter of Peter and Mary A. (Andrews) Wirth, the former a native of Bavaria, Germany, born in about 1825, and the latter a native of Olneyville, R. I., born in about 1828, a daughter of Denison and Lucia Andrews. Peter Wirth came to America in a sailing vessel when quite a young man and located in the town of Seymour, Conn., many years ago, and here lived the rest of his days. He was an industrious and law-abiding citizen, and he and his wife were respected and esteemed citizens. Mr. Wirth for years was connected as an employe with the manufacturing concern of Raymond French. His death occurred Nov. 16, 1871, and that of his wife April 6, 1886, when they were aged, respectively, forty-six and fifty-eight years.

THOMAS H. MAGUIRE, supervisor of the South Division of the Connecticut School for Boys, is not only a competent official of that institution, but is also well known in musical circles as leader of the Meriden Military Band. He has been a worthy resident of Meriden from early manhood.

Mr. Maguire was born Nov. 30, 1863, in Boston, Mass., one of the three children of Thomas and Catherine (Keys) Maguire, the former of whom died in Milwaukee, Wis., the latter in New Haven, Conn. Thomas H. attended the Boston public schools until he was ten years old, when he removed to Milwaukee, Wis., and there attended school until about eighteen years of age. His school days over, he returned East, locating at Meriden, and obtained employment at the Connecticut School for Boys, commencing in the engine room, where he had charge of the boilers. He faithfully performed his duties, and in time was promoted to the position of night watchman, where he exhibited the same fidelity to every trust. He rose by degrees until he reached his present position, that of supervisor of the South Division, the duties of which he has discharged to the general satisfaction of all concerned.

Concerning Mr. Maguire's musical career we

quote from the *Dominant*, a musical journal, of April, 1898:

At the age of fifteen he became deeply interested in band music, and chose the baritone as his favorite instrument. Studying under the direction of first-class teachers he has nearly all the better class of solos for baritone, and is recognized as one of the best baritone players in his vicinity. Mr. Maguire has attained his present position by dint of hard work and constant study. He is the owner of a splendid library of music for band, orchestra, voice and piano, embracing some of the best European publications, and was for some years a regular subscriber to J. R. Lafleur Sons' *Challenge Journal for Band*, and Wright & Rounds' *Liverpool Brass Band Notes*. He has scored for military band such overtures as "William Tell," "Semiramide," "Oberon," and "Tannhauser," and the labor and care of scoring such works for band can only be appreciated by those who are familiar with the compositions. Recognizing the fact that in order to teach intelligently one must be familiar with the compass of all ordinary instruments, he has studied instrumentation in a most practical manner, viz.: Getting full scores of compositions direct from the composers.

At the last quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut School for Boys, the matter of having a band was taken up, and as a result Mr. Maguire was appointed bandmaster. The course of instruction imparted the thirty boys who compose the school band may prove interesting to readers of *The Dominant*. The boys are divided into three classes, according to ability, and at their daily meetings, which occupy several hours, rehearse the scales in every form from key of C to Gb, and from C to key of A for bases, making key of F-sharp for Eb instruments. The blowing of sustained tones being the foundation of all instrumental practice, a great deal of attention is given to that much neglected course of instruction; and it is surprising the beautiful tone that can be produced by a well balanced band. If the time be taken up in this manner, the benefit will soon be noticed.

Mr. Maguire has studied voice culture, and the knowledge gained from that study is of great benefit in band work. He has adopted a new idea for so far as I am aware it has not been tried before. Every teacher knows how hard it is to teach players to read readily. He has taken Greenwood's two-part exercises for singing classes, and arranged the most important of them in different keys for full band. Scale practice is usually looked upon as dry study; but with the above exercises, you combine time with tune. The band is divided into sections; those on the right playing the simple scale in time; those on the left playing the counterpoint, four quarters to the measure; then reversing the parts, and so on till the value of all notes are mastered. Any one who adopts that method with new material will be amply repaid for his labor. After but three months' practice the boys play such pieces as "Sweet Brier Overture," "Philo Senate March," "American Belle March" etc. etc.

The school has a fine room which has been placed at the disposal of the band, and the boys have made it additionally attractive by adorning the walls with pictures of musical organizations and portraits of all the well-known band leaders. Among whom, here as elsewhere the only Sousa seems to be the favorite. Leader Maguire is very much attached to his art, and we have every reason to believe has a bright future before him.

We may add that the Meriden Military Band, which now has thirty-six members, has under Mr. Maguire's direction filled some very important engagements, chief of which might be mentioned the trips of ten days with Merriam Post, G. A. R., to the battlefields of Gettysburg and to Washington, D. C. Mr. Maguire has studied under Bandmaster John Lyon;

harmony and composition with Prof. F. T. Southwick, of Meriden; voice culture with J. Jerome Hayes, of New Haven, and with George M. Greene, of New York. He has sung at various times in several of the local churches. He makes a practice of spending his annual vacation where the best of band music is performed, and in numerous other ways displays his enthusiastic devotion to his profession. His musical library, mentioned in the foregoing, embraces also many valuable works on musical literature, including some of the principal works of the masters.

Mr. Maguire was married in New York City, by Rev. Dr. Burtzell, to Miss Catherine Mulvaney, and they have two children, Mary Elizabeth and Francis Lawrence, both pupils at St. Rose's School. Mrs. Maguire is a woman of refinement and strong character. She fills the position of supervisor of the dining room in the Connecticut School for Boys. Mr. and Mrs. Maguire are members of St. Joseph's Church, Meriden. Socially he unites with Silver City Lodge, A. O. U. W.; the Modern Woodmen of America; the Amaranth Club; the Catholic Club; and the Meriden Turner Society.

JOHN HARWOOD PEARCE. A leading citizen of New Haven, who for many years has been prominently identified with the rubber industries of the country, is John H. Pearce, of this city, now the efficient superintendent of L. Candee & Co.

Richard Pearce, his grandfather, was born, reared and married in England, and was a miller by occupation. In his later years he moved to Centerville, Canada, where he died at a good old age, respected by the community.

Richard M. Pearce, son of Richard and father of John H., of this biography, was born in Barnstable, England, Feb. 1, 1828, and was married to Mary A. Harwood, in his native land. He was a leather sheemaker by trade in the old country. In 1850 he brought his family to Montreal, Canada, and there became the superintendent of the Canadian Rubber Co., remaining in that capacity for thirty years. He then removed to Boston, Mass., and entered the employ of the Boston Rubber Shoe Co., later becoming interested in the Lyeomg Rubber Co., at Williamsport, Pa. His death took place in New Haven, while on a visit to his son, April 15, 1886, his widow surviving until April 1, 1889, when she passed away in New Haven. His political sympathies were with the Republican party, and both he and wife were devoted to the Episcopal Church. The children born to Richard M. Pearce and wife were: Richard M., who is with the Hood Rubber Co., of Boston; Elizabeth A., who died at the age of twenty; and John Harwood, of this sketch.

John H. Pearce was born in Montreal, Canada, May 16, 1855, and spent his boyhood days in that city, remaining there until he was twenty-three. His education was acquired in the public and normal

schools, upon the completion of which he entered into the rubber business, under his father, with the Canadian Rubber Co., remaining about eight years, and thoroughly mastering every detail. He then accepted a position with the Boston Rubber Shoe Co., at Malden, Mass., continuing there for the succeeding two years, when he was appointed assistant superintendent, with his father, at Williamsport, Pa., and remained with the Lyeomg Rubber Co., of that city, for four years. On May 20, 1884, he accepted the responsible position of foreman with L. Candee & Co., of New Haven, and efficiently and acceptably performed the duties of that position until 1892, when he became assistant superintendent, so continuing until Nov. 1, 1901, when he was made superintendent.

Although Mr. Pearce has been immersed in business ever since his location in New Haven, he has taken an active part in the civic life of the community, his services being recognized by his election as councilman in 1895, and as alderman from the Fifth ward in 1897, his friends regarding these elections as personal tributes, as the ward is decidedly Democratic, and Mr. Pearce is an ardent and active Republican. Mayor John P. Studley has recently recognized his merits by appointing him fire commissioner, showing a high degree of confidence.

On May 16, 1883, Mr. Pearce was married to Miss Estella A. Nichols, of Williamsport, a daughter of Jared P. Nichols, of old Connecticut stock, and five children have been born of this union: John Harwood, Jr.; Walter Nichols; Frederick Richard; and Bessie and Charles J., both deceased. Fraternally Mr. Pearce is connected with Hiram Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of which he is past master; with Franklin Chapter, No. 2; Harmony Council, No. 8; Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Bridgeport; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; and has taken all the higher degrees, including the thirty-second. As a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church he is highly esteemed and in business and social circles is favorably regarded. Aside from all his other duties, Mr. Pearce has interested himself in perfecting a number of useful inventions in the rubber business, and owns the patents on a number of them.

JOHN V. RATTELSDORFER. One of the prominent citizens of New Haven who has done much in the way of city legislation for its improvement, and who also is a successful man of business, is John V. Rattelsdorfer, who was born in New Haven April 21, 1858.

His father, John V. Rattelsdorfer, Sr., was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to New York in 1848, and one year later to New Haven, serving in the Civil war as sergeant of Company C, 6th Conn. V. I., and he died from wounds and disease contracted at that time. By trade he was a weaver, and manufacturer of silk vests and similar goods,

while his father was a gentleman of leisure. In Vienna he married Fackla Drexler, who was born in the province of Moravia, Austria, and who died in 1879. After coming to New Haven John A. Rattelsdorfer, Sr., went to work as a weaver in some of the manufacturing shops, and for a short time was employed by the New Haven Clock Co., and then engaged in business for himself, opening up a refreshment hall, and soon becoming a force in politics, and was the very first German Republican in New Haven. In his political ambitions he was encouraged by his able wife, who was a woman of great force of character, and together they had much influence with the German element. Twelve children were born to these most worthy people, but the others before the birth of our subject.

John A. Rattelsdorfer, our subject, spent his boyhood days in what was then the Fifth city ward, but is now the Sixth, and attended the Wooster grammar school, and later graduated from the Russell Commercial Collegiate Institute. After finishing his education he became a clerk in a meat business, but when he was about eighteen his careful and devoted mother sent him to Vienna for a visit of six months as a finish to his education. Upon his return he engaged in the meat business, on the corner of State and Clark streets, for a short time, later opening on State street, where he remained until other interests claimed his attention. The six following years were spent by Mr. Rattelsdorfer in clerking, and then he went to Fairhaven and started into business on the corner of Poplar and Grand streets, where he remained one year, later clerking for his old firm for some six months. He then opened up a business in his own ward, on the corner of Green and Wallace streets, where he was located for eight years, later purchasing his present location on the corner of Green and Chestnut streets. Here he has built up a fine brick block, and has conducted a large business in the meat and grocery line ever since April 5, 1892.

In 1893 Mr. Rattelsdorfer entered politics, and has been one of the most active members of the Republican party in this locality ever since. In 1895 he was a member of his ward committee, and was elected alderman, and served through 1895-6, in 1895 the vote being a tie. A new election was called and the result was the seating of our subject by twenty-five votes, although the ward was some four votes Democratic, which made Mr. Rattelsdorfer the first Republican alderman ever elected in it. Only one Republican has been elected since then, which followed our subject's term of office, he having secured re-election. Ever since that time he has been a leader in his ward, belongs to its committee, was elected a delegate to the State Convention at Hartford, one of the four from this city. In 1901 he was appointed chairman of the board of charities, by Mayor Stulley, which is considered a high selection on account of the conscientious manner in which he performs public duties. Mr.

Rattelsdorfer has been very active in furthering measures of public benefit, and it was through his instrumentality that permanent pavements were laid.

Fraternally our subject is very popular, and is connected with the Masonic fraternity in Connecticut Rock Lodge, Franklin Chapter, and Harmony Council; and he also belongs to the Royal Arcanum, New England Order of Protection, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Knights of the Macabees, Patriotic Sons of America, the German society Deutsche Gesellschaft, and others, and he is a member of the 2d Company of the Governor's Foot Guards.

On Oct. 20, 1878, Mr. Rattelsdorfer was married to Miss Anna B. Oppel, who was born in New Haven, although her parents were native Germans. Five children have blessed this union: John V., Jr.; Charles D.; Anna T.; Bessie J.; and Minnie V. Of these John V., Jr., married Minnie Rogerson. The religious connection of the family is with the St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

EDWARD J. MORSE, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of New Haven, retired captain of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guards, and the owner and successful manager of large greenhouses near Morris Cove, was born in Durham, Middlesex Co., Conn., Aug. 9, 1851.

Joseph I. Morse, the father of Edward J., was born in Wallingford May 24, 1810, a son of Jonathan, Jr., and grandson of Jonathan, Sr., and his wife, Esther Curtis. Jonathan Morse, Jr., who was a farmer in Wallingford, married Thankful Blakeslee. Joseph I. Morse married Elizabeth Hill, of Guilford, in 1833, and four children were born to them, as follows: Jane A., who married Charles L. Shepard and resides in New Haven; Augustus W., who is married and lives in Guilford; Lois E., who married Wilson Clark and lives in New Britain; and Joseph, the youngest, died in childhood. The mother of these children died in 1839. Joseph I. Morse married (second) Mary Nettleton, who was born in North Killingworth, and passed out of life in 1861. A family of seven children were born of this union, five of whom grew to maturity: Eckford I. is a painter in Durham; Rosella died young; Harriet L. married William T. Hayden and lives in Hartford; Frederick L. is an engineer and lives in West Haven; Herbert H. is an engineer in North Haven; Nelson died in infancy; Edward J. was the fourth in the family. In 1863 Joseph I. Morse married a third time, Phoebe Welmore becoming his wife. Their children were: Nellie, Joseph, Charlotte, George and Bertha, some of whom are now deceased. In politics Mr. Morse was a lifelong Democrat, and both he and wife were valued and consistent members of the Methodist Church. He died in 1881.

The boyhood of Edward J. Morse was spent in Durham, and there he attended school. When he



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was twelve years old he began to assist neighboring farmers during the summer months, and attended school during the winters, in both Northford and Wallingford. At the age of fifteen his school days were over, and a year later he went to Westville, where for four years he clerked in a meat market, and for seven years was a valued employe of S. E. Merwin, the pork packer, going then to Fairhaven, where he opened up a meat business of his own, which he conducted for ten years. Returning to Mr. Merwin, he took charge of his business in Allentown, and was successfully engaged there for five years, but in January, 1897, he opened up his present business, which is that of a florist. Mr. Morse is well situated for this line, near Morris Cove, and has extensive grounds, large greenhouses, fitted with all modern appliances, and has a very large trade which is constantly increasing.

On April 24, 1879, Mr. Morse was married to Miss Ida V. Smith, of New Haven, a daughter of Edward D. Smith, and a family of three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Morse, Jessie M., Ruby A. and Edward S. In politics Mr. Morse has been an active Republican, and is now efficiently serving as alderman of the Fifteenth ward, to which office he was elected in April, 1900. For eight years he served as captain of the Foot Guards, but has since retired from that body. Socially he was connected with Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., and he and family are highly regarded in the Methodist Church.

FRANK HENRY WHEELER, M. D. The subject of the present biography has been more than a spectator in the evolution of medical practice in the State of Connecticut, where he has passed the best years of his life, and is still an active factor in the profession. Dr. Wheeler was born in Montville, New London Co., Conn., July 18, 1856. Grandfather Henry Wheeler, also a native of Connecticut, married Lucretia Loomis, and reared a family of three children: William H.; Edwin; and Maria, who married Harvey Derrin, and resided in New Haven, Connecticut.

William H. Wheeler, the father of our subject was a prominent man in Montville, and when he removed in 1873, to New Haven, he threw himself heartily into all public enterprises, soon after being elected president of the board of councilmen. Socially he was connected with Somerset Lodge of Norwich, F. & A. M. Later he became a manufacturer of cotton goods, and also conducted both a saw and grist mill, but late in life engaged in the life insurance and real estate business. He married Waittelle E. Whalley, a native of Chesterfield, Conn., a daughter of James Whalley, who was a farmer of that locality, of English descent. Mrs. Wheeler is still living, Mr. Wheeler having died in 1886, in New Haven.

An only child, Frank Henry Wheeler had many

educational advantages superior to those of many of his present colleagues not so fortunately situated. At the age of sixteen, after attendance on the district schools in Montville, his parents decided to leave the village in order to give their son opportunities he could not have at the old home. Mr. Wheeler was a man of education himself, particularly in the law, but our subject did not incline to that profession. After passing through the Hopkins Grammar school, graduating in 1876, he entered Yale College, graduating from the academic department in 1880, and he then entered the Medical school from which he graduated in 1882, the next year becoming an interne in the New Haven Hospital, acting for six months as house physician, and as surgeon for seven months, following this practice with a special course in New York, in the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Enthusiastic in his profession, Dr. Wheeler then returned to New Haven, and here has won many triumphs by his skill as a surgeon and his thorough knowledge as a physician. Dr. Wheeler was married on Feb. 28, 1889, to Miss Florence Woodhouse, of New Haven, a daughter of Capt. James H. and Lucretia Charlotte (Gillette) Woodhouse, the latter of New Haven, the former of Wethersfield. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler: James Woodhouse born April 5, 1890, and Harold Whalley, born Aug. 26, 1898.

Dr. Wheeler has been prominently identified with the progress of medicine in New Haven, and for nine years was assistant professor of Pathology in Yale College, and at the same time at the New Haven Hospital; for six years he was connected with the New Haven Dispensary, and for fifteen years has been attending physician at the New Haven Orphan Asylum.

Politically Dr. Wheeler is a Democrat. In July, 1901, he was appointed by the Hon. Mayor John P. Studley as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners. Fraternally he belongs to Hiram Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of which he is Past Master; is district deputy Grand Master for New Haven County and is a member of Franklin Chapter, No. 2; Harmony Council, No. 8; New Haven Commandery, No. 2; New Haven Chapter, Rose Croix; Lafayette Consistory, of Bridgeport; and Pyramid Temple, of the Mystic Shrine. For a number of years he has been connected with the A. O. U. W., and is now Grand Medical Examiner for Connecticut; in the Foresters he has been Supreme Treasurer, and has held other offices, and he is a valued member of the Graduates and of the Pequot Clubs. He is now President of the Yale Medical Alumni Association. Professionally, Dr. Wheeler is a member of the New Haven Medical Society, of which he is president; also of the New Haven County Medical Society and the Connecticut State Medical Society.

Dr. Wheeler is one of the busiest of men, at

tools to the various organizations mentioned, looks carefully after a large practice, meets in consultation with other surgeons and physicians, and preserves the activities and medical tests which have made him well and favorably known over so wide a field, and an honor to his profession. With all the calls made upon him, he finds time to keep thoroughly posted upon the advances in his profession, and to maintain an intimate acquaintance with his well-filled library.

HUBERT LITTLE, a member of the well-known firm of Little, Somers & Hyatt, wholesale dealers in paints, papers and similar goods, is one of the prominent business men of Meriden, and was born in the town of Columbia, Tolland Co., Conn., Nov. 14, 1848, a descendant of one of the oldest and best families of the State. A full history of the family is found in connection with the biography of Saxton Bailey Little, which appears on another page.

William Buckingham Little, the father of Hubert, was born in Columbia, Conn., June 6, 1815, and died Dec. 10, 1897. He was a son of Samuel Little, and a brother of Saxton B. Little, of Meriden, and was reared on the farm of his father. His education was acquired in the Columbia schools, and for early all his life was spent on a farm which he owned and operated in Columbia. He was a man well known and much respected by the community, in which he served as probate judge for Columbia many years. As a member of the State Senate, to which he was elected on the Republican ticket, he served his constituency faithfully and well. His remains are resting in the Columbia Cemetery. In the Congregational Church he was known as a faithful and devoted member, and his domestic habits were keyed to high and pure mores. Mr. Little was married in Vernon, May 19, 1841, to Harriet N. Palmer, of Vernon, a daughter of Elliot and Ann (Loomis) Palmer. She is still living in Columbia, Conn., and is known as a lady of such domestic character, a devoted wife and mother, and an earnest and consecrated member of the Congregational Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Little were born the following children: (1) Myron Woodcock, born Oct. 11, 1842, married Emily Wright, Nov. 15, 1869; (2) Elliot Palmer, born Oct. 2, 1844, died June 31, 1855; (3) Anna Maria, born Dec. 23, 1846, died Oct. 25, 1855; (4) Hubert; (5) Albert, born April 17, 1851; (6) Elbert Corcoran, born Oct. 24, 1853; (7) Prescott Palmer, born Sept. 16, 1856; and (8) Payson Elliot, born Aug. 31, 1859.

Hubert Little spent his boyhood days on the paternal farm, where he attended the local school, and he finished his literary training in the high school in Wallingford. Until he was eighteen years old he resided at home, and at that age he came to Meriden, where he learned the painter's trade with Charles L. Little, his cousin, with whom he worked

for several years. At the end of that period he bought out his instructor's establishment, and formed a partnership with his brother, Elbert C., to deal in paints and papers and conduct a general decorating business under the firm name of H. Little & Company. This partnership continued until 1884 when Mr. Somers bought out the interest of E. C. Little. In 1886 Isaac B. Hyatt bought into the firm, and for the past sixteen years it has been Little, Somers & Hyatt.

On Nov. 14, 1871, Mr. Little was married to Alice L., a daughter of Egbert Brown, of Columbia; she died May 20, 1877. Three children were born of this union: Flora L., born Nov. 18, 1872, died Jan. 14, 1875; Clayton E., born Dec. 19, 1874, died March 27, 1875; and Clinton E., who was born May 8, 1877, is a traveling salesman for the Beacon Falls Rubber Company. Mr. Little married for his second wife, Martha L., a daughter of William Williams, of Westfield, Conn. To this union were born: Edna M., born Jan. 28, 1879, died April 9, 1883; Thomas Saxton, born Nov. 27, 1882, died May 12, 1883; Harold Saxton, born July 7, 1884; and Burton Elbert, born May 4, 1890, died Oct. 30, 1891.

Mr. and Mrs. Little are members of Trinity Methodist Church, and he is a member of Pacific Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Pilgrim's Harbor Council, Royal Arcanum, at Meriden. In politics he is a Republican, but no office seeker. His domestic habits are of the best, and he is a good citizen, with a host of friends.

HORATIO NELSON SMITH, one of the leading citizens of Middlebury, first selectman of the town, and a butcher by occupation, is a native of that village, born June 22, 1851, in the house where the first Ecclesiastical society met over one hundred years ago.

Horatio Nelson Smith, his father, was a native of Naugatuck, Conn., and was a son of Elisha Smith, an old settler of that locality. Our subject's father received a common school education, and further instructed himself by abundant reading. He learned the trade of blacksmith in his native town, and when a young man removed to Middlebury, where he bought the home now owned by our subject (the one above referred to), and built a shop, in which he did general blacksmithing and repairing; he also engaged in general farming. Here he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1896, and was buried in Middlebury. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and in politics a Democrat. Twice married, his first wife was Nancy Nichols, of Naugatuck, who died in Middlebury, leaving two children: Nancy, who married Marlin J. Pratt, of Torrington, Conn.; and Anna, deceased wife of Alvie Wooster. For his second wife Mr. Smith wedded Maria Booth, daughter of Lewis Booth, and children as follows were born to them: Frederick, of Seymour, Conn.; Frank, proprietor

of a livery in Waterbury; Perry, a farmer in the town of Middlebury; Charles, who died in Middlebury; Horatio Nelson, a sketch of whom follows; Anna, wife of George Curtis, of Torrington, Conn.; and Emma, who died unmarried. The mother of these died at the home of her daughter in Torrington, Conn., at the age of eighty-two years, and was buried in Middlebury. She was a member of the M. E. Church, a good Christian woman.

Horatio N. Smith, whose name introduces this sketch, received a liberal education at the schools of Middlebury, and while yet a youth followed the trade of carpenter, working as a jobber until 1881, in that year commencing the butchering business, which he has since followed in connection with farming pursuits. Through perseverance, industry, honorable dealing and politeness he has built up a fine trade and a constantly-increasing custom.

In 1880, in the town of Bethany, New Haven county, Horatio N. Smith was married to Mary A. Wright, who was born in Sullivan county, N. Y., a daughter of Artemus Wright, and eight children were born to them: Harry, Florence, Burton Grover, Lyman, Rodger, Wynford, Ray, and Kenneth E. Mrs. Smith is a lady of refinement and culture, a sterling wife and mother. She and her husband attend the Congregational Church. In politics Mr. Smith is a Democrat, and in 1895 he was elected to the State Legislature by the people of his native town; in 1897 was elected first selectman of the town, and re-elected in 1898, in itself showing his well-merited popularity.

DR. GEORGE I. HEMINGWAY, whose office is at No. 86 Broadway, New Haven, takes a prominent position among the physicians of the city, not only by reason of his high attainments and scientific spirit, but also by his personal attributes of high character. He was born in Woodbridge, Conn., May 26, 1867, a son of John I. Hemingway, a native of the same town.

Isaac Hemingway (2), the grandfather of George I., was born in Woodbridge in 1794, a son of Deacon Isaac, who was born in East Haven, in 1762, and was an early settler in Woodbridge where he followed farming. He was a deacon of the Congregational Church, and a prominent man in the community, and passed away at the age of eighty-seven. Isaac Hemingway (2) was also a farmer, and owned part of the original land grant to the family. He died at the early age of thirty-six. Abraham Hemingway, his brother, lived in New Haven, and died when seventy-five years old. Isaac Hemingway (2) married Esther Smith, who was born in Woodbridge, in 1793. She was the mother of only two children, John I. and Nancy, of whom the latter is still living in Westville unmarried. Mrs. Hemingway, who died at the age of fifty-two years, belonged to the Congregational Church, and was a lady of much character and many excellencies of mind and heart.

John I. Hemingway was born in Woodbridge, Dec. 13, 1828. His education was obtained in the public school and the Orange Free Academy. For many years he was a painter and decorator, making his home in Westville, and at New Haven. In his old age he came back to Westville, where he died March 25, 1901, at the age of seventy-two. Mary Platt Hemingway, his wife, who is still living, was born in Milford, Conn., a daughter of Col. William Platt, prominent in Milford affairs. One child, Dr. George I., blessed the home of John I. and Mary (Platt) Hemingway.

Col. William Platt, who was born in Milford in 1794, descended in the seventh generation from Richard Platt, the first settler in that town. He was a Colonel of the militia, and was a large and influential farmer. By his marriage with Anna Stowe, daughter of Jedediah and Sarah (Clark) Stowe, he became the father of seven children, six of whom are still living: William, Richard and Phineas all live in Milford; Charlotte married William C. Hall, who was employed for fifty years in the car shops in New Haven; Sarah married Linus Cornwall, of Berlin; and Mary is Mrs. Hemingway. Mrs. Anna (Stowe) Platt was born in Milford in 1793, and lived to be over ninety years old. With her husband, she belonged to the Congregational Church. Jedediah Stowe, father of Mrs. Platt, was a soldier in the Revolution, and in his later years drew a pension from the government for his services; he married Sarah Clark, who was born in Milford, and died in the faith of the Congregational Church at the age of eighty-eight, the mother of seven children. Stephen Stowe, the father of Jedediah, was also a hero of the Revolution, and gave food and shelter to American prisoners who escaped from the British prison ships by swimming ashore on a cold, bleak winter's night. These prisoners brought ship fever and smallpox with them, and while Mr. Stowe ministered to their needs, he fell a victim to the disease and died in the path of duty.

Dr. George I. Hemingway spent his early years in Westville, where he received his elementary education in the common schools, and in the Hopkins Grammar School. His medical education was begun in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and was continued in the University of Vermont, from which institution he was graduated in 1897. The same year, after giving not a little thought to the matter, he selected New Haven for his home, and opened his office for practice here, Nov. 29, 1897. A very flattering success has attended his career in this city, and he has won an enviable standing both professionally and personally.

On Nov. 29, 1892, Dr. Hemingway was married to Miss Ida Hallenbeck, a native of Catskill, N. Y., where her father was a prominent citizen. She was the only child of her parents, and is the mother of one boy, Thornton W. Dr. Hemingway is a Republican, and is a member of the State and County

Medical Societies of New Haven, where his devotion to his profession and high character command attention and inspire respect.

HORACE TEMPLE SMITH, who died Aug. 14, 1888, at his home in Meriden, was one of the most respected residents of that city. He was born Sept. 30, 1833, in Landgrove, Bennington Co., Vt., where his father, Solomon Smith, was a farmer.

Solomon Smith was a native of Guilford, Vt. He continued to till the soil in Landgrove and Plymouth, that State, going to the latter town soon after 1840, until past middle life. He came to Meriden about 1867, making his home with his son. He was killed by a train at Drury's crossing Feb. 14, 1873, and was buried in the West cemetery. Mr. Smith was much respected for his upright character. He married Hannah Holman, who died Oct. 23, 1850, in Plymouth, Vt., and was buried in Springfield, that State. They were the parents of eight children. Chauncey, the eldest, born Aug. 30, 1818, is a resident of Hiawatha, Neb. Sally, born July 12, 1820, died in San Bernardino county, Cal. Lucy died in infancy. Lydia, born April 30, 1826, first married Charles P. Stillwell, and for her second husband James Lawton; all are now deceased. Alva, born Nov. 4, 1828, is deceased. Lucy A., born June 30, 1821, is the widow of Almon Pratt, who was killed by a train in Meriden. Horace T. was the seventh. Sibyl, born March 30, 1836, married James Roberts, and resides in Ludlow, Vermont.

Horace T. Smith grew up in a rural community, and had such educational advantages as the region afforded. Before attaining his majority he engaged in teaming on his own account in Plymouth, Vt. In 1855 he settled in Meriden, and was employed until 1859 by Deacon R. B. Perkins, in the express business. At the end of this period he set up in business for himself, beginning with four horses. His genial manners, integrity and faithful attention to the wants of the public had already made him popular, and his business steadily increased until at the time of his death he was the owner of thirty-six horses, and had the largest patronage, so far, of the kind in Meriden. In 1877 he suffered a stroke of paralysis, and further ailments gradually took away—Aug. 14, 1888—one of the most enterprising and industrious citizens Meriden ever held. His remains rest in the West cemetery.

While not affiliated with any religious organization, Mr. Smith has an exemplary life, and sought to follow the injunction laid down by the Divine Word in the golden rule. He was not a politician, nor supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and among the first three votes as superintendent of jurors. His broad and benevolent heart was interested by the first church was started in 1860, and his principal fraternal and benevolent union, of the year 1871. He became a member of the *Pythian Lodge*, No. 87, I. O. O. F., Meriden

Lodge, No. 4, Knights of Pythias, and Meridian Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M., Keystone Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M., Hamilton Council, No. 22, R. & S. M., and St. Elmo Commandery, K. T., all of Meriden. He was always a patriotic supporter of the government, and when the Civil war began he wished to go to the front as a soldier, but the demands of his family kept him at home. However, when his name was found among those drawn by chance to serve, he procured a substitute, and thus aided in suppressing rebellion.

Mr. Smith was married, May 15, 1855, to Adeline Allen, daughter of Cyrus and Sally (Hall) Allen, of Ludlow, Vt. Four children came to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: (1) George P. is now a part owner of the H. T. Smith Express Co., of Meriden; he married Ella Desmond, and has five children, Horace T., Carl D., Allen C., Adeline T. and Stephen L. (2) Allen, the second child of Horace T., died when three years old. (3) Charles S., the third, is engaged in the express business at Shelburne Falls, Mass.; he married Lena Rachor, who died leaving one child, Harold E. (4) Nellie became the wife of Charles Tredennick, who is interested in the H. T. Smith Co., and has a son, Charles Max. Mrs. Smith has been connected with Meriden Chapter, No. 8, O. E. S., since 1869, and has served over twenty years as secretary of the chapter. She is also identified with Merriam Womans Relief Corps. A lady of high Christian character, she enjoys the esteem of a wide acquaintance, and takes part in many good works.

HON. JOHN WALTER MIX, United States Collector at the Port of New Haven, and for many years a prominent manufacturer and business man at the town of Cheshire, Conn., is one of the substantial and influential men of New Haven county.

Mr. Mix was born March 31, 1850, in Cheshire a son of John and Eliza (Merriman) Mix, and a descendant on both sides from early Colonial families. On the paternal side he descends from Thomas Mix (Mixx, or Meeks, as the spelling is varied), who came to New Haven from London, England, when a young man. In 1649 he married Rebecca Turner, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Turner, one of the most prominent Pilgrim settlers in New England. Thomas Mix died in 1691, and was buried near the old church in the burying ground on the "Green" in New Haven.

(1) John Mix, son of Thomas, was born in 1649, and in 1670 removed to Wallingford. He married Elizabeth Heaton, of New Haven. He died Jan. 21, 1711, and she passed away Aug. 21, following.

(2) Daniel Mix was born Sept. 8, 1653. On May 2, 1678, he married Ruth, daughter of John and Sarah (Forsign) Rockwell, of Hartford, Conn.

(3) Thomas Mix, son of Daniel, was born March 25, 1670, and married on March 12, 1705, Deborah Roys.

(4) Thomas Mix (2), son of Thomas, was



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born Nov. 27, 1709, and married on April 5, 1736, to Ruth Manross.

(V) John Mix, son of Thomas (2), born Aug. 25, 1750, married Dec. 10, 1781, Elizabeth Hall, who died Sept. 7, 1845. He died Oct. 3, 1824.

(VI) John Mix (2), son of John, was born Feb. 10, 1784. On April 6, 1808, he married Olive Ives, who passed away Sept. 1, 1856. He died April 5, 1849.

(VII) John Mix (3), son of John (2), and father of John Walter, was born Jan. 10, 1813, and he became one of the pioneer manufacturers at Cheshire. About 1830 Edward A. Cornwall had a small shop which was operated with water power from the Canal below the second lock, at a place then called Beachport, now West Cheshire, and there made coffee mills. Mr. Mix leased this shop, and began making Britannia spoons in a small way, increasing his output as the years passed until he came to employ a working force of more than thirty hands. He was also engaged in the manufacture of gimlets and auger bits, and was in business until the abandonment of the Canal in 1846 took away his power. The place on Ten-Mile River afterward became Mixville, where a power had been improved to operate a small gristmill. Mr. Mix built new shops in which he made bits and gimlets. In 1853 he formed a stock company, entitled the John Mix Manufacturing Co., and finally leased the factory in Mixville to J. W. Mix & Co., who sold out and removed to Southington, and remained there eighteen months. Mr. Mix, however, continued the manufacture of edge tools in Cheshire until his retirement in 1876. His death occurred in March, 1889. He married Eliza Merriman, a daughter of Albert Merriman, a resident of Southington, and a man of much character and standing in his day.

(IX) John Walter Mix was educated in the Episcopal Military Academy of his native town and at Golden Hill Institute, Bridgeport, Conn. He became associated with his father in the manufacture of edge tools in 1876, and when his father retired, took full charge of the business, added a full line of carpenter's edge tools and, developing much business and mechanical ability, soon built up a very large business. In 1886 Mr. Mix took charge of a similar enterprise conducted by the firm of G. I. Mix & Co., at Yalesville, where he has made for himself a most admirable reputation in business circles, being well and favorably known, not only at home, but throughout the State.

From boyhood Mr. Mix has taken a deep interest in public affairs, and for years has been one of the prominent men in his native county, where he is now looked upon as an able and talented leader. In 1883 he was the representative of his town in the General Assembly. In 1892 he was defeated for State Senator, but in 1895 was triumphantly elected to that body, being re-elected in 1897, from the Sixth Senatorial District. His services to the State as a member of the Legislature were charac-

terized by patriotic zeal, marked business ability, and won for him deserved distinction. In February, 1899, Mr. Mix was appointed by Pres. McKinley, Collector of the Port of New Haven, an important position which he has since filled with signal ability. He is a member of the Republican State Central Committee, the Union League, and the Young Men's Republican Club of New Haven, and the Home Club of Meriden. Collector Mix is one of the prominent Masons of the State, having taken the Thirty-Second Degree, and is now Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and is Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar.

On Oct. 2, 1872, Mr. Mix was married to Miss Kate Wallace, daughter of Franklin Wallace of Cheshire. This union was blessed with six children: Edna, Tenna (died), Ethel, Helen, Clifford (died), and Breckenridge. Edna married Eugene A. Hall, treasurer of the town of Meriden, trustee of the State School for Boys, and treasurer and teller of the Meriden Savings Bank, and Eminent Commander of St. Elmo Commandery, K. T.; they have two children, Fanny and Edna. Helen graduated from the State Normal School at New Britain in 1902, and Mrs. Hall and Ethel from the Meriden High School. Mrs. Hall was a teacher in the public schools for five years, including three years in New Haven. Ethel has been teaching in the Wallingford schools three years. The son, Breckenridge, is now a member of the Boardman Training School of New Haven. Mr. Mix is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. In January, 1902, Mr. Mix removed to Meriden, severing his connection with the manufactory at Yalesville.

LEW ALLEN LIPSETTE, better known as Lew Allen, editor and one of the founders of the Meriden *Daily Journal*, is one of the best-known newspaper men in the State, and, in point of service, the oldest in the city of Meriden. He was born Feb. 18, 1852, in the city of New York, where he received his education in the public schools. His first independent undertaking was in newspaper work, and for more than a quarter of a century he has been engaged in journalism in Connecticut. He was city editor of the New Haven *Union* until 1886, when he became interested with Francis Atwater, Thomas L. Reilly and Frank E. Sands in forming the Journal Publishing Company, which began the issue of the Meriden *Daily Journal*. Mr. Allen was made vice president of this company, and has been editor of the paper from its birth. It has grown steadily in size and influence, and is to-day one of the most enterprising and successful newspapers in the State. It is a violation of no confidence, nor of any rule of propriety, to say that much of this progress is due to the fertile mind and ready force of Mr. Allen.

In politics, Mr. Allen is an Independent, and he has served as a member of the Meriden Common

Council. For a period of five years he was a member of Co. 1, 2nd Regiment, Conn. National Guard. He is connected with All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church of Meriden. Fraternally he belongs to Pilgrims' Harbor Council, No. 543, Royal Arcanum.

In 1878 Mr. Allen married Miss Amelia Urlick, and his family includes two sons, Walter and Lewis, Jr., now students in the Meriden High School.

WILLIS L. MIX, who conducts one of the most popular and complete drug stores in the city of New Haven, and is prominent among druggists throughout the State, was born March 13, 1851, in New Haven, son of Lewis Mix, who is fully mentioned elsewhere.

Mr. Mix attended the public schools of his native city, and later was a student at Russell's Military Academy four years, after which, in 1867, he entered old Apothecaries Hall, acquiring his first knowledge of the drug business with Noyes & Shepard. He was subsequently with Lannam & Sevin, in Norwich, and his last employer was J. H. Klock, who carried on the drug business at our subject's present location, Church and Chapel streets. Mr. Mix continued with Mr. Klock until the latter's death. He had enjoyed a partnership in the business for eighteen months prior to that event, and has since been sole proprietor, having purchased the remaining interest. In 1901, Mr. Mix completely renovated and refitted his establishment, which is one of the largest and best appointed in the city, and also one of the best-known, having been carried on without interruption for over fifty years. It was known for many years as Klock's drug store. Our subject has a large and varied assortment in his stock, and the large patronage he enjoys requires the services of six clerks. Mr. Mix is well known to the trade generally all over Connecticut. He was formerly president of the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association, and is at present one of the State Board of Commissioners of Pharmacy, consisting of three druggists appointed by the governor to examine candidates for druggists' licenses.

On Dec. 20, 1875, Mr. Mix was united in marriage with Miss Harriet E. Bradley, a native of New Haven, and they have had one child, Claribel, who was educated in New Haven and Northampton, Mass., and was married Nov. 20, 1901, to Albert L. Whitcomb, a photographer of Wallingford, this county. Mrs. Mix was one of the six children of Frederick and Elvira (Wakeley) Bradley, of whom Theodore S. is a resident of Meriden; Harriet E. is Mrs. Mix; Mrs. L. L. Camp resides in New York, and Mrs. George F. Strong lives in Malden, Mass. The mother is still living in New Haven. Mr. Bradley was engaged as a carriage manufacturer and was a prominent citizen of New Haven.

Mr. Mix stands high in Masonic circles, having

taken the thirty-second degree. He holds membership in Wooster Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is senior warden; Franklin Chapter; Harmony Council, No. 8, in which he has held all the offices; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, in which he has held a number of offices and was eminent commander in 1895; the Lodge of Perfection, of which he is grand senior warden; the Scottish Rite Masons; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; is a trustee of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut; and is an active member of the Knights Templar Club. He also affiliates with the A. O. U. W., and is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Mix is a Republican in political sentiment. In religious connection he is a Congregationalist, belonging to the Dwight Place Church, is a member of the society's committee and of the Congregational Club. A worker in all the organizations with which he is identified, progressive in his chosen line of business, and honorable in all the relations of life, he ranks high among his associates as a man whose intelligence and worth commend him to the unqualified esteem of all who know him.

OSCAR C. HUPFER, the junior member of the grocery firm of Pierce & Hupfer, of Britannia St., Meriden, is one of the esteemed citizens and successful business men of this city. He was born at Haydenville, Hampshire Co., Mass., June 16, 1862, and is of German descent.

Christian Hupfer, his grandfather, was a native of Germany, and was the owner and operator of a flour mill. He was twice married, his first wife being Christina Herman, who died in Germany. His second wife was Belina Millenzuer, who came to America with him and family about 1871. From New York Mr. Hupfer removed to East Hampton, Mass. In his native land he had followed milling, but he now settled down on a small farm and spent the remainder of his days on it, dying in 1890, at the age of eighty-four years. His burial took place in East Hampton. In Germany he belonged to the Lutheran Church, but his religious views were broad enough to enable him to take comfort in the Congregational services held in his vicinity. He was a Democrat in his political belief. Mrs. Hupfer still resides in East Hampton. A family of twenty-four children was born to Mr. Hupfer, thirteen by his first marriage, the survivors being as follows: Charles Frederick; Minnie; Sidonia, who married William Sanford of Meriden; Augustina, who resides in East Hampton; Ernestina, who married Albert O. Hartenstine, of Meriden. Of the eleven children born to the second marriage, the survivors are as follows: Mary, who married Henry C. Kline, of Meriden; Sarah, who married Mr. Knobel, of East Hampton; Frederick; Richard; and Hattie, who resides at East Hampton.

Charles Frederick Hupfer, father of Oscar C., was born in Germany, and was given a good Ger-

man education, and then learned the trade of goldsmith. His father having a large family and business prospects not looking very bright for the young man's future, he left home and emigrated to America while still in his teens. By the time he reached New York his means were pretty well exhausted, but his destination was Haydenville, Mass., and he managed to reach there, soon finding work at his trade with some of his countrymen. Later he removed to East Hampton, where he industriously followed his trade, quietly accumulating means, and in middle life was able to invest the same in a small farm, to which he then retired and which he is still engaged in operating. In his community, Mr. Hupfer is much respected for his honesty and industry, and he is a leading member of the Lutheran Church. In former years he was a Democrat, but later issues caused him to become a Republican.

In East Hampton, Mass., Mr. Hupfer married Wilhelmina (Minnie) Knipfer, born in Saxony, Germany, daughter of William Knipfer, who owned and operated a woolen mill, in Germany. Mrs. Hupfer, the mother of our subject, still resides in her home in East Hampton, Mass. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hupfer were: Minnie, who married Frank Miller, resides in East Hampton, Mass.; Oscar C.; Max L., of Bridgeport, Conn.; Charles August, who resides in East Hampton; Flora, at home; and one that died in infancy.

Oscar C. Hupfer moved with his parents from Haydenville to East Hampton, where he had school advantages for a short time. As early as nine years he began to be a wage earner, in the East Hampton woolen mills, remaining there, a faithful employee, until he reached his majority, in the meantime contributing to the family support. From early childhood he had displayed musical talent, and as soon as he was able to do so, began the serious study of the clarinet, mastering this musical instrument, and becoming so perfect a performer upon it, that when he discontinued work at the mills, he was able to make this tuneful little instrument a source of income. He started out on the road on a trial trip with a minstrel troupe, and later was connected with the Si Perkins Comedy Co., the J. C. Lewis Comedy Co., as clarinet performer, and met with such success that he remained in the musical line for some six years, traveling all over the country.

In 1886 Mr. Hupfer decided to locate, and with this end in view came to Meriden and accepted a position with the lamp department of the Charles Parker Co., where he remained for five years, during all this time playing in the Meriden Opera House orchestra. Then Mr. Hupfer accepted a clerical position in a store conducted by Shaw Bros., on Britannia St., where he spent one year, when, in company with his brother-in-law, H. Atchison Pierce, he bought out the interest of Shaw Bros. and embarked in the grocery business. Since that time the business had been enlarged and ex-

tended and the firm name has become one associated with upright methods and honorable dealings. No concern in the city stands better with the trade and the general public than does that of Pierce & Hupfer. After a business life of eleven years they have the assurance that their efforts to secure and keep patronage meets with public approval.

On June 6, 1886, Mr. Hupfer was married in East Hampton, Mass., to Miss Edna E. Pierce, born in Windsor, Mass., daughter of Orris G. and Harriet Pierce. Three children have been born to this union: Raymond Douglas, Clarence Wellington and Emma Harriet. Fraternally Mr. Hupfer is connected with Center Lodge, No. 97, Meriden, A. F. & A. M.; Meriden Center Lodge, I. O. O. F., taking an active interest in both organizations. Mr. Hupfer is also deeply interested in musical matters in Meriden, and is a member of the Edwin D. Korn orchestra, contributing to it a high order of musical ability. In politics he is a Republican. His family attend the Congregational Church.

Although Mr. Hupfer is now one of the substantial men of Meriden, he was the architect of his own fortunes. His industry and ability have brought him from the very bottom of the ladder, and his present prosperity is justly deserved. He enjoys the respect of all classes for he is widely known for his upright character, his charitable actions and his devotion to the best interests of his community.

JAMES T. MORAN is one of the younger members of the New Haven bar, who has taken high rank in the profession, and who maintains a creditable position in society as a man and a citizen.

Mr. Moran was born Sept. 19, 1864, in the town of North Haven, Conn., a son of Thomas and Maria (Cullom) Moran. He attended the public schools of New Haven and the Hillhouse high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1883. The following year he was graduated from the Yale Law School, with the degree of LL. B., and the following year received the graduate degree of M. L. from Yale University. Soon after his graduation he was admitted to the bar in New Haven, and he presently became a member of the prominent law firm of Tyler, Ingersoll & Moran. For the past seventeen years he has been earnestly and indefatigably engaged in the practice of his profession with abundant and deserved success, and he is the general attorney of the Southern New England Telephone Company.

Mr. Moran's political affiliations are with the Democratic party, and in municipal affairs he has been quite active and useful. His manly characteristics and faithful labors in his profession have commended him to the consideration of his fellow citizens. For three years he served as a member of the common council, being the president of that body in 1888. From 1888 to 1892 he was a di-

rector of the Free Public Library. Since 1893 he has been a valued member of the board of education, and is chairman of the committee on schools. For three years he was a member of the board of police commissioners, and has been president of the Hillhouse High School Alumni Association.

Mr. Moran was married April 27, 1898, to Miss Mary E. McKenzie, of New Haven, and they have one child, Helen, born Jan. 1, 1902. Socially Mr. Moran is a member of the Graduates Club and Knights of St. Patrick, both of New Haven, and of the Yale Club, of New York City.

BYRON DAVID WELTON. Prominent among the enterprising and successful business men of Waterbury, New Haven county, is this well-known dealer in grain, feed, coal and wood. He is one of the native sons of that town, having been born in Waterville, Nov. 21, 1851.

The Welton family is one of the oldest and most highly respected in the State. The first to come to America was John Welton, a native of England, and one of the first settlers of Farmington, Conn., as well as one of the pioneers of Waterbury, whither he came in 1679, and where he died June 18, 1720. His wife, Mary, died Oct. 18, 1716.

Richard Welton, son of John, was born and reared in Waterbury, and spent the last years of his life on Bucks Hill, that town, where he purchased a house and land of Joseph Gaylord, Jr. He died in 1755. In the year 1701 he wedded Mary, daughter of Stephen Upson, and to them were born nine children.

Richard Welton, Jr., the eldest child of Richard, was born in Waterbury Jan. 5, 1702, and removed with his parents to Bucks Hill, where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was well known and was very prominent in public affairs. His death occurred Jan. 11, 1769, and his remains were interred on Bucks Hill. On Nov. 3, 1724, he married Anna Fenton, daughter of Jonathan Fenton, of Fairfield, Conn., and they had five children: Anna, born Aug. 17, 1725, married John Brown; John, the next in order of birth, is mentioned below; Abi was born Oct. 20, 1729; Titus, born Oct. 20, 1732, died July 9, 1757; and Abby, born Oct. 3, 1738, married Thomas Lenn.

John Welton, son of Richard, Jr., was born on Bucks Hill Jan. 26, 1727, and he spent his entire life at that place, where he owned and operated a farm. He was known as John Welton, Esq., and was a man of prominence in his community. He died Jan. 22, 1816, and was buried on Bucks Hill. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Dorcas Hickeyek, was born July 11, 1739, a daughter of Capt. Samuel and Mary (Hojkins) Hickeyek, and granddaughter of William Hickeyek. They had ten children: Abi, born Nov. 2, 1758, died May 14, 1828; the second died in infancy; Mary, born June 10, 1760, married Hezekiah Phelps and died

Sept. 6, 1811; Ann, born Feb. 11, 1762, died May 10, 1803; Titus was born July 3, 1764; Richard Fenton was born April 17, 1767; John, born Oct. 28, 1769, died Dec. 1, 1776; Dorcas, born Oct. 29, 1771, died July 23, 1793; Adrian is mentioned below; and John, born Jan. 13, 1778, died April 2, 1813.

Adrian Welton, son of John, was born on Bucks Hill, Feb. 15, 1775, and died Oct. 20, 1804.

Horace Clark Welton, son of Adrian, a farmer of Bucks Hill, was born Feb. 15, 1801, and was married June 20, 1823, to Sophia Bradley, who was born April 1, 1804, a daughter of Daniel Bradley, of Plymouth Bay. They had two children, of whom William Alonzo, born Dec. 20, 1824, was married Nov. 10, 1847, to Eliza Prichard, daughter of Leonard Prichard.

FREDERICK ALONZO WELTON, the younger son of Horace C., was born on Bucks Hill April 8, 1827, was reared on his father's farm, and received a district-school education. At the age of sixteen he went to Waterville, where he worked in a knife shop for several years, and then removed to New Haven, where he engaged in business for eighteen years. On his return to Waterville he resumed work in the knife shop, and was thus employed until he embarked in the grain, feed, coal and wood business, which he successfully carried on until his death, building up a large trade. He passed away Sept. 20, 1897, honored and respected by all who knew him, and was laid to rest in Bucks Hill cemetery. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican. In all the relations of life he was found true to every trust reposed in him, and he was very popular with his fellow citizens. On Jan. 1, 1851, Mr. Welton was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Maria Boyden, who was born Oct. 6, 1828, a daughter of David and Lucy Ann (Scott) Boyden, the former a native of Massachusetts. Mrs. Welton's maternal grandparents were Joel and Hannah (Bronson) Scott. Mrs. Welton, who was an earnest member of the Episcopal Church, and a most estimable lady, died in July, 1897, and was buried in Bucks Hill cemetery. To her marriage with Mr. Welton were born two sons: Byron David, our subject; and Edward, who died at the age of seven years.

During his boyhood Byron D. Welton pursued his studies in the district schools of Waterville and a private school at New Haven. He began his business career with his father in the knife shop at Waterville, and was thus employed until his father's death, when he assumed control of the grain, feed, coal and wood business, which he has since carried on with marked success, being a man of unusually good business ability and sound judgment. He holds membership in the Episcopal Church, and casts his ballot for the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. In Waterville he married Miss Harriet L. Hubbard, a native of



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Terryville, Litchfield Co., Conn., and to them have been born two children: Clark Hubbard, now attending school; and Mary, who died at the age of four years.

WILLARD S. PAIN, superintendent of the works of the Aeolian Co., at Meriden, and secretary of the company, might well be termed a thoroughbred. He comes to his calling by birth and breeding, and so is naturally fitted for it. His fathers before him were musicians and musical mechanics, and he has a son preparing to follow him. He, himself, was born in the city of New York, Oct. 2, 1855.

Stephen Pain, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Dover, County Kent, England, and a musician and church organist there. He was also a composer, and a man devoted to his profession and its work. He married a Miss Willard, of the same town, and they had three children: Robert W., father of Willard S., and who is with his son in the employ of the Aeolian Co.; Annie, who married William Gardner; and Mary, who never married. These with their mother he brought to America, locating in New York, where he passed the remainder of his days, and where also his wife died. They were members of the M. E. Church.

Robert W. Pain, father of Willard S., and the only son of Stephen, was but five years of age when brought to this country, having been born in 1832. He attended school in New York, but started early to learn a trade. He first essayed roofing, probably because it was the first thing that offered, but he was not born for climbing of that kind and soon gave it up when opportunity opened in the factory of Nurns & Clark, piano manufacturers of New York, where he served a three-years' apprenticeship, and afterward followed the trade several years. When Carhart & Needham began the manufacture of Cabinet organs, he accepted a position with that firm and remained in it a number of years during many of which he had the position of master mechanic and expert; and when the mechanical musical instruments were brought out he perfected them, and was with the firm of E. P. Needham & Son. Thereafter he was engaged with the old Organet Company until the formation of the Aeolian Co., with which latter he is now. He is president of the company, and his employment is the important experimental work of this progressive concern, and though now in his seventieth year, he is acutely attentive and active in it. He is a great lover of music and musical instruments, has made many inventions and perfected many more, all musical. He is one of the best-known men in his business, is considered a "born genius," and is a thorough master of the art and craft to which his heart and life have been devoted, and in whose progress he still takes the keenest interest. He is a man of domestic tastes and habits, and a broad-minded citizen. He belongs to Mariner's Lodge, No. 67, A. F. & A. M.,

and to the Consistory. His wife was Elizabeth Wilson, born in Brooklyn, N. Y., daughter of Captain Wilson, a mariner who was lost at sea. She died in her home in 1871, and was buried in Evergreen cemetery, Brooklyn. She bore five children, three daughters and two sons, of whom only one of the sons survives. The others were George, Annie, Elizabeth and Mary.

Willard S. Pain, the only survivor of the five children of Robert W. and Elizabeth (Wilson) Pain, has some right to the natural heritage of all. He attended the public schools of New York until he was about sixteen years of age. He then entered the employ of E. P. Needham & Son in the capacity of cabinetmaker and turner, and remained therein until 1880, when he accepted a position with the Automatic Musical Paper Co., of Boston. He continued with that company till 1888; and when the Aeolian Co. came to Meriden he came with it, first in the capacity of foreman of the Music Department, in charge of the work of producing the rolls of music, its cutting, etc., at which he remained until 1900, when he was appointed general superintendent of the works, succeeding Mr. Chase. He has now filled this important and responsible position for two years, with ever increasing credit to himself and gratification of his employers and associates. He has seen the business increase more than one-half, and now has employed upward of 350 hands, with all of whom he enjoys the utmost confidence and respect. He is a man of very genial disposition, and is of a nature generous to a fault. He is also a man of intellect and intelligence, of inventive mind and skillful hand. Among his inventions may be mentioned those for music cutting and duplicating, a stencil machine, a machine for preparing patterns, etc. He has made and perfected a number of useful inventions relating to music and musical instruments. Mr. Pain's health is like his character and attainments. His sound mind dwells in a sound body. He has not lost a day's pay in twenty-five years. His good health comes from right living. He exemplifies in his living the noble doctrine of doing unto others as you would that they should do unto you, and treats his body as he would another that it may do likewise with himself, and give him always the best thoughts and feelings with strength for his duties. Politically he acts as an independent Republican, but he is in no sense a politician. He is a member of Alfred H. Hall Council, No. 1423, Royal Arcanum, of Meriden, a good man well liked and respected by all who know him. It might easily be guessed that his habits are domestic, and well they may be, surrounded, as he is, by a loving and devoted wife, his son Robert—now with him at the Aeolian factory—and his daughter Emily, a charming young woman of the most pleasing personality and manners, of general culture, a graduate of the Meriden high school, and a cultivated as well as natural musician.

Mrs. Pain was formerly Miss Emily Jane Sweet-

ney. She is a daughter of John and Avis (Chapman) Sweeney, and, like her husband, is a native of New York, where they were married in 1878. She is also a lovely woman, a member of the Episcopal Church, and devoted to her husband and children.

CAPT. LAURENCE O'BRIEN, whose name is written high in the military annals of his adopted country, and whose sacrifices for the freedom of his native land have endeared him to patriotic people everywhere, is one of those Irish-Americans we most delight to honor. He was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, April 7, 1842, a son of Edward O'Brien, a mason and builder, who came to New Haven in 1852. Edward O'Brien married Elizabeth Hammel, who was born in Tipperary and died in America, the mother of seven children, namely: Margaret, Ellen, Laurence, Mary Ann (who married Capt. William O'Keefe, of New Haven, a soldier in the Civil war), Elizabeth, Catherine and Felix.

Laurence O'Brien was but ten years of age when his parents brought him to this country. In his native Ireland he had attended the National schools, and after coming to New Haven he for a time studied in St. Patrick's parochial school. When he left school he learned the brick-layer's trade, and was engaged in this calling at the outbreak of the Civil war. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, 9th Conn. V. I. Previous to this he had served in the Emmet Guards in New Haven, and the training there received enabled him to be of great assistance in the organization of the 9th Regiment. Gen. Russell, of the Military Academy, gave him considerable instruction, and in October, 1861, Mr. O'Brien was commissioned first lieutenant. On Oct. 15, 1862, he was promoted to the rank of captain, and given command of Company D, same regiment. One month previous to this promotion he had been wounded in the left hip, while on an expedition against guerrillas in the parish of St. Charles, La., and the following March was detailed by Gen. Banks as provost marshal for the parish of St. James, La., and one month later was appointed provost judge. One of the first engagements in which the 9th participated, after their enlistment in 1861, was the battle of Pass Christian, Miss., and for the part borne in this engagement Capt. O'Brien received honorable mention. He also took part in the capture of New Orleans, in 1862, and was also present at the capture of Forts Jackson and St. Phillip, first siege of Vicksburg, the engagement at Baton Rouge, and many others. Capt. O'Brien commanded the last detachment of the 10th Army Corps from Louisiana, reporting to Gen. Emery, commander of the 10th Army Corps, which was one of the corps under Gen. Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley, in August, 1864, and subsequently taking part in all the engagements of that notable

General in that valley, including Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. In October, 1864, the 9th Conn. V. I. was mustered out in New Haven. At the close of his army service Capt. O'Brien returned to New Haven, and followed his trade of bricklaying for eight months. Then came the call from Ireland to assist in a blow for freedom, and Capt. O'Brien was the first to respond. The record of that time is most graphically described by himself, as follows:

In 1865 I was State Center of the F. B. in Connecticut. In August I was informed that the fight for freedom would begin in Ireland as soon as the harvest was gathered, and we should see that none of it was allowed to go out of the country. I was also informed that all officers of military skill and ability, who expected to help in the fight, should be in Ireland before the rising as the blockade would be on, and it would be difficult to get in afterwards. I notified the officers who lived in my district, and we reported at headquarters in New York, and received our instructions, and when I was going aboard the steamer, to sail. I was informed that the council wanted me to remain in New York until further orders. After one week's delay in New York I was given a bag of 1,000 sovereigns in gold, a second bill of exchange of 1,500 pounds. I was also given a sealed dispatch, not to read until I was one day at sea. I was to commit it to memory and destroy it before I arrived in Ireland. I did so. I went to Tipperary and found all the young men willing and anxious to do their part. After one week in my native town, Cahir, I returned to Dublin. I was sent to Paris and received all money coming from America. During my stay in Paris, December, 1865, January, February and March, 1866, I received \$113,000, all of which I sent to Ireland by messengers, and not one cent was lost or fell into the hands of the enemy. I left Paris for Dublin, but when I arrived in Liverpool, word was sent from headquarters to remain in Liverpool, and to ask the chief men there to find quarters for the officers who escaped arrest in Ireland, and I found places for all, among whom was Michael O'Brien, the Manchester martyr, who gave his life for the cause, whose last words were "God save Ireland." January, 1867, I went to Ireland, and at Clonmel prepared for action. I started for the place rendezvous by way of Cashel, where I tried to hire a car to take me to Golden, when I was arrested and committed to jail, for being a stranger. Not having any references, I was detained in Cashel for two weeks. A warrant was read to me to remove me to Clonmel jail by order of the lord lieutenant. When arrested I gave the name of Osborne, but in the lord lieutenant's warrant was Osborne or O'Brien. They learned who I was, but not from me. I was escorted in irons by armed police to Clonmel jail. After five months in that jail, it was galling monotonous, and this time I was charged with high treason against Her Most Gracious Majesty, and a separate charge of treason felony. I then saw that they were bound to kill me. I determined to escape. I received files and tools that I cut the bars with.

Mr. O'Brien had friends both inside and outside the prison. One of two prison guards was his chief aid. He informed his friends that he would come out between twelve and one o'clock on the night of September 18, which he did not quite succeed in doing, his escape being between four and five in the morning of the 19th. He describes his escape as follows:

My friends who were waiting for me went away in despair at three o'clock, and when I came to my senses, after being stunned in falling from the outside wall, at just before day-break, I started for the country, and met friends four miles away where I remained two days for



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rest. In the fall off the wall I broke my right shoulder-bone, and my face was badly disfigured. After four days I traveled nights by way of Mullinahone into the County of Kilkenny, along the Welsh mountains, crossed the river Suir at Granny Castle, by taking one of Lord Bessborough's pleasure boats, and when on the Waterford side pushed the boat adrift and soon was among friends, and after a few days was again back in Paris.

The effect of his escape upon the authorities there, and their surmises as to the methods he pursued, are well told in the following article in the *Irish Citizen* (New York paper), issue of Oct. 19 1867:

The editor of the *Irish Citizen* well knew Capt. O'Brien, who spent many months of last year in Paris. He is a genuine and gallant patriot, and an honorable man. It need not be added that we congratulate him heartily on his fortunate escape from the dangers of the enemy. We give the details of his escape from a Tipperary prison.

Considerable excitement was created at Clonmel on yesterday morning by the escape of Charles J. Osborne from our county jail, in which for some months past he has been confined on a charge of complicity in the Fenian movement. Osborne was arrested on the 28th of February, in the vicinity of Cashel. He had visited Clonmel with Gen. Bourke, and soon after parting with the latter his capture was effected; he was immediately transmitted to Clonmel, where he remained to the 12th of August, incarcerated under the Lord Lieutenant's warrant. On the 12th of August, however, the Honorable Martin J. French, R. M., held an investigation into the charges preferred against the prisoner, the result of which was his commitment for trial to the next assizes. Some time since informer Coridon was confronted by the prisoner, and he stated that his real name was Laurence O'Brien, and he further gave evidence as to his connection with Fenianism. Osborne, or O'Brien, is a fine-looking young man, about six feet high, and built in proportion. During his confinement he obeyed the prison rules unmurmuringly, and no one entertained the remotest suspicion of his attempting to escape, which, indeed, seemed hopeless. However, that he succeeded on Wednesday night, in a most daring manner, is now beyond a question. His cell was in the third story of the jail, and was lighted by a single window, which was guarded by thick wire bars. The prisoner was last seen by an official at half past ten o'clock on Tuesday night, when, having completed the inspection of the cells, the man on duty locked up the corridor for the night. On opening up the cell next morning at six o'clock, it was found that the prisoner had escaped. The bars had been cut through, leaving an aperture of eight inches by fourteen, a short rope was attached to another bar, and another rope was fastened around the embrasure of the main wall to the north side of the trap. Viewed from any point the escape appears most extraordinary. It he got through the window he must have had more than one accomplice outside, for he could not of himself get on to the parapet over the front of the jail, over which he must have passed, if he availed himself of the second rope. A medical gentleman, who inspected the iron bars, is of the opinion that they were cut by the clever employment of acids, while they have also the appearance of having been severed by a saw and oil. It was evidently not the work of one night, for the prisoner had used a piece of dark colored plaster to hide any indentation made from time to time in the bars. The work of Wednesday night, however, must have been arduous in the extreme. The prisoner managed to keep a bar of iron in his cell, which he cut around with a file and broke off in the center. One end of it appears to be forged chisel shape, and with this he knocked away the fittings of the bars, and made an opening for himself. The ropes must have been given to him from the outside; and if such was the case, a ladder must have been used by his accomplice to scale the main wall. The wildest conjectures have been formed as to the

mode of his escape, and to a certainty, if he went through the window, the act was one of a character most daring. The matter was at once reported to the magistracy, and notwithstanding the most active and prompt exertion not the remotest trace of the fugitive has been discovered. Osborne wore the prison dress, and the police inquired of the people in the country, as they passed, if they had seen a lunatic in a gray dress going that way, but no one had seen or heard of such, and the search proved unavailing. We should mention that a small coil of rope was found unused in the cell occupied by the prisoner, as also the bar alluded to, a felt hat, in which were placed the stones removed from the window frame. His boots were found in the yard under the window of the cell. They had been fastened one to the other, and had evidently slipped off the arm or from the hold of the prisoner. The affair will, of course, undergo strict investigation, and the public will look forward eagerly to its further elucidation. The affair, in connection with the reports from Manchester, created unusual excitement in our town and vicinity.

After three years in the cause of the Fenians in Ireland, Capt. O'Brien returned to America and became superintendent of the Norwich water works. In 1870 he became interested in the building business, and in this he continued in New Haven. He has been successful in his work, putting into his business the enthusiasm and energy that made him a forceful character in military affairs.

In February, 1869, Capt. O'Brien married Catharine Divine, who was born in Norwich, Conn., a daughter of Timothy Divine, a native of Kilkenny, Ireland. She passed away in 1890, the mother of five children: Mary, Edward, Laurence Burke, James T. and Elizabeth. Of these Edward alone is married; and all the boys are interested in their father's business. In his political affiliations Capt. O'Brien is independent, and, while he has never in any way sought office, he was police commissioner for one term, and he has represented the Fifth ward in the common council. He belongs to the Knights of St. Patrick's Club, a social organization of the best element of the Irish citizens; and fraternally he is a member of Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R. On Oct. 26, 1893, he was elected Department Commander of the U. V. U., an honor of which any soldier may well be proud, and one which is conferred on no one whose war record cannot bear the closest scrutiny. That he conscientiously performed the duties of this office need not be stated, as Capt. O'Brien is a man who shirks no duty, but by his faithful performance lends honor to every task.

THEODORE H. MACDONALD, who was born in New Haven, March 11, 1862, takes a leading part in the political, social and business interests of his native city, where he is respected alike for his genuine manliness, business ability and genial disposition.

William D. Macdonald, the father of Theodore H., was born in Scotland, and, coming to this country a young man, attended Yale College, from which he was graduated with much credit. His death occurred when he was thirty-eight, and he left his

son Theodore only seven years old. He was a Mason, and was highly respected in his day. Harriet Newell Nims, his wife, was born in Deerfield the home of her parents being near the old stockade and associated with Revolutionary events of an interesting character.

Theodore H. Macdonald went to work at an early age. The untimely death of his father threw the care of his mother on his shoulders, and at the age of ten he was a telegraph messenger boy. He then became a carrier for the newspaper house of Thomas H. Pease, and at an early age entered the gentlemen's furnishing store of Warner & Dudley. For eight years he was with Bradstreet's Agency and for eight and a half years he was in the newspaper business, being with the *New Haven Union* for the greater part of that time. After a year's service as clerk for the board of selectmen he entered the Internal Revenue Service of the United States, and was thus employed two years, at the end of which time he took an interest in the *Evening Leader*, which he assisted in starting, and with which he spent four years. His next position was in the office of the town agent, and for a year he was clerk of the board of selectmen. For six years he was chief clerk of the board of assessors, and at the present time he is a member of the board of assessors, his term extending to 1906. He is a strong Republican, and is chairman of the New Haven Republican town committee, secretary of the Connecticut Republican League; for five years was secretary of the Young Men's Republican Club, of which he is a life member, and which he is now serving on the executive committee; and is a member of the Union League. Fraternally Mr. Macdonald is associated with the Masons; the Odd Fellows; the Knights of Pythias; New Haven Tent, No. 9, K. O. T. M., of which he is treasurer; Israel Putnam Lodge, A. O. U. W.; the Legion of Honor, of New Haven; and the United Service Club. Mr. Macdonald has been a member of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guards, for the past seven years, and holds the position of sergeant; for ten years previous he was a member of the New Haven Grays, serving as private, corporal, sergeant, first sergeant and second lieutenant.

Mr. Macdonald was married in 1895 to Miss Flora L. Hitchcock, of New Haven, and to them has come one child, who bears the name of Harry Nims.

GEORGE HENRY HAAS (deceased) was one of the most respected German settlers in Meriden, where for many years he was engaged in business as a very successful dairy farmer. He was born in Wilhelm, Wurtemberg, Germany, Nov. 5, 1829, a son of Henry Haas, who was also born in Wilhelm, and followed the occupation of farming during his life time. For many generations the family was connected with the Lutheran Church.

George Henry Haas received a good education

in his native land, grew up on his father's farm, and remained under the parental roof until 1854, in which year he emigrated to this country. He had first engaged passage on a vessel which was lost at sea with all hands, but by some fortunate mistake missed it, and was obliged to take the next vessel, arriving safely in New York after a voyage of thirty days. Having a brother at Yalesville, he immediately sought that place, where he found work for a time in the auger factory, and for a number of years was in the employ of G. I. Mix & Co., where he worked in the polishing department. For a second time he became attached to the auger factory, and there remained until 1863, when he bought a farm in the town of Meriden, consisting of a tract of thirty acres. On this place he made many substantial and permanent improvements, and there for over thirty years was engaged in farming and dairying, with the most satisfactory results. His herd of cows increased until it became one of the most extensive in the town. He died on his farm Oct. 18, 1900, and was buried at Walnut Grove cemetery, Meriden.

Mr. Haas was one of the organizers of the Lutheran Church in Meriden, and was always an active worker in its behalf. In politics he was a Democrat, with independent proclivities. He belonged to Teutonia Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F., and the German Mutual Aid Society. Well known as an honest, industrious man, he was highly esteemed in the community in which he lived.

Mr. Haas was married in Yalesville, May 14, 1854, to Margaret Bader, a German compatriot, who came to this country on the same ship which brought him over. Mrs. Haas was born May 7, 1829, a daughter of George and Katherine (Brown) Bader, and died Jan. 17, 1896, and was buried in Walnut Grove cemetery. She was a member of the Lutheran Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Haas were born three children, namely: Henry W.; Albert Frederick, who died Aug. 16, 1879, at the age of twenty-two years, from the effects of a fall from a load of hay; and Katie B., who is at home.

HENRY W. HAAS was born March 14, 1855, in Tracy, where he attended the district school. When he became a young man he engaged in farming and dairying, with his father, and has now charge of the homestead. He is a skilled and progressive farmer, and is rapidly winning a place among the most successful dairymen of this part of the State.

Henry W. Haas married Mary C. Duis, who was born in 1880, in New Orleans, daughter of Herman C. Duis, a police officer of Meriden. They have a family of three children: Mabel H., Ida Katie and George H. Mr. Haas belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is enrolled in Center Lodge, No. 87. He is also affiliated with Teutonia Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F., and belongs to the German Mutual Aid Society. In political matters



GEORGE H. HAAS.



MRS MARGARET HAAS

he takes an independent stand, though preferring to act with the Democratic party. In the community he stands well, and is highly regarded by all who know him.

ALBERT CHANDLER COE, one of the most popular and successful of West Haven's younger business men, whose home has been in that town since 1878, was born June 21, 1864, in Bethany, now Beacon Falls, Conn. His course in the common schools was supplemented by two years' attendance at the high school in West Haven, and at the age of sixteen he was given a clerkship in a banking house, remaining there four years; after that period he entered the employ of L. Candee & Co., of New Haven, manufacturers of rubber boots and shoes, with which concern he is still identified. His business career affords a noteworthy illustration of the success which attends capability and fidelity. Beginning in a clerical capacity, he has steadily mounted the ladder of official promotion. For several years he acted as purchasing agent, for five years filled the dual position of secretary and assistant treasurer, and is at the present time treasurer of the company. He is also director in and secretary of the Shoe Hardware Co., of Waterbury, Connecticut.

On Oct. 19, 1887, Mr. Coe married Miss Mary Frederika Ward, and six children have been born to them, as follows: Frederick Julius, Marie Elizabeth, Katherine, Albert Douglas, Esther Louise and Charles Anson. Mrs. Coe's family is one of the oldest and most esteemed in West Haven. She is the granddaughter of Jacob Ward, and the daughter of Capt. Frederick S. Ward, a sea captain sailing to the West Indies, who died in New Haven, at the age of fifty years, and was buried in West Haven, the town of his birth. Mrs. Coe's mother was Mary E. Stevens, whose family settled in West Haven about 1700. Mrs. Coe is one of a family of seven children, five of whom are yet living, viz.: Frederick S., Jr., of New Haven; Elliott, of Chicago; Harry K., of West Haven; Josephine, the widow of Charles P. Whitney, of that town; and Mrs. Coe.

In private life Albert C. Coe is a genial and companionable man, fond of company, and faithful to every obligation. He built his present residence—one of the finest in the village—in 1893, and there he and his wife dispense a generous and refined hospitality. Both are communicants in Christ Episcopal Church, and Mr. Coe is senior warden in the same, to which office he was elected in 1897. Fraternally he is a high Mason, and Past Master of Annawon Lodge, No. 115, West Haven, Conn., besides being a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Union League Club, of New Haven, and of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Coe family is descended from Robert Coe, a native of Suffolkshire, England, born there in 1506, married Anna (or Hannah) ———, born in 1591, and with his family—wife and three sons,

John, Robert and Benjamin, born about 1626, 1627 and 1629—came in the ship "Frances," in 1634. Mr. Coe was of Boston and Watertown, Mass., and of Wethersfield and Stamford, Conn., and of Hempstead, L. I., removing with his family to the latter place in 1644. He died in 1659.

(II) Robert Coe (2), son of Robert, born in England about 1627, married Susanna ———, and settled in Stratford, Conn., in 1654, where he died in 1659.

(III) John Coe, only son of Robert (2), born May 10, 1658, in Stratford, married Dec. 20, 1682, Mary, daughter of Joseph Hawley, of Stratford. Mr. Coe died April 19, 1741.

(IV) Ebenezer Coe, son of John, born Aug. 18, 1704, married June 1, 1727, Mary Blackman, and died in Stratford in 1766.

(V) John Coe (2), son of Ebenezer, born Sept. 18, 1729, located when a young man in Derby, Conn. He married, Sept. 8, 1755, Hannah, daughter of John Chatfield. Mr. Coe resided in the old village of Derby, and died in 1783.

(VI) John Coe (3), son of John (2), born March 27, 1764, married Aug. 17, 1785, Ruth, born March 31, 1765, daughter of Isaac Johnson.

(VII) John Allen Coe, son of John (3), born Sept. 8, 1792, married, May 10, 1812, Grace, daughter of Joseph and Esther Smith. Mr. Coe died Sept. 23, 1849, and his wife passed away Jan. 21, 1869.

(VIII) John Coe (4), son of John Allen, born in Bethany Aug. 18, 1815, and spent his early school days there, later running the tannery. He sold the tannery and removed to Derby, and after a time returned to Bethany (now Beacon Falls), where he built a new tannery. About ten years prior to his death he came to New Haven and engaged in the leather business under the firm name of Ensign & Coe. He sold out to Mr. Ensign, and then removed to Derby, and was appointed treasurer of the Housatonic Water Company. At the time of his death he was overseeing the building of a reservoir. On Sept. 3, 1837, he married Mary Hoadley, of Naugatuck, Conn., and their children were: (1) Julius Curtis, born Aug. 6, 1838. (2) Frances Augusta, born July 28, 1840, married, Sept. 26, 1860, Rev. Bennett Tyler Abbott. (3) John Allen, born Nov. 18, 1844. (4) Charles Hoadley, born Nov. 10, 1849, died in June, 1900. (5) George Albert, born Aug. 5, 1854, died Oct. 13, 1855. (6) Benjamin Lee, born Jan. 27, 1860. Mr. John Coe was a good representative of the Coe family. In his later years he made Birmingham his residence, and was esteemed among the useful and most exemplary citizens. He was a consistent Methodist, waking after the example of his first ancestor and namesake in Derby; one of his peculiar traits being to watch and care for, in a quiet way, the poor of the community. He died greatly respected, Dec. 15, 1870.

(IX) Julius Curtis Coe, son of John (4), born in Bethany Aug. 6, 1838, married, Oct. 8, 1860,

Elizabeth Dougal Wakelee, and their children are: Albert Chandler, born June 21, 1804; and Rollin Wakelee, born Jan. 19, 1807, connected with Coe & Brown, of New Haven. Julius Curtis Coe was educated in Birmingham and Bethany. Six generations of the family have engaged in the leather business, and he was no exception. He learned the business with his father in Bethany, and later he and his brother, John Allen Coe, carried on the business. Julius C. Coe became the first town clerk, and treasurer of Beacon Falls, July, 1871, and so continued until his removal to West Haven in 1878; he represented the town in the Legislature in 1877. In 1878 he engaged in business with Harris Eames, and later the style became H. Eames & Co.; in 1884 the firm name became Coe & Brown. Mr. Coe's church connections, since his removal to West Haven, have been with the M. E. Church of that place. Socially he is a member of Harmony Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Savin Rock Lodge, Royal Arcanum. He has been a Republican all his life.

FRANK F. CHANDLER, who is to be mentioned in any summary of the successful and progressive citizens of New Haven, was born in that city, Nov. 2, 1858, a son of Frank Chandler, who was born in Germany.

Frank F. Chandler attended the New Haven public schools, and for about a year was employed as a clerk in the store of Lum & Rodick. This was followed by about a year in a tailoring store, and then he learned the tool making trade under the instruction of his uncle, Frank P. Pileghar, with whom he remained eight years. At the expiration of that time he went to Cleveland, Ohio, with Henry C. Hartz, builder of machinery and light tools. For one year he continued in the employ of that gentleman, when he entered the employ of the White Sewing Machine Co., remaining a year. In 1883 he returned to New Haven, and took a position in the mold room of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. Here he remained until 1890, when he became contractor with the company, a position he has held to the present time. On Oct. 3, 1883, Mr. Chandler was married to Lena M. Arnold, who was born in New Haven, a daughter of Joseph Arnold, a native of Germany. A family of five children was born of this union: Alma, Ferdinand, Arthur and Edward, who are now living. One son, Frank, the first born, died at the age of four and a half years. Mr. Chandler is independent in politics, in religion belongs to St. Boniface Church, where his family also attend service.

Frank Chandler, the father, as noted above, was born at Landstat, Bavaria, Nov. 25, 1828, a son of Michael Chandler, who was in the German Postal service, and later came to this country. Frank Chandler grew up in the Old Country, where he learned the shoemaker's trade. In March, 1854, he came to this country, and making his appearance in New Haven the following July, this has been his

home to the present time. Here he has followed the trade of shoemaker all his life, and when he was fifty years of age gave up active business. Mr. Chandler was married Aug. 6, 1854, to Elizabeth Clemens, a German compatriot, who died Oct. 14, 1859. To this union were born three children: Elisa, who died in 1859; Mary, who married Christian Richard, of New Haven; and Frank F. For his second wife Mr. Chandler married Mary E. Rutz, who was born in the same place in Germany, and they have had five children: Theckla, wife of R. L. Kraus, of Marshfield, Wis.; John J., who is married and lives in New Haven; George W., who is deceased; Catherine, deceased; Louise L., wife of Paul L. Baer, of New Haven.

Mr. Chandler is a Democrat, and has served on the board of relief fourteen years. He is a member of the St. Boniface Church.

FREDERICK DOUGLAS SLOANE, a well-known citizen of Meriden, where he is engaged in business as a cigar and tobacco dealer, was born in Rahway, N. J., August 18, 1851, son of the late Andrew Sloane, and a brother of James R. Sloane, of Meriden.

Frederick D. Sloane was educated in the city schools of Thompsonville, Conn., to which point he was taken by his parents when an infant, and at the age of eleven years worked on a farm of Eli Pease, of Enfield, Conn., receiving for his labor his board, clothes and the privilege of attending school during the winter months. After four years with Mr. Pease he removed to Broad Brook, where he worked as a farm hand for one year, and was then associated as a weaver with the Hartford Carpet Co., at Thompsonville, in the ingrain department. He was with this company for about a year, and then went to Springfield, to learn the timer's trade with Simpson Clark, but on account of illness he soon had to give up and return home. Later he secured a position as a clerk with S. Parsons, of Thompsonville, and spent a short time with him, after which he became clerk in the general house-furnishing store of Niles Pease, of Thompsonville, where he was head clerk for ten years. This position he resigned to become a partner with his brothers in the grocery business, continuing with them until the business was suspended, in June, 1882. After this experience Mr. Sloane came to Meriden, to take a position as clerk with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., which he filled for two years, and was then appointed cashier of the freight department. For fifteen years he held that position, resigning in 1900 to accept a position with the freight department of the H. Wales Lines Co., which he very creditably filled two years. In January, 1902, he purchased his present business, on West Main street, and resigned his position to give personal attention to the new venture. His wide acquaintance and well-known business ability promise to secure and hold a remunerative trade.

Mr. Sloane was married in December, 1871, to Abbie M. Lacey, a daughter of Henry J. and Catherine (Johnson) Lacey, both of whom were natives of Leicestershire, England. Mrs. Sloane's father, who was a stockinet weaver, died in Thompsonville; he was a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics was a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Sloane have had one child, Lena, who married Richard Heckel, a conductor on the Electric Railway, and had one child, Mildred Abbie, now an exceedingly bright and winsome girl; Mr. Heckel died in July, 1900, and his remains rest in Walnut Grove cemetery.

Mr. Sloane is a member of the Knights of Honor, of Meriden, and in politics is a Republican, but no office seeker. In his daily walk and conversation he lives close to the Golden Rule, and is a good man, well liked and very popular in the community.

MRS. ARTHUR M. BROOKS, a pleasing contralto vocalist of Meriden, whose maiden name was Jennie Emma Hill, is a member of a family whose ancestral history extends back to 1674, the first of the name in this country having come to the Colonies about that date.

This founder of the Hill family was named John, and was born in North Hampshire, England, and upon his arrival in the New World took up his residence in Guilford, Conn. Here he spent a long and useful life, engaged in agricultural pursuits, dying in 1689. His second wife was Catherine Chalker, a daughter of Alexander Chalker, born Sept. 8, 1652, and married Sept. 23, 1673. Four children were born to this union: John, James, Sarah and Elizabeth, the last named marrying James Tipping.

(II) John Hill (2), the son of John (1), married Thankful Stowe, who was born in May, 1648, and died Nov. 18, 1711. He died May 8, 1690, and both are interred at Guilford. They left seven children.

(III) John Hill (3), son of John (2), was born July 12, 1672, and, like his father, spent his days in Guilford, where he died Feb. 10, 1740, having married Hannah Highland, who was born Jan. 29, 1670, and died May 19, 1752. Eight children were born of this marriage.

(IV) Thomas Hill, the second son of John (3), was born Sept. 27, 1708, and was engaged in farming and fishing in Guilford, where he was a well-known and prominent citizen. His death occurred Feb. 23, 1792, and his remains were interred in the old cemetery in Guilford. He married, May 23, 1734, Hannah Brinsen, of Bridgehampton, who died May 6, 1791. To this union four children were born.

(V) Thomas Hill, the only son and the youngest of the family, was born March 20, 1743, and followed the same occupations as his father, becoming a soldier in the Continental army, and faithfully performing his duties as a citizen until his death,

April 4, 1820. On Oct. 13, 1767, he married Elizabeth Fairchild, who died Feb. 20, 1812, and was buried in Guilford. The children of this marriage were: Thomas, born Nov. 16, 1770, died Dec. 10, 1827; William, born April 29, 1773, died Sept. 13, 1832; Anson, born April 13, 1775, married Polly Arnold; Mary, born Feb. 4, 1781, married Alexander McQuilla.

(VI) Thomas Hill, son of Thomas (2), was born in Guilford Nov. 16, 1770, and was a farmer and fisherman, spending his life in his native town. He died Dec. 10, 1827. On Nov. 10, 1794, he married Roxanna Benton, who was born Sept. 10, 1776, and the children born to this marriage were: William, born in April, 1796, married Laura Blakeslee, and died in January, 1878; George, born in May, 1798, married Rebecca Norton, and died in November, 1877; Thomas, born Nov. 16, 1800; Clarinda, born May 1, 1803, married William Drugin; Ralph, born Aug. 25, 1805, died Aug. 6, 1881, married Deney Ives; Reuben, born Feb. 23, 1808, died in April, 1887; Almira, born in October, 1810, married Alfred Allen; and Edward, born in August, 1813, married Laura Ann Hull.

(VII) Thomas, son of Thomas (3), was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Brooks, and was born in Guilford Nov. 16, 1800. He spent his life there, and died in 1879, his remains resting in the old Guilford cemetery. He married Mary Morse, who died in Guilford, leaving a son, William.

(VIII) William, son of Thomas (4), in his boyhood attended school in his native place, but at the age of fifteen went to Wallingford, where he learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade with Capt. Butler Ives, and followed that calling several years. He engaged in the manufacture of wood combs, brushes, spools and tooth-brushes, in the North Farms district, for a considerable period. Mr. Hill bought a farm of sixty acres, which he operated, with his sons, and they also carried on a business of wood-turning, under the firm name of William Hill & Sons, remaining in North Farms until the grandfather's death, Jan. 26, 1878. Taking a more prominent part in the affairs of his town than did the others of his family, Mr. Hill represented Wallingford in the Legislature, and filled the office of Major on the General Training days. A lifelong Democrat and a leading member of the Baptist Church, he was widely known and much respected. William Hill was married to Susan Hull, of Wallingford, and four children were born to them: Byron, who is engaged in farming in Wallingford; William, deceased; Franklin, who is conducting a sawmill and manufacturing vinegar in Wallingford (he married Hannah A. Fenn, a native of North Farms); and Oliver, an ice-dealer in Wallingford, who married Sarah A. Wheeler, a daughter of Joel Wheeler, and to this marriage one child was born, Carrie D. Mrs. Hill died June 1, 1876, and was buried in Wallingford.

(N) Franklin Hill, the son of William, is a prominent business man of Wallingford, and his estimable wife was a daughter of Abner and Mary L. Tuttle Conn. (See Conn. history in another portion of this volume.)

Jennie E. HUBBARD Brooks is the only living child of her parents, and is a lady of culture and high attainments, who has devoted herself to the perfection of her magnificent vocal powers. During her childhood, Mrs. Brooks attended school in Wallingford, and at an early age began the training of her voice, studying under Mr. Charles Bennett, of New Haven, and later with Mrs. Hattie Capper Morris, of New York. After having sung for some time, Mrs. Brooks was, at the early age of sixteen years, engaged by the First Congregational Church of Meriden, and after a few years by the New Britain South Congregational Church, but is now a member of the First Congregational Church Quartet of Meriden. Mrs. Brooks is a vocalist of note, and one of the leading musical artists of Meriden and the surrounding district. On May 7, 1889, she was married to Mr. Arthur M. Brooks, of Meriden, a well-known and popular gentleman, who is one of the trusted salesmen of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co. To this marriage four children have been born: Agnes Louise, Arthur Hill, Marsden Todd and Howard Thomas. Socially she is a member of the Susan Carrington Clark Chapter, D. A. R., and though engaged as she is in her professional duties, she is a most devoted mother and wife, and her charming family bears testimony to her faithfulness in caring for the little ones entrusted to her guidance, and in making for them and her husband an ideal home.

WILLIAM D. BENNETT. There are few citizens of Meriden occupying positions of more responsibility than that filled by William D. Bennett, the efficient engineer for the Connecticut School for Boys, and who is also the overseer of the water, gas and steam apparatus in that great institution.

Mr. Bennett was born at Feltham, Suffolk, England, Aug. 9, 1848, son of George Bennett. The death of his mother, when he was but an infant, left him without her fostering care, but the father did his best for him. He went to school and remained on the farm with his father until he was thirteen years old, at which time he secured a position on a threshing machine, as water boy. This suited the boy very well, as he had a natural inclination toward mechanics, and by 1867 there was little knowledge about the working of an engine that he had not acquired. He had a half brother, seated at Southwold, On the 1st, and as soon as he could accomplish a more serious study for himself, with the assistance of making an hour or so in an engineering shop at Southwold, he secured a position on the Great Eastern Railroad as a watchman, and later was promoted to the position of fireman, controlling the engine in the work, continually learning and

and more about engines. Then he came to Apponaug, R. I., where he worked as helper in an engine repair shop, operated by Jordan, Marsh & Co., of Boston. He was subsequently appointed to take charge of the engine in their printing department, remaining with that responsible firm for a period of nine years. The two succeeding years he spent as night engineer in the Rhode Island Reform School. It was in 1884 that Mr. Bennett was tendered his present position and urged to accept it, and here he has continued for the past eighteen years, devoted to the faithful performance of his duty, trusted by his employers, and fully comprehending the great responsibility resting upon him. The equipment of the establishment is large, and has been much improved under Mr. Bennett's administration. As a careful and accurate engineer, he cannot be surpassed, and he has many friends in the institution and also in the city.

Mr. Bennett was married, in Meriden, Conn., in 1891, to Margaret A. Canole, who was born in Ireland. She passed away June 18, 1901, and was buried in the Sacred Heart cemetery, in Meriden, she having been a consistent member of St. Rose's Roman Catholic Church. In political sentiment Mr. Bennett is independent. His religious connection is with the Episcopal Church.

JOHN ELAM WARNER, one of the leading farmers and dairymen of Highwood, New Haven county, comes from one of the oldest and most numerously represented families in Hamden. The Warners have for generations borne an honored name, and our subject has shown himself to be the type of citizen capable of worthily sustaining it on the same lofty plane.

Mr. Warner was born in Hamden July 10, 1842, on the farm where John Keepe now lives. His father, Horace Warner, and his grandfather, Elam Warner, were both natives of Hamden. Horace Warner was a prosperous farmer, a highly respected citizen, and well known in his town. About 1845 he removed to the farm at the corner of Dixwell avenue and Warner street, where he met with success in his chosen calling. He was a systematic agriculturist, and his management invariably secured the best results. Mr. Warner married Elizabeth Keepe, and to them were born four children: John E., our subject; Webster, deceased; Alice, Mrs. Elihu Davis, of Hamden; and Lizzie, who died young. The father died Aug. 6, 1870, and the mother passed away Aug. 27, 1870, aged fifty-four and forty-eight years, respectively. They are buried in Hamden.

John E. Warner was but a child when his parents removed to the farm where he has ever since lived. During his nearly fifty years of residence there he has seen many changes in the property and locality. He has seen Highwood transferred from a farming community to one of the most pleasant residence sections around New Haven, and distinct



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remembers when there were fewer houses between Hamden M. E. church and Broadway than may now be found in two blocks in Highwood. He was reared a farmer boy at a period when work was plenty and came first, regular attendance at school being a secondary consideration. His advantages were greatly inferior to those enjoyed by the present generation. He attended Alonzo P. Shear's private school, in Dixwell avenue, which with short periods of study at district schools comprised all his educational privileges. Reared under a father who was a successful farmer and opposed to having ideal boys around, he was thus "put into the harness" when quite young, and early acquired those habits of industry which have been important factors in his success. In 1870 Mr. Warner took charge of the farm, and has conducted it profitably ever since. His home tract contained about thirty-five acres, and he owns twenty-five acres elsewhere. In connection with general farming he is engaged extensively in the dairy business, selling his milk wholesale. In all of his labors he has prospered steadily, until now he is one of the well-to-do citizens of his town and one of its most substantial agriculturists. Our subject is of the progressive type, and his management of the farm and other interests is characterized by the modern methods which he has come to consider most effective, either by observation or experiment. Mr. Warner's home, on the corner of Dixwell avenue and Warner street, is very pleasant, and hospitality reigns supreme. The family are prominent in the social circles of the neighborhood, and the children are among the best known young people in the town.

In his political views Mr. Warner is a staunch Republican, but not a politician, preferring to attend strictly to his business cares, and whatever connection he has had with politics has been from purely unselfish motives, from his sense of duty as a citizen. He never withholds his support from any measure which he believes will be beneficial to the public. Mr. Warner is unassuming, a man of strict integrity, domestic in his disposition, and takes great interest in his home and family. He was fortunate in his selection of a wife, as Mrs. Warner has done well her part in the conduct of their home and the rearing of their family, who would reflect credit on any parentage.

On November 4, 1868, Mr. Warner married Miss Isabella Pardee, a native of Orange, born Feb. 18, 1844, daughter of Silas and Catherine (Merwin) Pardee. Mrs. Warner comes of excellent stock. Through the Merwins she is a descendant of one of the very oldest families of Milford, Conn., prominent in that town since its earliest history. Mrs. Warner has taken active interest in church affairs, being a member of the M. E. Church. Our subject and his wife have had children as follows: Arthur G., born Feb. 15, 1870, died when three years old; Gertrude K., born Jan.

3, 1874, died in childhood; Grace D., born Aug. 20, 1875, is living at home; Ella P., born Nov. 8, 1877, graduated from the New Haven Normal School, took a course at Wesley Academy, and is now engaged at teaching in New Haven; Ida M., born July 7, 1879, was valedictorian of the class of 1901 at the Boardman Training School, New Haven.

ARTHUR W. MARSH, M. D., is well and favorably known in the medical circles of Westville and New Haven, where he has been engaged in practice for the past ten years.

The Doctor is of remote English ancestry, George Marsh, the first of the family in this country, having come to America in 1635, from England. He landed at Charlestown, Mass., on June 8th, of that year, thence went to Hingham, Mass., and in 1674 to Haverhill. His descendants in the line in which we are interested remained in Massachusetts for several generations, the Doctor's great-grandfather moving to New Hampshire. James Marsh, his grandfather, was born at Salisbury, that State, and moved to Cabot, Vt., where he passed the remainder of his days, living to be over ninety. He followed farming. He was a strong Congregationalist and served as deacon of the church for many years. Of his large family there is now but one survivor, James, a resident of Cabot.

Barachias W. Marsh, father of our subject, was born Sept. 15, 1813, in Cabot, Vt., was reared to farming, and followed that calling throughout life. He also engaged successfully in the insurance business, doing the largest business for the Vermont Fire Insurance Co. of any local agent in Vermont, and traded considerably in other lines. He reached the age of seventy, dying March 28, 1884, at Cabot. Mr. Marsh married Louisa Cannon, also a native of that town, and five children were born to them: Julian H., who is mentioned fully below; William R. and Mary L. (Mrs. Phineas P. Garney), both residing in Cabot; Arthur W., whose name introduces these lines; and Ellen S., wife of William W. Cole, of New Hampshire. Mrs. Marsh's death occurred in 1878, when she was fifty-six years of age. Both parents were members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Marsh served two terms as selectman.

Arthur W. Marsh was born Sept. 13, 1857, in Cabot, where he spent his early years. He attended the common schools there and the academy at St. Johnsbury. His medical education was acquired in the University at Burlington, Vt., from which he was graduated in 1882; he was president of his class. The Doctor's first location for practice was at Oriskany Falls, N. Y., where he followed his profession for nine years, until his removal, in 1891, to Westville, where he has since remained. He is located at No. 1012 Whaley avenue. Dr. Marsh has, by close attention to the many demands of a growing practice, gained a wide patronage in his section of New Haven county, and he occupies a

high position among his brother practitioners as well. He has written some valuable papers on medical topics. He is a member of the New Haven City, New Haven County and Connecticut State Medical Societies, and while in New York served as president of the Oneida County Medical Society. He also served as a member of the town committee, as town physician and health officer while in Oriskany Falls. The Doctor has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and in matters political as a staunch Republican, and he is a member of the Young Republican Club. Fraternally he affiliates with Olive Branch Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is past master, and he has taken all the Masonic degrees up to and including the Scottish Rite; he is also a member of the A. O. U. W. and Woodmen of the World.

In 1883 Dr. Marsh married Miss Nellie S. Drought, who was born in Burlington, Vt., daughter of William and Margaret (Cummings) Drought, who had three children. Mr. Drought was a native of Scotland, but passed the greater part of his life in Burlington, where he died. A teacher by profession, he was in his day one of the prominent and representative citizens of Burlington. Two children have blessed the union of Dr. and Mrs. Marsh, a daughter who died in infancy, and a son named Arthur. The Doctor attends the Congregational Church, of which he is a member. Mrs. Marsh unites with the Episcopal Church.

JULIAN H. MARSH was born Feb. 19, 1845, in Cabot, Vt., received his education in the local public schools, and was reared to farming, remaining at home until he reached the age of twenty. For the next three years he was engaged in a general store, but he was obliged to give up that work on account of his health, and he spent the year following in the office of the general agent of the American Encyclopedia at Cincinnati. He has since been engaged in the drug business, which he learned in Lyndonville, Vt., remaining in the store where he commenced for several years. At the end of that time he came to Westville and bought the store he now conducts, meeting with such success here that he has remained continuously to the present. His establishment, which is located at No. 610 Whaley avenue, is the largest in Westville, and is conceded to be the finest and best equipped in the city. Mr. Marsh carries a complete line of drugs, perfumes, etc., and he commands a large trade, won by fair dealing and intelligent business methods. He is a member of the Connecticut State Pharmaceutical Association.

In November, 1880, Mr. Marsh married Miss Edna J. Morris, a native of Cabot, Vt., whose father was a farmer in that locality. He entered the army during the Civil war, and died while in the service, in 1865. Mrs. Marsh is one of a family of three children, all yet living, the other two in Cabot. To Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have been born two children: Ralph J. Marsh, who with the Crest Manufacturing Co., and Ralph J., who is still attending school.

Our subject and his wife attend the Congregational Church, in which he has held office. He is a Republican in political opinion, and socially unites with the A. O. U. W. and the Masons, holding membership in Green Mountain Lodge, No. 63, in Vermont. Mr. Marsh's standing in business circles is unquestioned, and he is equally well thought of in every other relation of life.

HERMAN L. BALDWIN, a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Milford, was born in that town May 12, 1852, son of James and grandson of Elnathan Baldwin.

Elnathan Baldwin was born in Milford, and after marriage he settled upon a farm there. His wife, Sally Stowe, was also a native of Milford. They had eight children, as follows: Elnathan and Charles were farmers; James is mentioned below; Esther died unmarried; Sarah married Charles Beardsley, of Milford; Phineas is a farmer in Milford; William was a cabinetmaker; Eunice, who died Nov. 25, 1876, was the wife of Joshua Baldwin, son of Hezekiah and Mary Ann Baldwin.

James Baldwin, our subject's father, was born in Milford Nov. 10, 1824, and grew to manhood upon the farm, but also learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for some years. He made his home upon the present farm at his marriage, and he and his wife, Elizabeth A. Smith, are both living. Of their five children our subject is the oldest; Ida L. married Edward Tuttle, of Milford; Henry M., unmarried, is a farmer in Milford; Frank E. is a carpenter and builder in Fairfield county; and Elizabeth L. married Frederick Woodward, of New Haven. Mrs. Baldwin is a daughter of Lewis Smith, and granddaughter of Amos Smith, of Milford. Her mother, whose maiden name was Abigail A. Baldwin, was a daughter of Hezekiah and Mary Ann Baldwin, of Milford. Mrs. Baldwin is the oldest in a family of four children, the others being Mary J., wife of Henry Smith, a farmer in Milford; Miss Martha A.; and Miles L., a carpenter in New Haven, who married Miss Kate Smith.

Our subject was reared upon the homestead, and his education was secured at the district schools. He learned the patternmaker's trade at Bridgeport, and followed it for many years, but at present he is not engaged in any business. Politically he is independent, and he and his family are members of the Congregational Church of Milford. He married Miss Sarah W. Bradley, of Bridgeport, and has one child, Edna H.

JOHN ALOYSIUS HURLEY, secretary and treasurer of the Meriden, Southington & Compounce Tramway Co., and one of Meriden's progressive and active business men, is a native of New Haven county, born April 30, 1854, in the city of New Haven. His parents, William and Ellen (Ray) Hurley, were natives of Ireland, born in Counties Tipperary and Limerick, respectively. The mother died in New

Haven Oct. 9, 1892, and the father, now in the sixty-ninth year of his age, is a resident of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the public schools of his native city, and began his business career at the age of eighteen years, in January, 1872. He entered the dry-goods establishment of Edward Malley, in New Haven, his first occupation being that of wrapper. Being capable, faithful and industrious, he steadily earned and received promotion, so that when he closed his connection with the house, at the end of the year 1878, he occupied the position of head bookkeeper and cashier. At this time he entered the employ of McMahon & Wren, wholesale liquor dealers of Bridgeport, in the capacity of bookkeeper. On Feb. 1, 1886, he became a partner in the business, and the name was changed to McMahon, Wren & Co. On Jan. 1, 1888, Mr. Hurley came to Meriden, where he has ever since resided, to take charge of the business of the Meriden Brewing Co., and continued in that connection until the close of the nineteenth century, resigning the position Jan. 1, 1901. His business ability was soon established among Meriden business men, and his genial nature and upright character readily made and retained friends. He was one of those who foresaw the capabilities of trolley systems, and his energetic and enterprising nature led him to join Francis Atwater in securing the charter under which they are now successfully operating, with benefit to themselves and the general public. This took place in August, 1897, the company was incorporated the next month, and such was the energy and industry of the promoters that the road was in operation by July 2, 1898, and has been continuously at the service of the public, without a hitch, ever since. Much credit for this state of affairs is due to the active manager, whose name heads this article. Mr. Hurley is president and treasurer of the Acme Manufacturing Co., of Plantsville, a recently organized industry, devoted to the production of a patent wagon wrench, a patent screw-driver, chisels and kindred articles. He is also a director and vice-president of the Connecticut Breweries Co.

On July 16, 1877, Mr. Hurley married Miss Margaret A. Byrne, who was born in New York City, daughter of Thomas Stanford and Mary (Mallon) Byrne, of Ireland. Mr. Byrne died in 1888, at the age of seventy-three years, and his widow, now in her eighty-sixth year, makes her home with her daughter in Meriden. She came to New York more than sixty years ago. Three of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hurley are now living, namely: Grace L., Margaret M. and John A., Jr., all of whom reside at home with their parents.

Being of a social disposition, Mr. Hurley is among the cherished members of the Amaranth Club, of Meriden Lodge, No. 35, B. P. O. E., and of Silver City Council, No. 2, Knights of Columbus. He is a trustee of St. Joseph's Church corporation.

In political affiliation our subject is a Democrat. When Mayor West took the chair, in 1901, he appointed Mr. Hurley a member of the board of apportionment and taxation for a term of two years. This is a fitting testimonial to his business standing, integrity and judgment, and indicates the cordial esteem in which he is held by all who are privileged to enjoy his acquaintance.

SEYMOUR CRANE LOOMIS, a substantial citizen and highly successful lawyer of New Haven, is a representative of an old and prominent Connecticut family.

Born in the town of Suffield, Conn., Nov. 12, 1861, Mr. Loomis is the son of George Wells and Ellen (Norton) Loomis, and a descendant in the eighth generation from Joseph Loomis, one of the first settlers of Windsor, Conn. This original American settler was a linen draper at Braintree, in the county of Essex, England, and was born probably about 1590. He sailed from London in 1638, in the ship "Susan and Ellen," to Boston, and as early as 1640 was at Windsor, where he had a plantation of twenty-one acres on the west side of the Connecticut river, adjoining the Farmington river, and also some land on the east side of the river. Five sons and three daughters came with him to New England. His wife died in 1652, and his death occurred six years later. From this immigrant settler the lineage of Seymour Crane Loomis is through Lieut. Samuel, William, Capt. Noah, Ham, John Wells and George Wells.

Lieut. Samuel Loomis, son of Joseph, was born in England, and was married Dec. 27, 1653, to Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Judd. Lieut. Loomis was made a freeman at Windsor in 1654, and was admitted to the church in 1661. About 1672 he removed to Westfield, Mass., where he died Oct. 1, 1689, his widow surviving until May 7, 1696. His grandson, Capt. Noah Loomis, of Southwick, Mass., served in the war of the Revolution.

George Wells Loomis, son of John Wells and Eliza (Whitney) Loomis, was born June 24, 1832, at Southwick. He removed to Suffield in 1852, and was married Jan. 4, 1860, to Ellen Norton, who was born June 6, 1836, daughter of Daniel W. and Mindwell (Pease) Norton, of Suffield. To this union came two children, Seymour Crane and Mindwell Pease, the latter born Jan. 18, 1865. The family home is in the town of Suffield, Connecticut.

Seymour Crane Loomis, son of George W., passed his boyhood days in the town of his nativity, where he prepared for college at the Connecticut Literary Institute, one of the old-established schools of the State, graduating as valedictorian in 1878. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Yale University in 1882, and of LL. B. *cum laude*, from its law department two years later. Admitted to the Bar in June, 1884, he engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in New Haven, where for three years he was in the office of John

W. Alling. From 1887 until 1893 he was associated with William B. Stoddard. Since that time he has conducted his office at No. 81 Church street, in the Connecticut Savings Bank building. Mr. Loomis was assistant city clerk in 1885 and 1886, serving as city clerk the latter part of the time. In 1893 and 1894 he was the Executive Secretary of the State of Connecticut, during the administration of the late Gov. Luzon B. Morris.

Mr. Loomis was married April 20, 1892, to Miss Catherine Canfield Northrop, a daughter of Samuel C. and Caroline (Bassett) Northrop, of New Milford, Connecticut.

CHARLES A. BEVAN, M. D., has for fourteen years been one of West Haven's successful and highly esteemed physicians, at the same time filling a prominent position in both social and fraternal circles.

Dr. Bevan is of English descent, and the name is of Welsh origin, being derived from "Ap Evan." The Doctor's great-grandfather served in the Revolution, and his grandfather in the war of 1812.

The latter, Timothy V. Bevan, was born in Stratford, Conn., and was one of five children. His father was a sea captain, and he too was a sea captain in early life. After abandoning that vocation he made his home at Trumbull, and engaged in farming there and at Monroe. He died after passing life's eighty-eighth milestone, in the faith of the Episcopal Church. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He married Samantha Hurd, who lived to the age of sixty-five, and they had nine children, viz.: (1) Julia, who married Cyrus Botsford, died in Humphreysville, Conn. (2) Russell, who was a hatter, died in Danbury, Conn. He was the father of George R. Bevan, chief of police of Danbury. (3) Charles was first a shoemaker and later a farmer; he died in Trumbull. (4) Lucy Ann married Samuel French, and died in Trumbull. (5) David C. was the father of our subject. (6) John, a carpenter and builder, lives in Bethel, Conn. (7) Samantha is the widow of Louis French, and resides in Bridgeport, Conn. (8) Ira Nichols, now living retired in Bristol, Conn., was born July 5, 1825, in Trumbull. (9) Susan N., Mrs. Knapp, lives in New York City.

David C. Bevan was born Sept. 29, 1816, in Trumbull, and in the common schools of that place received his rudimentary education. After leaving school he learned the trade of a carriage-maker, and later worked as a journeyman in Middlebury, Bridgeport and Plymouth. At the point last named he was for twenty-three years a foreman in the employ of Shelton & Tuttle. On leaving that firm he went to South Amenia, N. Y., engaging in the carriage business there for fifteen years. Feeling himself growing old, he retired and moved to West Haven, making his home

with his son Charles A., at whose home he died March 20, 1895.

On April 7, 1830, David C. Bevan married Laura Wilson, a daughter of Charles and Martha (Bennett) Wilson, of Newtown, and a lineal descendant of John Rogers, who was burned at the stake in Rhode Island. Jonathan Bennett, grandfather of Mrs. Laura (Wilson) Bevan, was the inventor of the first shingle mill. He was a resident of Dutchess county, N. Y. Charles Wilson was a large land owner and prosperous farmer in Dutchess county, N. Y. He died at the age of sixty, and his wife at seventy-eight. Nine children were born to them. To the union of David C. Bevan and his wife were born three children, as follows: Samuel, who was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., at Jersey City, N. J., up to the date of his death, which occurred Oct. 15, 1899; Emma J., who married Evelyn Beecher, and lives in New Haven; and Charles A., our subject. The mother of this family is still living, at the age of seventy-nine years, and has her home with our subject. Mr. Bevan and his wife were active members of the M. E. Church; he was chairman of the committee which built the edifice at Thomaston, and also served as steward. He was a Republican, always active in politics, and served as grand juror.

Charles A. Bevan was born Nov. 29, 1849, in Middlebury, and received his early education in the common schools of Plymouth and in the high school at Thomaston. After leaving the high school he acquired a thorough knowledge of the trade of machinist, which he followed for nine years at New Haven and Hartford, passing several years in Colt's Armory, with the Wetmore Machine Co. and Sargent & Co., of New Haven. Although a proficient workman, his tastes inclined toward a professional life, wherein he might gratify his innate yearning toward a higher training and a more scholarly pursuit. He began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. B. S. Lewis, of New Haven, and finally received the degree of M. D. from the Medico-Chirurgical College, of Philadelphia, April 6, 1887. Immediately upon graduation he settled in West Haven, where he has since been engaged in active practice, endearing himself to his patients alike by his scientific skill and the gentle kindness of his sympathetic nature. He is a member of Annawon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of West Haven; Joseph Andrews Chapter, R. A. M.; City Lodge, I. O. O. F.; and Sassacus Encampment.

On June 27, 1885, the Doctor was married to Mary J. Andrews, of New Haven, daughter of James M. Andrews, a carriage painter of that city; her mother, Maria H. (Grinnell), was of English descent, her forefathers having been among the founders of New Haven. Mrs. Bevan is the sole survivor of a family of five children. To the union of Dr. Bevan and Mary J. Andrews



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have been born two children, Laura A. and Mary J. The Doctor is a Democrat in politics, has been a member of the school board for four years, and is at present filling the responsible position of health officer for Orange town. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has held the post of steward.

JOHN SHANE CRABB, who has been connected with the Connecticut School for Boys, at Meriden, since 1890, and is now supervisor of Cottage E, was born Oct. 11, 1845, in Ross township, Jefferson Co., Ohio. He is of German descent, his grandfather, Henry Krebs (as the name was then spelled), having been born in Germany. On his emigration to America he located in Ross township, Jefferson Co., Ohio, and was one of the early pioneers of that section, which was then virtually a wilderness. He engaged in farming, became a land owner, and spent the rest of his life there. In religious connection he was a Presbyterian.

John Crabb, son of Henry, and father of John S., was born on the home place in Ross township, and there grew to manhood, receiving such education as the schools of the locality afforded. He spent his entire life in his native township. He was a large land owner, and engaged in general farming and, on an extensive scale, wool growing, from which latter business he derived his principal revenue. He reached the ripe old age of ninety-two, and his death was caused by an accident; he tripped on a carpet and fell, breaking his hip, and died from his injuries. His remains rest in the family cemetery. Mr. Crabb was a staunch Republican in political sympathy, was one of the first anti-slavery advocates, and was not afraid to voice his sentiments at a time when such principles were considered a disgrace and their support was nothing short of dangerous. He was a conductor on the "underground railroad." He was a man of upright life, a good citizen, a kind husband and father, and thoroughly domestic in his tastes. He was especially fond of horses and fine stock, and gave all his interests the best of care.

John Crabb was married to Jane McLaughlin, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, of Scotch-Irish descent, and belonged to one of the early families of that section, being a daughter of Robert McLaughlin. Mrs. Crabb is still living (1902), at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years, and makes her home on the homestead, with her son. She is a good Christian woman, a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church, to which her husband also belonged, and proved a worthy and competent helpmeet to Mr. Crabb in his active career. Children as follows blessed their union: Henry K. enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company K, 52d O. V. I., and died while in the army; Robert Mitchell, who served a term in the Civil war, is a farmer and stock raiser near the old home; John S. is mentioned below; Ross lives on the old homestead with his mother; Annie is the

wife of William K. Smith, a farmer and stock raiser and dealer in Ross township.

John Shane Crabb was reared on the home farm and attended the local schools during his boyhood. It was his ambition to become an educator, and he accordingly continued his studies in the college at Hopedale, Harrison Co., Ohio, where he fitted himself for his profession. He commenced teaching at the age of eighteen years, in his native town, and was engaged six years in the public schools, his vacations and spare time being spent at home, assisting his father with the farm. Having managed to save a little, he engaged in the mercantile business with J. M. George, under the firm name of Crabb & George, and they carried on a store in Moorestown, Jefferson Co., Ohio, for five years, at the end of which time our subject withdrew to become a member of the Salineville Lumber Co. Mr. Crabb was manager of the business, and he continued thus for three years, when, not having met with the success he anticipated, he sold out and returned to his profession. He accepted a position at the Ohio State Reform School, Lancaster, where he was supervisor of a cottage, and remained there four years, having under his charge seventy or more boys, in whose care he was ably assisted by his wife, who was engaged as teacher. This incumbency he was obliged to relinquish because of political changes, and took a similar charge in the House of Refuge, Cincinnati, under Major Oliver, retaining this situation until 1890. Having been tendered a position in the Connecticut School for Boys by Mr. Howe, who was then superintendent, he accepted and came to Meriden, and has ever since been connected with the institution, where he is regarded as one of the most efficient and painstaking officials. He was made supervisor of the North Division and the chair shop, having over 130 boys under his charge, and since 1896 he has held his present position, that of supervisor at Cottage E. Here he has fifty boys under him, and he has faithfully performed all the duties of this responsible charge, taking a deep interest in the welfare of his boys, and showing genuine devotion to his work, in which he takes personal pride and pleasure. He has won recognition by his own earnest efforts, and the high esteem in which he is held is ample testimony of his worth as a man, apart from his usefulness in his chosen field.

On Jan. 1, 1876, in Ross township, Jefferson Co., Ohio, Mr. Crabb married Miss Marietta McLennan, a native of Jefferson county, and a daughter of Kenneth McLennan; her family is of Scottish descent. Mrs. Crabb was educated in her native county and in Mt. Union College, near Alliance, Ohio, and like her husband has devoted her life to the teacher's profession, before her marriage engaging in the public schools of her native county, and since assisting him in his labors. She taught in the Ohio State Reform School, at Lancaster; in the House of Refuge, Cincinnati; and ever since she came to Meriden has been one of the best teachers in the

Connecticut School for Boys, where her work has received deserved appreciation. She is a woman of marked culture and character, and under her wise direction many boys have been fitted to commence life's battle. Like her husband, she takes more than a professional interest in her charges, and it is the personal element in their work that gives it special value. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Crabb, Janet. She attended public school in Ohio, graduating from the German-American school in Meriden and the Meriden high school, and is now a student at the Ontario Ladies College, at Whitby, Ontario, Canada, where she is receiving instruction in the higher branches. She possesses musical ability of a high order. The family circle is a charming one. Mr. Crabb is a man of pleasing manner and genial disposition, an interesting conversationalist, and is well liked among a wide acquaintanceship. He is a Republican in political faith, and a staunch supporter of the principles of that party. He and his family unite with the First Congregational Church, of which he is a deacon.

FRANCIS LYNCH, or as he was so well known, "Frank" Lynch, was, in his life time, one of the best-known Irish-Americans in Connecticut, and he was well known and highly respected in his home town, Meriden. He was born in County Meath, Ireland, a son of Michael Lynch. When he was but fifteen years old he made the voyage to America, and upon landing came direct to New Haven, where he found employment with Rogers, Smith & Co. During this time he was also a member of the Fire Department. The breaking out of the Civil war afforded him an opportunity to prove his devotion to the land of his adoption, and he enlisted, becoming a member of Co. A, 9th Conn. V. L., under Col. Caball and Capt. Duffey. He participated in several battles with Gen. Butler, was in New Orleans, and fought all through the campaign of the Gulf. After his term of enlistment had expired, he returned to New Haven, and again entered the employ of Rogers, Smith & Co. This company was soon bought out by the Britannia Co. and transferred to Meriden. Mr. Lynch continued in the same position in Meriden, under the new management, for eight years. He then started out in business for himself as a cigar manufacturer on Center St., and continued there until 1883, when he gave up the business, becoming agent for the Harbour Yeast in Hartford County, and at the time of his death he was associated with the Francis Gowdy Distillery Co., of Merose. He died at his home Jan. 3, 1901, and was buried in St. Patrick's cemetery in Meriden.

In his religious views, Mr. Lynch was a devout Roman Catholic, and was identified with St. Rose's parish, to which he contributed freely, and in which he was held in the highest esteem. In the days of the volunteer fire department, he was as stated a fireman, and belonged to the old Washington Hose Co. He was one of the organizers and

a charter member of the First Division, A. O. H., and was also a member of Merriman Post, G. A. R. In his political faith he was a Democrat, and no man in the State of Connecticut was better known as a leader in the party. Unlike the majority of men in the political world, he sought no political office or honors for himself. He loved the battle of the campaign, and was very loyal to his friends. The *Meriden Journal* of Jan. 3, 1901, speaks of him as follows:

Mr. Lynch was a man of strong likes and dislikes. Loyalty to his friends, those who had done him good turns, was one of his strong praiseworthy qualities. He never forgot a favor and was out-poken against men and methods that did not appear to him to be right. He took an active interest in politics, local and State. He was the spirit of steadfastness to any cause he espoused—a tireless worker, a keen discernor, and a fighter in politics from the drop of the hat to the close of the polls, and when it was over, he held no animosity toward his opponent, but simply prepared the way to beat them again at the next contest if he could. That was the way he made so many staunch friends, and that was the secret of his success in winning so many contests in the First ward—unswerving loyalty to friends and eternal vigilance to opponents. Socially he was a big hearted, generous, honest man who took delight in doing favors for friends, and many were asked of him. When the emergencies of a campaign did not take him away he could always be found at home, for he was strictly a home man, devoted to his family and beloved by every member of it. Frank Lynch was a born leader, and in his plain, blunt way he exercised an influence over men that proved his right to command. He fought in the open, and leaves behind him a record that is clean in every way. He never sought office for himself, being content to let others enjoy the fruits that were in many cases entirely due to his planting and cultivating. He was, taken all in all, a strong, unique personage, who will be greatly missed in the circles in which he moved. He was well known throughout the State, especially in New Haven county, and when the news of his death becomes known, there will be many expressions of sorrow.

Attorney Walter L. Bevins, whose father, Le Grand Bevins, was a life-long friend of Mr. Lynch, paid the following tribute, which appeared in the *Meriden Record*, Jan. 4, 1901:

In the death of Francis Lynch, the local Democracy loses one of its most indefatigable supporters, and the community one of its most prominent citizens. For over thirty years Mr. Lynch had taken an active part in political affairs and no Democrat in this section of Connecticut was more widely known. While strongly partisan in his political views and sympathies, he was as just as he was generous to those with whom he differed in politics. No Democrat of Meriden ever showed greater personal interest in the welfare of his party, or worked harder for its triumphs. Few leaders have more conscientiously, or more intelligently, participated in their party's councils than Mr. Lynch, and in times that tried the stoutest hearts of Democracy, when overwhelming defeat temporarily gave the party only remnant stability, the ardent optimism of the man who was always looking to the future for better things made him a central figure around whom the doubting Thomases rallied with even more fervor than before the unlucky election day.

Mr. Lynch will not be longest remembered for his services as a public official, as he held very few offices and these were of minor importance. He will be most gratefully remembered for his earnest devotion to the interests of others. He was a most kind husband, and a more indulgent, or more thoughtful, father could not be found anywhere. He was always true to his friends, and hated self-seeking, tricking and double-dealing in others.

Never a personal claimant in the distribution of the spoils of political meetings, but always a warm advocate of the principle that a "public office is a public trust," and that office should seek the man, rather than the man the office, he gave liberally of his means to campaign funds, and during Grover Cleveland's first canvass for the presidency, it is understood that Mr. Lynch contributed \$1,000 to Mr. Cleveland's election.

The tall, spare form of Mr. Lynch and the frank friendliness of his manner will be missed on our streets. His death will be mourned by a wide circle of friends in this city, New Haven, Hartford, and Waterbury.

On July 3, 1859, Mr. Lynch was married by the Rev. Father Matthew Hart, to Ellen Maloney, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, a daughter of John Maloney, who died in Westport, Connecticut. Mrs. Lynch is a woman of strong character, and was greatly attached to her husband, to whom she was, in very truth, a helpmeet and companion. Their happy marriage was blessed with eleven children: (1) Francis W., born April 5, 1860, was educated in Meriden, and now resides in Hartford, where he is engaged in the cigar business. Under President Cleveland, he held the office of deputy collector. He married Mary A. A. Noland, who was born in Portland, Conn., a daughter of Peter and Bridget (Keeley) Noland. One child, Ellen, was born to this union, but she is now deceased. (2) John, born March 23, 1864, is a cigar manufacturer in Hartford. He married Frances Bennett, of New York, daughter of Fennimore Bennett, and has one child, Francis Fennimore. (3) Ellen, born April 23, 1866, died Feb. 23, 1867. (4) Thomas J., born Nov. 24, 1867, was educated in Meriden, and was graduated from Yale Business College in 1888, and died April 16, 1899. (5) Bernard C., born Feb. 22, 1870, is government storekeeper at Windsor Locks. He married Mary Batten, daughter of Thomas Batten of Meriden, and has two children, Ellen and Francis. (6) Mary, born March 20, 1872, died July 26, 1873. (7) William, born Nov. 11, 1873, died Nov. 22, 1874. (8) Anna C., born Sept. 28, 1875, was educated at St. Rose's school in Meriden, and graduated from Mount St. Joseph's, Hartford, in 1894. She is a fine musician, thoroughly proficient in both instrumental and vocal music. (9) James, born Feb. 10, 1878, attended New York City College of Pharmacy. (10) Catharine, born Jan. 20, 1881, was educated at St. Rose's school. (11) Edward, born Jan. 28, 1887, is at home.

CHARLES L. WEIL, one of the prominent business citizens of New Haven, who is also identified with its public, educational and social life, was born in this city, Dec. 19, 1863. Paul Weil, his father, was a native of Berlin, Germany.

Charles L. Weil was the second in the family born to his parents, and he spent his boyhood days in this beautiful city. Mr. Weil enjoyed superior educational advantages, passing from the Eaton school into the Yale Business College, and gaining a commercial training by associating with his father in the cigar business in this city, for a period

of five years. Then, in partnership with his brother, Louis P. Weil, he took charge of this business for four years, under the firm style of Louis P. Weil & Brother, conducting it on State Street. He then became connected with the Springfield Brewery Co., being financially interested from 1889 to 1899. When this business was absorbed by the trust, Mr. Weil became connected with the Manila Anchor Brewing Co., of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

On Sept. 20, 1894, Mr. Weil was married to Miss Delia Zunder, daughter of Maier Zunder, a complete biographical sketch of this prominent family being found on another page. One little daughter has been born to this marriage, Regina Zunder. Mrs. Weil is a lady of superior educational and social graces, and is known and valued in educational enterprises and benevolent activities in New Haven.

Mr. Weil is one of the prominent members of the Democratic party, in this city, and has served in a number of positions where he has greatly benefited the city. From 1890 to 1892 he was councilman from the Sixth ward, and served for two terms as alderman from the same ward. In 1897 he was appointed fire commissioner, for a term of three years, by ex-Mayor Farnsworth, and was re-appointed by Mayor Studley. Mr. Weil is one of the leading members of the Synagogue, the Jewish Temple; is a director of the Hebrew Benevolent Society; secretary of the Harmonie Club; member of the A. O. U. W.; Yale Conclave of Heptasophs; Connecticut Commercial Travelers' Association; and the order I. O. B. B. In all these orders and organizations, covering the religious, social and business circles of the city, Mr. Weil is deservedly popular.

RICHARD WILLIAM MUELLER, proprietor of the Vienna Bakery, and one of the leading citizens of Meriden, where he is regarded as one of the most prominent German-Americans of the city, was born in Spremberg, Prussia, Sept. 5, 1853, a son of William Mueller, and a brother of William C. Mueller, a well-known attorney of Meriden.

William Mueller, the father of Richard, was born in the same Prussian town as his son, and there he grew to manhood, becoming engaged in a wool manufacturing business, at which he spent many years, securing a large patronage, and forming many associations with all parts of the business world. He was president of a corporation, in which he was a very large stockholder. The affairs of the company, which was a large exporter of manufactured cloth, suffered greatly from the unsettled condition of Europe, especially from the Franco-Prussian War, and in 1870 they suspended business. Mr. Mueller left Germany in 1873, not wishing that his sons should be compelled to serve in the army, and came to this country by way of Holland and Liverpool. He landed at Boston, and went from there to Meriden, where he found employment in the Malleable Iron Company's Works. After a short illness he died in 1879, and his remains were interred in the

West Cemetery. He was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, and was noted for his integrity and honesty.

Mr. Mueller was married in Germany, to Caroline Wilhelmina Senkel, who is still living, and has her home in Meriden. In 1874 she came to this country with four children, to make her home in Meriden, where she has lived to the present time. She is a member of the Lutheran Church, and reared her children to be upright and useful members of the community. She was a devoted wife, and of her only the best and kindest words are spoken. She is the mother of the following family: Richard W.; Emma, who married Lewis Krober, of Meriden; Frederick J., who is connected with the International Silver Company, of Meriden; Helen, who married Otto George Hirschfeld, of Meriden; and William C., an attorney of Meriden.

Richard W. Mueller attended school in his native town, where he received a good German education. He was also given a good business school training, and was employed in the office of his father until the removal of the family to Meriden. There young Richard was employed for a time in the finishing department of the Woollen mill, where he rose to be assistant foreman. For a short time he was employed in Philadelphia, and also at Holyoke, Mass. In 1878 he turned to the grocery trade, buying out the establishment of W. Balzer, which he conducted for seven years with somewhat indifferent success. In 1885 he bought the interest of George Stuck, who was engaged in a bakery business on East Main Street. There Mr. Mueller was located until 1890, when he built his present place, a large brick structure on East Main Street, which cost over \$20,000. It is one of the finest bakeries in New England. Here Mr. Mueller has carried on his work to the present time and has built up a very extensive patronage. His supplies are bought in car load lots from the flour mills, and all his transactions are on a most extensive scale. He also has a confectionery business of considerable importance.

Mr. Mueller was married in 1878 to Tina Tartter, of Meriden, a native of Bavaria, Germany, where she was born, a daughter of Frederick Tartter. To this union have come four children: (1) Emily, who married George F. Winslow, a foreman of the International Silver Company, at Wallingford, where he has a very pleasant home; (2) Lucy, who died young; (3) Helen died young; and (4) William E., who is at home, and is engaged in the bakery business with his father.

Socially Mr. Mueller is a member of Alfred H. Hall Council, No. 1423, R. A., Meriden; of Meriden Lodge, No. 276, D. O. H.; of the local Turnverein and Saengerbund; and of the Cosmopolitan Club. He takes a lively interest in the welfare of the German-American School, and for ten years was its treasurer. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family belong to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Mueller has reason to felicitate himself upon

his career. Starting poor, he has steadily worked himself up through his own pluck and energy to a very commendable place in the world. Men respect him for his integrity and business ability, and like him for his manly qualities and kindly disposition. Domestic in his habits, he sticks closely to his business, and gives to the world a most inspiring example of true worth and character.

WILLIAM C. MUELLER, brother of Richard W., is a lawyer, and a man of mark in Meriden. Born in Spremberg, Prussia, April 27, 1864, he came to this country with his parents when ten years old, and here he continued his education in the Corner and Prattsville District Schools of Meriden. From 1878 to 1884 he clerked for Howard Brothers, applying his leisure moments to the study of law at home. Fitting himself for entrance, he became a student in the Yale Law School in 1884, and was graduated from that institution in 1886. Immediately he became associated with W. F. Davis, forming the law firm of Davis & Mueller, which still exists. At the age of twenty-three, Mr. Mueller was elected collector of town taxes, defeating the occupant of the office for the ten years previous by the handsome majority of 534, and carrying the strong Republican ward in which the candidate resided by 60 votes. In 1888, and a third time in 1889, he was again elected to that office, which then became appointive. In 1890, 1891 and again in 1892, he was chosen by the board of selectmen to fill the position. In 1888, 1889, and in 1892 and 1893, he was city collector, over a million dollars passing through his hands without the slightest blunder or mistake. For eight years he was a ward committeeman in the Third ward, and he also served two years as chairman of the Democratic town and city committees, having full charge of the campaign of 1892. The following year he was appointed by Judge J. P. Platt, city attorney, a position which he had not sought, but which he has so admirably filled, that he is still retained therein, and his conservative and careful administration of the affairs of the office is recognized and highly commended. In 1900 Mr. Mueller was appointed water commissioner by Mayor West, and for two years has filled that position with dignity and marked ability. Mr. Mueller has built up a good private practice in his profession, and in the management of the cases which have been intrusted to him has been very successful. Socially he belongs to the various German societies, and he is also affiliated with several of the Masonic bodies of the city.

Mr. Mueller was married in June, 1895, to Miss Agnes Yost, a daughter of August Yost, a well-known citizen of Meriden.

FREDERICK S. WARD, one of the prominent business citizens of New Haven, and a member of a family distinguished in the Revolutionary war, successfully conducts a business in real estate and insurance in that city.



Frederick S. Ward

Mr. Ward was born in New Haven Jan. 14, 1851, son of Capt. Frederick S. Ward, and grandson of Jacob and Henrietta (Kimberly) Ward, natives of West Haven, Conn. His father, Frederick S. Ward, was born in West Haven in 1812, and died in New Haven in July, 1865, at the age of fifty-three years. By occupation he was a sea captain, and his father before him also followed the sea. At the time of his death Capt. Ward was engaged in the West India trade, and he had traveled almost all over the world, commanding vessels which went to California around the Horn, to South America, and to the Mediterranean, being part owner himself. He married Mary Elizabeth Stevens, a sister of the well-known Samuel A. Stevens, of whom more particular mention is made elsewhere. Her death occurred in 1882. Five children were born to Capt. Ward and his wife: Frederick S., subject of this sketch; Elliott, who lives in the city of New York; Harry K., employed in West Haven; Josephine, widow of Charles P. Whitney, living in West Haven; and Frederika, wife of Albert C. Coe, residing in West Haven. In politics Capt. Ward was staunchly Republican. Religiously he and his family were connected with the Congregational Church.

Frederick S. Ward spent his early boyhood in attendance at a private school in New Haven, later becoming a student in the Whiting street public school, the Webster school, the Washington street school, and the Dwight street school. At the age of thirteen years he was placed in the Winchester Institute, an excellent boarding school in Winchester, Conn., where he remained for two years. On the death of his father, in 1865, he accompanied his mother upon her removal to West Haven, and lived there until 1869. In 1867 he was employed by the Home Insurance Co., of New Haven, as office boy, and remained with that company for two years. In 1869 he entered the employ of the New Haven Steamboat Co., at Belle Dock, remaining one year on the wharf, and then about 1870 going aboard the steamer "Continental," as freight clerk. Until 1880, during this period, he continued in the same position on the steamers "Elm City," "C. H. Northam" and others. In the winter of 1880 Mr. Ward became associated with the Northampton Railroad Co., remaining for about a year, and in the spring of 1882 he went to work for the L. Candee Rubber Co. as an accountant, and remained with this company until 1894. For the succeeding two years our subject was associated with his uncle, W. W. Ward, in the ice business, and in June, 1896, he opened up his present line, in real estate and insurance.

On June 25, 1878, Mr. Ward was married to Miss Jennie L. Smith, of West Haven, who was a daughter of Cornelius and Emeline (Rich) Smith, also New Haven people, although Mrs. Ward's birth took place in Brooklyn, N. Y. One daughter, Harriette Smith, has been born to Mr.

and Mrs. Ward. The entire family belong to the Church of the Redeemer.

Politically Mr. Ward is an active Republican. He is identified officially with the Gounod Society, the leading vocal society of the city; with the Royal Arcanum, and with the Sons of the American Revolution, his mother's ancestry entitling him to membership in the latter society. Lieut. H. H. Ward, who was assigned to assist Judge Advocate Lemly in the Schley investigation proceedings, is a cousin of our subject.

MICHAEL HENRY O'BRIEN, the present superintendent of the town poor, superintendent of the town roads, and of the poor farm, is known as one of the most competent business men and public officials of the town of Meriden. He was born in the parish of Mageely, near Middleton, County Cork, Ireland, March 13, 1847, and belongs to an old Irish family which includes in its various generations many of the noted men of the last two hundred years and more.

Henry O'Brien, father of Michael H., was also born in Middleton. He was a tenant farmer, whose struggle for existence was a hard one, and he endured many privations in order to care for his family. Mary Walsh, his wife, was also a native of County Cork, where they were married, and her father, Maurice Walsh, was a native of South Cork. The family were conspicuous for their devotion to their country and faith. Many of Mrs. O'Brien's relatives have become prominent dignitaries in the Catholic Church, both in this country and in Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien were born three children: Fanny, who married John Lahey, of Meriden; Michael Henry; and Maurice, in the market known as the Meriden City Market. Henry O'Brien brought his family to the United States in 1865, and settled in Middletown, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his days in honorable retirement, after a long and industrious life, his sons giving him every attention. He was buried in St. Patrick's cemetery. He was honorable and upright in his business dealings and his personal and domestic character were beyond reproach. Both parents were devout members of the Roman Catholic Church. Mrs. O'Brien survived her husband some years, and was also buried in St. Patrick's cemetery.

Michael Henry O'Brien had limited opportunity for schooling, the exigencies of the domestic circumstances necessitating his early application to some money-producing occupation. From an early age he worked with his parents, and remained with them until he accompanied them to America. Here he was first employed in Stevens' factory, at Middletown, and also at Russell's factory, and for two and one-half years he was employed at the Douglass factory, where he learned the molder's trade. Later in life he came to Meriden, and was given work as a molder in the factory of Foster & Merriam. Here he soon, however, entered the butcher business,

working for C. W. Cahill, later Coe & Cahill, remaining with that well-known firm for thirteen years. On the termination of his long engagement with them, in company with John Island, he began business for himself, under the firm name of Island & O'Brien. This firm had an existence of five years when it was dissolved by the retirement of the junior member, who took a position with Patton & Williams, meat dealers. Mr. O'Brien spent some years with them, and then began a fish business with Patrick Donavan, as O'Brien & Donavan, continuing thus for a year and a half, when he entered the employ of Pitkin & Preston. In January, 1888, Mr. O'Brien received the appointment of superintendent of the poor asylum and farm, and also the position of superintendent of town roads and bridges. For fourteen years he has faithfully discharged the duties of these important positions, to the very general satisfaction of the public. Mr. O'Brien was a strong advocate of the new poor house, which is now complete, and is regarded as one of the very finest buildings of the kind to be found in the State. Our subject is a quiet and unassuming gentleman, and is very popular with all classes. He is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in political affairs.

Mr. O'Brien was married in Middletown, Jan. 26, 1872, to Ellen Dorgan, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, daughter of Michael and Mary Dorgan, both of whom settled in Middletown many years ago. They were members of the Roman Catholic Church. Mrs. O'Brien is matron of the town poor, and bears the reputation of being one of the most efficient and kind-hearted ladies ever appointed in the State to fill that position. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien have had ten children, five of whom are still living, namely: (1) Mary A. was educated at St. Rose's Convent School, Meriden, and at the Meriden high school, from which she was graduated, and has taught in the King street school for nine years. (2) Fanny, educated at St. Rose's Convent School, Meriden, is assistant matron at the almshouse. (3) Michael, (4) Josephine, (5) Maurice (6) Nettie and (7) Lillie, died young. (8) Catharine, (9) William Henry and (10) Arthur Benedict are at school. The family, formerly connected with St. Rose's Catholic Church, are now identified with St. Joseph's, and they are counted among the best families in the city associated therewith. Mrs. O'Brien and her two eldest daughters are members of the Catholic Club, to which Mr. O'Brien also belongs, and he holds membership besides in the A. O. U. W., at Meriden and in Boston, the Independent Order of Foresters, the Knights of Columbus, and the Amaranth Club. He is a member of the First Building Association in Meriden.

IRVING LUCIUS HOLT. The meaning of the name Holt is given as a grove or small forest. Nicholas Holt, the emigrant ancestor of Irving L., was born about 1602, in England, and was a passenger on the ship "James," of London, which

sailed from the port of Southampton in April, 1635, and arrived in Boston the following June. The same year he located at Newbury, Mass., of which place he was one of the first settlers, and in 1644 he became one of the first settlers of Andover, Mass., where he died in 1665.

Nicholas Holt, son of Nicholas, was born in 1647, in Andover, where in 1679 he married Mary Russell. He died in Andover in 1715.

Abiel Holt, son of Nicholas, was born in 1698, and married (first) Hannah, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Geary) Abbott. In 1718 he removed from Andover to Windham, Conn., where they were among the early members of the Church, and there he died in 1772.

Caleb Holt, son of Abiel, born in Windham, March 6, 1729, married (first) Mary Merrick, and (second) Chloe Hatch. He was one of the early settlers of the town of Willington, Conn., and was a delegate to the State convention called to ratify the Constitution of the United States.

Caleb Holt, son of Caleb, was born in Willington, in 1759, and died Sept. 8, 1826, aged sixty-seven years. By his marriage with Sarah Goodale he was the father of five children: Horace, Ryal, Joshua, Ralph and Julianna. Caleb was a wealthy farmer, and gave each of his sons a farm.

Ryal Holt, second son of Caleb and Sarah, was born Dec. 2, 1780, in Willington, where he spent the greater part of his life, and died there in 1864. He married Lovina Lamb, a native of Vermont, whose father served in the war of the Revolution, from the age of sixteen, as a waiter boy for Gen. Washington, continuing thus until the end of the war. Ryal and Lovina Holt had seven sons and five daughters, nine of whom spent their days in Connecticut, and six of them lived to exceed three-score and ten. All inherited robust constitutions, and large physiques, were genial, handsome and of ready wit, though practical and business-like. All were reared in the faith of the Baptist Church, although in later years many drifted into other denominations.

Austin Holt, eldest son of Ryal, was born in East Windsor, Conn., Aug. 4, 1810, and died in Willimantic April 13, 1884. By his marriage with Almira Dimmock he had four children: Henry, born in Rockville in 1830, died in Willimantic April 26, 1873; Parmelia Louise was born in Manchester, Conn., in 1845; Julia Alice, born in Manchester in 1848, in 1875 married Arthur Carpenter, of Willimantic, who died April 12, 1898; and George was born Jan. 16, 1850. Austin Holt was a manufacturer, living in Rockville, Manchester and Willimantic.

Mary L. Holt, eldest daughter of Ryal, was born in Willington, Conn., March 9, 1812, and died in North Haven, Conn., Aug. 25, 1876. On Oct. 25, 1842, she married Nathan W. Brown, of Willington, and for many years they resided in North Haven, where Mr. Brown was station agent.



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Their only daughter, Mary J., was born April 18, 1844, married Francis S. Smith, of New Haven, and had three children—Laura Minerva, born July 27, 1871, who died July 15, 1872; Sherman Woodward, born Nov. 25, 1873, who died July 11, 1874; and Frances Sherman, born Dec. 8, 1874.

Otis Holt, second son of Ryal, was born in Willington, Dec. 13, 1813, and died in Rockville, May 10, 1857. He married Clarissa Allen, of Vernon, Conn., and they had three children: Rhoda, born Aug. 9, 1840, married Origin Dodge, May 12, 1866, and died at Mansfield, Conn., April 7, 1872. Roland, born July 10, 1846, died June 17, 1873; he served in the Civil war. Horace Winslow, born June 20, 1853, married Nov. 20, 1883, Ellen Slattery, of Northampton, Mass., and their only child, Hazel May, was born in Rockville, Dec. 24, 1884. He is a gardener by occupation.

Almira Holt, second daughter of Ryal, was born Aug. 5, 1815, at Willington, Conn., married Harvey Lyman, of Andover in 1841, and died in Andover April 14, 1889. They had four children: Julia and Llewellyn died in childhood. Julius Austin was born Aug. 14, 1849, married Edna Curtis in 1881, and their only child died infancy. Clark Lyman was born June 6, 1855.

Clark Holt, third son of Ryal, was born in Willington Oct. 6, 1817, and in 1841 married Mary A. Winchell, daughter of Chauncy and Mary Vibert Winchell, of Rockville. Their only son, Grenville, died in infancy. Clark Holt died in Manchester July 22, 1888.

Sarah G. Holt, third daughter of Ryal, was born Nov. 6, 1819, at Willington, and died at Mansfield, Oct. 6, 1890. She married Abel Johnson, of Willington, and they had five children: (1) Legrand, born in 1844, married Louisa Manning, of Willington, April 5, 1866. (2) Elisha, born Aug. 25, 1845, died July 13, 1863; he served in the Civil war as a member of Company D, 14th Conn. V. I. (3) Frederick E., born June 5, 1847, married Bessie Fisk Sept. 10, 1874, and on June 10, 1885, for his second wife, wedded Emma Jacques, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; he is a physician at Mansfield Depot. (4) Grace, only daughter of Abel and Sarah G. (Holt) Johnson, was born in Willington, Aug. 1, 1852, and in 1876 married R. Rogers Frisbie, of New Haven, who died in 1882; their only son, William, was born Sept. 11, 1877. For her second husband she married George A. Huntington, of Mansfield, on Sept. 11, 1889; their home is in Sharon, Mass. (5) Truman was born in Willington in 1854 and married Jennie A. Bixby, who was born in Burmah, India, in 1855, a daughter of Rev. Moses Bixby, of Providence, R. I. Truman Johnson is a missionary to Burmah.

Amirett Holt, fourth daughter of Ryal, was born Oct. 21, 1821, at Willington, and on Nov. 20, 1840, married Otis Freeman, of Mansfield, where they first resided, later moving to Hartford, and still later to Southern Illinois. They had four

children: Eugenia, born in 1841, who died April 2, 1872, was a teacher of mathematics in the Chicago schools. Mary J., born in 1844, died Jan. 15, 1853. Fred, born in 1846, died the same year. Edwin, born in 1851, in 1882 married Isabella Hooker, of Murphysborough, Illinois.

Elijah Holt, fourth son of Ryal, was born in Willington Nov. 6, 1823, and died in Rockville March 17, 1866, aged seventy-two years. His first wife was Nancy E. Harwood, daughter of Ebenezer and Minerva (Dimmock) Harwood, of Crystal Lake, Conn., and they had two sons, Grenville E. and Irving Lucius. The former was born in Manchester March 6, 1847, married Isabella Jackson, of Shelton, Conn., and has two sons, Irving Lines and Clifton Jackson. Grenville E. Holt is superintendent of the Seth Thomas clock factory, at Thomaston.

Caleb Holt, fifth son of Ryal, was born in Willington in 1826, was a merchant, and died in Providence, R. I. He married Elizabeth Coggsball, and had two sons, Warren H. and Frederick.

Ryal Gilbert Holt, seventh son of Ryal, was born in Willington in 1830, and died at Rockville July 15, 1891. In 1852 he married Eliza Matson, of Windsorville, Conn., where he was engaged in manufacturing, and they had two sons, Frank L. and Charles H.

Ann Eliza Holt, youngest daughter of Ryal was born in South Coventry, Conn., Oct. 31, 1832. In 1856 she married Chauncy Hibbard, of Rockville, who died in 1856. In 1862 she married George P. Lines, who died June 10, 1874.

Ryal and Lovina (Lamb) Holt had twelve children, thirty-one grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Irving Lucius Holt, second son of Elijah and Nancy L. Harwood Holt, was born in Somers, Conn., Sept. 5, 1851. A ripe student, and a thorough man of business, Mr. Holt well represents the honorable family from which he springs. During his early years he worked a short period in the Glasgow thread mill, but spent the greater part of his time in school, going from Williston Seminary, in East Hampton, Mass., to Meriden, while still a youth, to teach his first school at South Manchester. His parents had removed to Meriden, and he returned there, and was engaged as a teacher in the State Reform School, remaining in charge for two and one-half years. His aim was to save enough to enable him to take a course in the Sheffield Scientific School, of Yale, and in this he was successful, completing his course with honor.

Upon his return to Meriden, Mr. Holt was called to the Prattsville school, as principal, and there he taught until, a year later, he entered the office of the Meriden Fire Insurance Co., as assistant secretary. He spent nineteen busy years in that employ, and when the company went out of business associated himself with F. A. Stevens in the formation of the firm of Holt & Stevens, general

insurance agents, who represent the following named insurance companies: Agricultural Co., of Watertown, N. Y.; American Co., of Newark, N. J.; American Co., of Boston, Mass.; American Co., of New York; British-American Assurance Co., of Toronto; Capital Co., of Concord, N. H.; Continental Co., of N. Y.; Fire Association, of Philadelphia; Firemen's Co., of Newark, N. J.; Firemen's Fund Co., of San Francisco, Cal.; Franklin Co., of Philadelphia; German-American Co., of New York; Girard Co., of Philadelphia; Granite State Co., of Portsmouth, N. H.; Greenwich Co., of New York; Hamburg-Bremen Co., of Germany; Holyoke Mutual Co., of Salem, Mass.; London and Lancashire Co., England; Liverpool & London & Globe Co., of England; Magdeburg Fire Co., of Germany; Manchester Assurance Co., of England; Merchants' Co., of Newark, N. J.; New London County Mutual, of Norwich, Conn.; New York Underwriters' Agency, of New York; Niagara Co., of New York; Northern Assurance Co., of England; North British & Mercantile Co., of England; Norwalk Co., of Norwalk, Conn.; Phoenix Co., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Royal Co., of Liverpool, England; Security Co., of New Haven, Conn.; Springfield F. & M. Co., of Springfield, Mass.; Western Assurance Co., of Toronto, Canada; Westchester Co., of New York; and Fire Co., county of Philadelphia. The firm also represents the Northwest Life Co., of Milwaukee; the Anna Life and Accident Cos., of Hartford, Conn.; the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., of Baltimore; and the New York Plate Glass Co., of New York.

In political life Mr. Holt is a staunch Republican, and from 1888 to 1892 was chairman of the Republican town committee; was registrar of voters for one year; and in 1893 was elected tax collector for the town of Meriden, and for the past eight years has been re-elected. During this time he has collected over one million dollars for the town. In religious views his ambition has always been to live up to the Golden Rule, and he has won the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. Fraternally he is connected with Meridian Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M., and St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, K. T.

On Aug. 11, 1875, Mr. Holt was married in Meriden to Ella M. Rice, a lady of the highest culture and refinement. Two children have come to this union: Harry H., born May 28, 1876, a graduate of the Meriden high school, who is now with his father in the insurance business; and Ralph G., who died in infancy.

The Rice Family, of which Mrs. Irving L. Holt, of Meriden, is a descendant, is one of the oldest in Connecticut. The original spelling of the name was Royce, and the founder of the family in America was Robert Royce, who came from England and was in Stratford in 1644.

Samuel Royce (as the name was then written), the progenitor of the family in New Haven county,

was a son of Robert Royce, who died in New London in 1676. Robert Royce was made a freeman in 1634, in Boston. Before 1650 and until 1657 he is known to have been in Stratford, Conn. He removed to New London, where in 1660 he was constable—a very important position at that time. None of his sons remained in New London. His son Samuel settled with his sons in Wallingford, and they were among the first families of what is known as the New Colony.

Samuel Royce settled in Wallingford in 1672, married Sarah Baldwin, and later Hannah Benedict, who died Jan. 12, 1761, at the age of ninety years. His death took place in Meriden, May 14, 1757. He was made a deacon of the church in Meriden when it was organized, Dec. 14, 1729. His children were: Abigail, who married Joseph Cole; Prudence, born in 1680; Deborah, who married Thomas Mix; Isaac, born in 1688; Ebenezer, born in 1690; Nathaniel, born in 1692; John, born in 1694; Mary, born in 1695; Jacob, born in 1697, who married Thankful, daughter of Moses Beach; Hannah, born in 1699, who married John Ives; Ezekiel, who married Anna Merwin; Samuel, who married Martha Moss, and settled in Cheshire; Abel, born in 1700; Benjamin, born May 23, 1705, who married Mindwell Rice; Melitabile; and Ebenezer, who died Oct. 18, 1752, in Meriden.

Benjamin Rice, son of Deacon Samuel, was born in Wallingford, was a clerk in the mines, and spent his life in that locality, dying in January, 1758. To his marriage with Mindwell Royce or Rice, a relative, came two children, Benjamin and Solomon. She was born Oct. 12, 1703, and died May 13, 1776.

Benjamin Rice, son of Benjamin, was born April 1, 1730, and married, April 15, 1755, Phebe Halsey, of Long Island, who died June 13, 1776. He passed away in February, 1777. Their children were: Phebe; Benjamin; Halsey; Isaac; Halsey (2); Elizabeth, who married Nathaniel Stevens, of Norfolk; Silas; and Levi. Benjamin was a private at the Lexington Alarm, under Capt. John Couch.

Silas Rice, the grandfather of Mrs. Holt, was born Oct. 19, 1770, and was a farmer all his life. In 1796 he bought the farm now owned by William Benjamin, son of Benjamin Rice, in Meriden, and there he died, in 1852, and was buried in the East cemetery. Silas Rice was a deacon in the Center Congregational Church of Meriden and a member of the Washington Benevolent Society. His political views made him a staunch Whig. His first marriage, on Aug. 4, 1796, was to Ruth Curtis, a sister of Alfred Curtis, of Meriden, and the children of this union were: Almira, born May 24, 1797, married Avery Hough; Phebe, born Feb. 23, 1799, died Aug. 13, 1799. The mother died March 30, 1801. The second marriage was March 18, 1802, in Meriden, to Rebecca Hubbard, who

was born Nov. 25, 1783, a daughter of Isaac and Jane Hubbard, and died in February, 1855. Thirteen children came to this marriage, viz.: (1) Ruth Curtis, born Oct. 14, 1803, married Lyman Hough. (2) Jane, born July 1, 1805, died Feb. 13, 1824. (3) Silas, born June 29, 1807, died the same day. (4) Mary, born March 9, 1809, married Joel Hough, of Wallingford. (5) Silas Hubbard, born April 5, 1811, married Fanny Brooks, of Chatham, and they had three children—Levi Woodley (born July 2, 1837), Mary Ameret (Sept. 23, 1841), and John W. (March 8, 1844). (6) Phebe Rebecca, born Sept. 9, 1812, died July 30, 1814. (7) Henry, born Nov. 20, 1814, married Emily Lane. (8) Joseph, born March 29, 1817, died March 30, 1817. (9) Benjamin Halsey, born June 20, 1818, married Mary Ann Bradley, and for his second wife, Mrs. Abigail Cecelia (Harvey) Smith, who was born in Durham, a daughter of Asahel Harvey; she is living with her family on the farm, where Mr. Halsey's death occurred June 25, 1898. (10) Emily Rebecca, born Sept. 16, 1820, married Samuel A. Tuttle, of Cheshire. (11) Hinsdale Silliman, the father of Mrs. Holt, is mentioned below. (12) Elizabeth Jane, born Aug. 31, 1825, died April 13, 1842. (13) Samuel Atwater, born Jan. 26, 1828, married Mary L. Wetherell, of Canaan, Connecticut.

Hinsdale Silliman Rice was born April 11, 1823, and first married Nancy Munson, of Southington, who died in February, 1855, the mother of two children: Ella Maria, Mrs. Holt, born Oct. 31, 1851; and Emma Jane, who died Nov. 1, 1854. For his second wife Mr. Rice married Sarah Gaylord, now a resident of Meriden, and an aunt of Dr. Gaylord, of Branford. There were no children by this union. Hinsdale S. Rice died Oct. 26, 1887.

SUMNER C. REILLY, the efficient superintendent of the M. Seward & Sons Co., of New Haven, for many years has been a skilled machinist, and has held various positions of responsibility. His birth occurred in Deansville, Oneida Co., New York.

John S. and Harriet (Green) Reilly, the parents of Sumner C., were natives of Rhode Island, and the former died while his children were still small. The latter was a daughter of Nathan Green, a direct descendant of Gen. Green, of Revolutionary fame, who also came to Oneida county from Rhode Island and engaged in stove making, later in farming. Mrs. Reilly survived until 1901. Her nine children were: John S.; Sumner C.; Nathan; Thomas; Frank; Edward; Kate, who married Frank Huntley, and lives in Binghamton, New York; Alpha, who married Henry Shiermerhorn, and lives in Carthage, N. Y.; and Nellie, who married Judge Joseph Logan, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Sumner C. Reilly was reared in Clayville, N. Y., and while still a youth became interested in

machinery, all of his brothers also becoming machinists. His trade was learned in the works of S. A. Melard, manufacturer of edge tools, etc., and he remained with that house six years, becoming thoroughly instructed in every branch and detail of the business. Then he went to Ilion, N. Y., and there took a contract in the Remington gun shop, where he remained several years, going from there to Binghamton, where he became superintendent of the Bowles Tool Co. In this responsible position he continued for ten years, and from that great establishment went to Terre Haute, Ind., and built there the works for the Terre Haute Shovel & Tool Co., remaining as superintendent for three years. In 1891 he came to New Haven and took his present responsible position.

Mr. Reilly was married on May 7, 1878, to Miss Celia Cochran, who was born in Chadwick Mills, N. Y., daughter of Robert Cochran, a manufacturer of cotton goods, formerly a resident of England. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Reilly, Edith Lila.

In politics Mr. Reilly upholds the principles of the Republican party, and socially he is a member of Ottensino Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Binghamton, N. Y., belonging also to the Chapter and Consistory. As an energetic and successful man of business and an honorable and upright citizen, Mr. Reilly enjoys the esteem of all with whom he comes in contact, both in public and in private life.

ROBERT LUTZ takes a leading position among the prominent and substantial business men of New Haven, being justly regarded as one of the city's representative dealers in meats, groceries and provisions. His location at Howard avenue and First street is one of the finest in the southern part of the city, while the equipment of his store is second to none in New Haven.

Robert Lutz is a native of the city, born June 13, 1860, son of George Lutz, who was a native of Germany. The latter came to New Haven when he was a young man, and followed the trade of springmaker. His wife was also of German birth, and they reared four children, all of whom were born and still reside in New Haven, namely: George, who is a grocer in the city; Minnie, who married George Macheleidt; Fred, who is a merchant in New Haven; and Robert, the subject of this sketch. The mother died in New Haven in 1889. The father was a Democrat in political attachment, and served as a member of the city council. He died June 12, 1900. Both parents belonged to the German Lutheran Church.

Robert Lutz had little financial assistance when he started out in his business career, but he had been afforded excellent educational advantages. After completing the course in the Webster school he attended Yale Business College, and then took a clerical position with Glason Hall, in the meat business. Mr. Lutz remained with Mr. Hall for eleven years, at the end of this period embarking intelli-

gently in the business for himself, opening up a store on Crown street, between Church and Temple streets. After occupying that location for eleven years he came to his present site, on the corner of First street and Howard avenue, and in 1896 built his brick block at that location, which continues to be one of the most ornamental structures in that part of the city, reflecting credit upon owner and architect. In his business affairs Mr. Lutz has been unusually successful, and he has the satisfaction of realizing that his prosperity has come through his own efforts. He is noted for his honesty and uprightness, dealing justly by everyone. He is well-known in New Haven, and has as large a circle of personal friends as business ones, all of whom regard him with feelings of high esteem.

On Jan. 28, 1886, Mr. Lutz was married to Miss Irene Smith, who was born in Wilton, Conn., daughter of William Smith, who died when she was a child. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lutz.

In politics Mr. Lutz formerly voted with the Democratic party, but is now independent. Fraternally he is connected with Rock Lodge, No. 92, F. & A. M., and Germania Lodge, No. 78, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Lutz indulges his love of fine horses, and in his stables are usually some excellent animals.

JARED ATWATER (deceased) was one of the honored and highly esteemed citizens of Hamden, New Haven Co., Conn., and was prominently identified with its agricultural interests. He was a native of that town, born near Mt. Carmel in 1779, a son of Samuel Atwater, and grandson of Samuel Atwater, Sr., both natives of Hamden. Throughout life our subject followed the occupation of farming with marked success, and made his home in Hamden.

On Oct. 28, 1807, Mr. Atwater married Lucy Hall, of Wallingford, Conn., daughter of Hezekiah Hall, and to them were born seven children, namely: Harriet, born Aug. 18, 1808, died March 18, 1883; Laura, born Dec. 5, 1810, married Edmund Bradford, and died in February, 1890; Ruth D., born April 11, 1812, married Leverett Hotchkiss, and died in July, 1835; Jared, born Oct. 2, 1814, died July 16, 1866; Elizabeth, born Sept. 23, 1816, died when four weeks old; Mary, born July 7, 1810, died April 24, 1838; and Betsey, born Aug. 22, 1821, is mentioned below. Mr. Atwater died Oct. 13, 1850, at the age of seventy-one years, his wife Aug. 30, 1870, at the age of eighty-eight. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Congregational Church, and were held in high regard by all who knew them. In all the relations of life Mr. Atwater was found true to every trust reposed in him, and his life was such as to command the confidence of all with whom he came in contact.

On Jan. 11, 1840, Miss Betsey Atwater was united in marriage with Charles G. Atwater, who

died April 4, 1874. Soon after their marriage they located upon the farm in Hamden where she now resides, and where he was successfully engaged in the occupation of farming throughout the remainder of his life. He also operated a stone quarry, and in all his undertakings prospered. He was an industrious, energetic and progressive man, was of a kindly, generous disposition, and was an active member of what was then Chapel Street Congregational Church of New Haven. He died at the age of fifty-two years, honored and respected by all who knew him. Mrs. Atwater was again married, in 1881, her second union being with Samuel A. Baldwin, a native of New York State and a carpenter by trade, who died in November, 1893. For many years Mrs. Baldwin has been a devout member of the Congregational Church, and is a most estimable lady, who has a large circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciate her sterling worth.

DOOLITTLE. The branch of this family now at Meriden, of which Hon. Edgar J. Doolittle, for nearly forty years a leading citizen and prominent business man and manufacturer of that city, is now the head, and whose father, Rev. Edgar J. Doolittle, identified through a long and useful life with the religious and social life of this community, was a most striking character, has descended from an ancestry older in this locality than the city and county of New Haven.

Abraham Doolittle, understood to be the emigrant ancestor of all the Doolittles in this part of the world, came from England about the year 1640. In 1641 he took the oath of fidelity to the Colony and acted as an executive officer at New Haven, and had to do with the first organization of the town of Wallingford. In that region the Doolittle name for several generations was not an uncommon one.

The late Rev. Edgar J. Doolittle, before mentioned, was a descendant of Abraham Doolittle, and was born Oct. 19, 1810, in New Haven, son of Jared and Anna (Jones) Doolittle. Liberally educated, he was a graduate of Yale, in the class of 1830, and became a clergyman of the Congregational Church, where his scholarly abilities, his rare spiritual fervor and devotion, and his transparent character, gave him large influence over the lives and hearts of the faithful of that communion, entitling him also to a leading position in the community where he dwelt. From May 18, 1842, to Dec. 14, 1852, he was the settled pastor of the First Church in Hebron. From Hebron he was installed over the church in Chester, where as stated supply and settled pastor he served thirteen years. The closing years of his life were passed at Wallingford, where his kindly disposition, old-fashioned courtesy and high character commanded the respect and love of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Doolittle was married in 1842 to Jane E. Sage, a daughter of Isaac and Harriet (Sage) Sage,



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of Middletown. The Sage family is an old one in New England, and descends from David Sage, who was born in Wales in 1639, and came to Middletown in 1652. He was twice married, and became the father of eight children. Many of his descendants in the intervening generations occupied prominent positions in the community, and were people of marked ability. Capt. William Sage was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, and fought in the battle of Bunker Hill. To this family belongs Russell Sage, the noted financier of New York City. To Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle were born the following family: (1) Edgar Sage, born July 11, 1843, died May 10, 1844; (2) Edgar J., Jr., was born Jan. 29, 1845; (3) Isaac Sage, born Jan. 26, 1847, died when a young man; (4) Henry Nathaniel was born Jan. 11, 1849; (5) Annis Merrill, born March 12, 1851, died Nov. 23, 1872; (6) Harriet Anna, born April 1, 1856, died May 8, 1857; (7) Jane Elizabeth was born Dec. 1, 1859; (8) Orrin Sage was born Dec. 29, 1863.

EDGAR J. DOOLITTLE, of Meriden, was born in the town of Hebron, Conn., and received a good education in the common schools and in the Guilford Institute, then in charge of Prof. Eli Mack, from which he was graduated in 1861. Mr. Doolittle began his business career, in which he has risen to eminence in the commercial world, as a manufacturer of boxes. Meriden is known the world over for the excellence of its manufactured goods, and the output of Mr. Doolittle's establishment is of the very highest grade. The Doolittle box factory is finely located on Camp Street, and has a railroad frontage of three hundred feet. It has the latest machinery, and its capacity is equal to any demand that may be made upon it. The best of workmen are employed, and every variety of paper boxes produced, from the cheapest patterns, to hold the roughest goods, to the finest boxes, lined with silk, satin and plush, and used in the packing of silver and bronze art goods. Large quantities of gold, silver and embossed paper are used, and the range of selection is so wide that universal satisfaction is given the trading public. Mr. Doolittle is one of the most prominent business men of the city, and holds many notable and responsible positions, including those of director and vice-president of the Home National Bank, director of the Meriden Gas Light Co., secretary of the Meriden Hospital, and trustee in the Meriden Savings Bank. He is largely interested in many of the local industries. Mr. Doolittle is a man universally trusted and admired, and has many times received honors political and social at the hands of his fellow townsmen, and in the several positions to which he has been called he has proven himself—by his fidelity, ability and public spirit—richly worthy of the honor. Five times chosen mayor of Meriden, he was unanimously nominated for a sixth term, but declined to accept it. His fifth term as mayor closed Jan. 3, 1887, in which year he was elected to the State Senate,

where he served with distinction and ability. Mr. Doolittle is a prominent Mason, a Knight Templar, and has risen to the thirty-second degree, being a Mystic Shriner.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Doolittle having been a soldier in the Revolution, that gentleman has taken advantage of his right and belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution. This privilege also comes to him from his maternal grandfather, Capt. Sage, who is noted above as taking part in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Mr. Doolittle was married, Nov. 13, 1867, to Martha W., daughter of George and Mary (Warner) Couch, of Meriden, and they have one daughter, Dorothy.

CONRAD WEISS, one of the progressive, enterprising and successful business men of New Haven, who, since 1899, has been the popular and useful alderman of the Sixth ward, is of German birth and ancestry.

The birth of Mr. Weiss occurred in Bavaria, Germany, in the town of Nuremberg, March 21, 1864. His parents were George and Mary (Kopmann) Weiss, neither of whom ever came to America; the former was a merchant in the historic old city of his birth. The five children born to George Weiss and wife were: Conrad, John, Frederick, William and Francis, of whom, John is a baker in Bavaria; two of the sons are with their father in his business; and two others are serving in the German army, Conrad being the only one who has established himself in the United States.

Until he was seventeen years old, Conrad Weiss remained with his father as a clerk in the store, but he was an ambitious youth and longed for wider opportunities, this resulting in his arrival in America in 1882. His first location was at Milltown, N. J., where he found work in a rubber factory for some two years, and then remained for the following two years in a town in Long Island, engaged in the same kind of work, coming to New Haven in 1886. Here he entered the Candee Rubber factory, remaining two years, and then for the following three years clerked for Otto Dietter.

This was all a preparation for a business career for himself, and on Jan. 1, 1891, he opened up a stock of groceries and meats, at No. 485 Chapel street, where ever since he has done a flourishing business, the excellence of his goods securing the best trade in the city in his vicinity.

On June 26, 1891, Mr. Weiss was married to Miss Anna Kapitzke, who was born in New Haven, a daughter of August Kapitzke, a native of Berlin, Germany, and two children have been born of this union: George M. and Florence M. They reside in their home at No. 501 Chapel Street.

As a Democratic politician, Mr. Weiss has been very active, and in 1899 was elected alderman of the Sixth ward, which he is faithfully serving. One of his measures which he has strongly advocated in

the city council is the wharfage law, by which the city shall own all city wharfage rights, and which has the support of the business men, irrespective of party. Fraternally, Mr. Weiss is a member of Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, I. O. O. F.; Aurora Encampment; and is also a member of the Retail Butchers and Grocers Association; the United Order of Good Fellows; and with insurance companies, he has policies in New York Life, Washington, Berkshire, and the Mutual of New Jersey. The religious connection of the family is with the German Lutheran Church. As an honest, progressive and industrious citizen, Mr. Weiss has a clean record, and in public affairs he is looked upon as one of the rising men of the city.

REV. JAMES O'REILLY SHERIDEN is pastor of St. Francis Catholic Church, in Naugatuck, and one of the most esteemed citizens of that town.

Father Sheridan was born in County Longford, Ireland, Feb. 10, 1855. His father and grandfather, both of whom were christened Thomas, were farmers in the same county. His grandmother's maiden name was Margaret Martin, and she and her husband had five children, of whom Thomas, the father of Father Sheridan, was the youngest. The others in order of birth were named John, James, Philip and Margaret. Thomas only remained in the old home and followed in the steps of his father and grandfather, cultivating the farm on which he first saw the light of day. James and Philip crossed the ocean and settled in Philadelphia, in which city they engaged in business, and where they both died. Margaret also came to America, but not until after the death of her husband, John O'Farrell. Of her children, one, Rev. John O'Farrell, died in Hartford, thirty-five years ago; another, Thomas, became a physician, and died some years ago at New Britain; and Alice, one of her daughters, became a Sister of Charity.

Thomas Sheridan, Jr., added to his agricultural pursuits the business of linen and grain merchant. He came to this country while a young man, but after a short time returned to his native country, where he remained until his death, in 1890. He married Catherine O'Reilly, who, like himself, was born in County Longford, as were her parents, Thomas and Catherine (Sheriden) O'Reilly. Mrs. Sheridan came of a distinguished family, whose seigns have attained prominence in both the old and the new world, in orders, at the Bar, and as physicians, as well as in commercial life. She was the youngest of a family of three daughters and six sons, all of whom are deceased: Catherine, Alice, Margaret, Bernard, William, Thomas, James, Michael and John. Of the sons, two received a vocation to the priesthood, Bernard and William. The first named became the second bishop of the Diocese of Hartford, while William, who died at Newport, R. I., was his vicar general. Thomas

was a celebrated physician in Ireland, and James and Michael were farmers and merchants in the old country. John emigrated to the United States and settled in Texas, where he died after accumulating a large fortune through judicious investments in real estate. Mrs. Sheridan died in 1857, the mother of a large family, nine of whom reached mature years: Annie, Thomas, Bernard, Catherine, Margaret, John, William, James O'Reilly and Francis. In this generation three sons received holy orders: Bernard, permanent rector of St. John's Catholic Church, at Middletown; William, who, after filling a pastorate at several points in Connecticut, died in 1892; and the reverend gentleman whose devoted, useful life forms the subject of this brief biographical sketch. The careers of the other children may be briefly outlined. Annie, the widow of Dennis Gray, lives in Ireland. Thomas studied medicine, and died while engaged in the practice of his profession, in Texas. Catherine, the widow of Patrick Mulligan, resides at Aughnaccliff, where she is postmistress and general storekeeper. Margaret died at home, shortly after being married. John is a farmer on the old homestead. Francis lives with his sister, Mrs. Mulligan, whose business he assists in conducting.

Father Sheridan himself is in the prime of life. It is but little more than five years since he began his pastorate in Naugatuck, yet under the divine blessing he has been able already to accomplish a great work. He came to America in boyhood, and received his academic education at the College of the Holy Cross, graduating therefrom in 1875. A course of three years study at the Grand Seminary at Montreal followed, and in 1878 he was ordained a priest. His first assignment was to the assistant pastorate of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, at Waterbury, where he remained six years. In June, 1884, he was placed in charge of the parish at Windsor Locks. There he displayed a power of mental concentration, a capacity to plan and an ability to execute. During the twelve years of his rectorate there he put new life in the flock committed to his care. The sacred edifice was improved by the installation of a steam-heating plant, the substitution of new stone steps for the old wooden ones, and the remodeling of the interior. The parochial residence, too, was put in repair, new curbing, coping and concrete laid down and every obligation incurred therefor discharged in full. He also purchased a site for a school and convent, and erected a substantial school house, which he cleared of debt in three years. He also erected the Church of the Sacred Heart in Suffield, which was ready for dedication on Thanksgiving Day, 1886, and St. Joseph's Church, in Poquonock, which was dedicated Jan. 30, 1887. To erect churches and school houses on credit is comparatively easy, when the builder can command sufficient confidence. Such was not, however, Father Sheridan's policy. Within five years of the



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erection of the church at Suffield the eleven acres of land occupied, costing \$12,000, were paid for in full.

In was on Jan. 9, 1896, that Father Sheriden became pastor at Naugatuck. Within that comparatively short period he has not only endeared himself to his parishioners, but by his prudent and blameless life has acquired and held the sincere, undisguised respect of the entire town, Protestant and Catholic alike. The church building suffered severe damage during a flood within a month after his arrival, but he grappled with the situation without hesitation and without apprehension, feeling confident of the support of a higher power than his own. A new system of drainage with sewers was established, a lawn laid out, a granite wall erected, a handsome concrete walk laid, and the basement remodeled and refurnished. The cost was \$10,000. An electric lighting apparatus was put in and various parishioners contributed liberally for the adornment of the House of God, among the ornaments being costly chandeliers and handsome statues. Father Sheriden has also greatly improved the cemetery, building a house and barn thereon, sinking an artesian well and cutting away the underbrush. His predecessor in the pastorate, Father Lenehan, had purchased a building for a convent, and here, in February, 1897, Father Sheriden installed four Sisters of Mercy, who there conducted a select day academy for three years. He has now (1901) completed, at a cost of \$60,000, a splendid parochial school, being thoroughly in accord in the matter of early training with that eminent educator, Rev. Francis L. Patton, D. D., president of Princeton University, who holds that "whether or no education be regarded as an end or means to an end, it is incomplete and unsatisfactory unless it has a religious side." This new school building Father Sheriden is justly proud of, and he has reason to be, for it is without question the handsomest and best equipped school in the State. It contains twelve handsome school rooms, has a large and handsome hall, and four fine rooms, for societies of the parish to meet in. It is indeed a model school building, and is justly looked upon as the pride of the borough of Naugatuck.

As a man Father Sheriden is scholarly, genial and courteous; as a citizen, loyal and public-spirited; as a priest, self-sacrificing and devoted, charitable toward human imperfections, yet always ready to point the way toward a higher, truer and nobler life.

JOHN C. MILROY, son and successor of the late Samuel Milroy, was born in Meriden Aug. 20, 1850. He attended the district school of his native town, and at an early age began work for the Charles Parker Co., in the screw shop, where he spent but a short time, accepting a position under his father in the shipping department of the Meriden Britannia Co. Here he began at the bottom round,

working up through merit, and when his father resigned, in 1879, he was appointed to succeed him. For the past twenty-two years he has filled the position with ability and given general satisfaction, proving a worthy successor of his father.

Mr. Milroy was married April 29, 1875, to Julia Sadler, who was born in England, a daughter of William and Julia Sadler, both of whom were natives of Coventry, England. The former died here, in 1898, and the latter in 1899, and both are buried in Walnut Grove cemetery. Mrs. Milroy is a model housewife and a devoted wife and mother. Three children have blessed this union: (1) John William, born in Meriden, and educated in the public schools and Morse's Business College, of Hartford, is assistant to his father in the shipping department of the Meriden Britannia Co. He is a young man of ability, and is a fine pianist, having studied under George Marble, of Meriden. (2) Jessie Julia, aged fourteen, is a pupil in the West End Institute, where she is fitting for the high school. She is a pianist of no mean ability and is under the instruction of Prof. George Marble. She accompanies her brother, Carl, and they have frequent calls to play at entertainments. (3) Carl is a student in the public schools, and although but ten years old (1901) is a celebrated violinist, having as a master the well-known violinist, Prof. William Kerr. Mr. Milroy is a member of the N. E. O. P. Politically he is an independent Republican. The family attend the Congregational Church, and are highly respected by those who know them best.

WALLACE. For three-quarters of a century this name has stood as a tower of strength in and about Wallingford, where have lived the late Robert Wallace and his sons, Robert B., George M., Frank A. and Henry L., the sons being actively connected with the leading industry of the town, the two last named as president and secretary, respectively, of the Wallace Manufacturing Co., while George M. represents the business at Chicago, and Robert B. in Brooklyn.

The late Robert Wallace, manufacturer of Wallingford, belonged to and was contemporaneous with that galaxy of men whose genius, ability, pluck and determination from the humblest beginnings built fortunes for themselves and others, and made the towns of Wallingford and Meriden famous industrial centers, especially for Britannia metal ware, throughout the civilized world. That group of eminent New Englanders was made up of Horace C. Wilcox, Isaac C. Lewis, George R. Curtis, Lemuel J. Curtis, Samuel Simpson, Robert Wallace and others, now all gone to their reward.

Robert Wallace was born Nov. 13, 1815, in Prospect, New Haven Co., Conn., son of James and Urania (Williams) Wallace. The father, a small farmer of that town, came of Scottish and English origin. The son received only a limited education, such as was offered to the sons of the farmers of

that period. At the age of eighteen he began the manufacture of spoons on his own account, in an old gristmill shop in Cheshire, and was destined soon to link his name with an event that was to mark a new epoch in the manufacture of metal goods in the United States. He had only been at work a short time in the old mill when he was shown a spoon made of a metal new to him, called German silver. A chemist, Dr. Louis Feuchtwanger, was known to have brought a small bar of the metal from Germany. This bar Mr. Wallace purchased, and had it rolled into spoons. Later he found a gentleman who had brought the recipe for making the metal, and who sold it to him for twenty-five dollars. Here in his factory Mr. Wallace compounded the first German silver made in America, and to him is due the honor of being the pioneer in this new industry. At this time he removed his simple machinery from Cheshire to a point on the Quinnipiac below Wallingford, and began the manufacture of spoons and flat ware on a more extended scale. In the old mill at Cheshire the output was three dozen spoons a day. Here it was nine dozen. The industry gradually assumed large proportions. New machinery was devised by Mr. Wallace, and in 1855 the business represented an investment of \$12,000, which very soon became \$14,000. In 1865 it became \$100,000, and the style of the corporation was Wallace, Simpson & Co. The manufacturing capacity was more than correspondingly increased. In 1871 Mr. Wallace bought out Mr. Simpson, and with two of his sons formed the R. Wallace & Sons Manufacturing Co. The factory now had added to its list of goods already made a large number of new and desirable articles, sterling goods, high-grade nickle-silver plated ware, both flat and hollow. Still later, by experiment, Mr. Wallace devised a new process of manufacture from steel, by which a less bulky, firmer and lighter basis for silver plating was secured. A new company was formed (the old being still continued), consisting of himself, his sons and sons-in-law, under the style of Wallace Brothers, and this factory and business have since grown to be the largest in the world devoted to the manufacture of flat table ware. About three tons of steel are in daily demand, and one-half that amount of nickle silver. The company has selling houses in New York and Chicago, and never lacks orders. The present officers of the company are: Frank A. Wallace, president; Henry L. Wallace, secretary; and W. J. Leavenworth, a son-in-law of the late Robert Wallace, treasurer. The senior member of the firm passed away June 1, 1892, since which time the sons and son-in-law have continued the business.

Robert Wallace belonged to the old school of men, plain and unassuming to a marked degree. His tastes were simple, and he seemed happiest when at the bench in the factory, away from the office and its complicated interests. Here he was seen until within a short time before his last illness, always affable and courteous. The great ambition of his

life seemed to be to excel as a manufacturer. Accumulating wealth, and widely known, he could have had any position in the gift of his townsmen, had he desired such honors, but all these he uniformly declined when proffered him. Notoriety he dreaded, and his life is a fine illustration of steady and lifelong devotion to one calling.

On March 23, 1839, Mr. Wallace married Harriet Louise Moulthrop, of North Haven, Conn., and their union was blessed with the following children: A son who died in infancy; William J., who died at the age of thirty; Adeline, Mrs. Morris, of Wallingford; Nettie A., wife of W. J. Leavenworth, of Wallingford; Robert E., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hattie E. and Henry L., residents of Wallingford; Adela C., Mrs. Sisson, of New York; George W., in Chicago; and Frank A., in Wallingford.

JOSHUA G. GLADWIN, one of the public officials of New Haven, and a very prominent Republican, was born in Clinton, March 14 1856.

The ancestry of the family is traced back to the grandfather Joshua G., who married Phoebe Dawson Manwarren, died at an advanced age. The father, William R. Gladwin, was born in Clinton, and was a farmer, but also engaged in teaming and hauling timber, and died at the age of sixty-six. In politics he was a Republican, and served very acceptably as road master for many years. His wife, Harriet M. Crocker, was born in Niantic, daughter of Charles Crocker, a farmer of that locality, who later removed to Killingworth. Of the family of seven children born to her parents Mrs. William R. Gladwin is the eldest now living, the others being: Fanny, residing in Waterford, Conn.; Henry, in Guilford; Benjamin, in New Haven. The parents of our subject had the following family: Mrs. Niles Sherwood, of New Haven; Joshua G.; and Mrs. Joseph Kegelmeier. Mrs. Gladwin resides at the old home in Clinton, Conn. She attends the Methodist Church, as did her husband.

The early years of Joshua G. Gladwin were spent in Clinton, where he attended the common school, but when seventeen he commenced his business career by pound fishing for two seasons, and with the money thus earned went to Guilford and entered the employ of Deacon Hall to learn the trade of joiner. Later he went to John Norton, a carpenter in Guilford, and within two years had learned his trade. His next venture was upon a farm owned by Charles A. Goodyear, where he had charge of the horses as well as the farm, being manager of the property. Desiring to reside in a city, he later came to New Haven and worked for three years at his trade for the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. At the expiration of this time he went to work on the outside for John Osborn, Smith & McQueen, and Charles Loveland. On July 15, 1884, he entered the Fire Department as a substitute, and so efficient did he prove that on March 31, 1885, he was made call hoseman. On Jan. 11, 1887, he was appointed

permanent hoseman; April 3, 1888, he was made hose driver No. 1; May 30, 1892, came another promotion, when he was made Lieutenant of Hook and Ladder No. 2; March 1, 1894, he was appointed Captain No. 2; June 1, 1898, he was transferred to No. 9 as Captain, and on Nov. 1, of the same year, was appointed Fire Marshal, and now has charge of the department in the absence of the chief, and has rendered very valuable service to the people of New Haven in protecting their property.

Mr. Gladwin is also building inspector, issuing all the building permits, fireworks, kerosene oil licenses for the city of New Haven. That this office demands a large portion of his attention, is shown by the following statistics: During 1899: Frame houses, 101; brick houses, 15; brick buildings, 24; brick buildings, 15; stores 25; and tenements, 253. During 1900: Frame houses, 74; brick houses, 14; stores, 26; and tenements, 193. Cost of buildings, \$1,373,930. Repairs, \$168,950. In addition, during both years, Mr. Gladwin issued a large number of licenses for the sale of various inflammable materials.

On Nov. 11, 1877, Mr. Gladwin married Florence A. Dudley, born in Madison, a daughter of Jason Dudley, a farmer still living at the old homestead. Mrs. Gladwin is one of two children, the other member of her family being a brother, Clark F., who resides with the parents. Mr. Gladwin is a member of Wooster Lodge, No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter, No. 2; Harmony Council, No. 8; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, Knight Templars; Pyramid Lodge, A. O. U. W.; and he is foreman in the Garfield Council of the American Mechanics; charter member of Firemen's Mutual Aid and State Firemen's Associations, and he has been president of the County Aid Association for two years. Both he and his excellent wife attend the Baptist Church. Mr. Gladwin is recognized to be one of the representative men of New Haven, and his public spirit is unquestioned. Combined with these excellent qualities, are many others which have made for him many friends, who rejoice in the success which is attending his efforts.

DENNIS A. KIMBERLY, one of the prominent and representative citizens of the town of Orange, Conn., was born on Sept. 3, 1844, in Derby, Conn., and traces his line of ancestry through James Lester, Eliakim, Silas, Nathaniel (3), Nathaniel (2), Nathaniel (1), to Thomas Kimberly, who came from London, England, to New Haven, Conn., in 1638, and died in Stratford, Conn., in 1673. Thomas Kimberly had four sons, one of whom, Elizur, was the first white male child born in New Haven, and in after years filled for a long period the office of secretary of State.

Nathaniel Kimberly, son of Thomas, died at West Haven in 1705.

Nathaniel Kimberly (2), son of Nathaniel, died at West Haven, in 1720.

Nathaniel Kimberly (3), son of Nathaniel (2), died at West Haven in 1780.

Silas Kimberly, son of Nathaniel (3), married Mary, daughter of Jonathan Smith, and died in 1803.

Eliakim Kimberly, son of Silas, married Martha Kimberly.

James L. Kimberly, son of Eliakim, married Mary A. Lum, of Derby, Conn., and their children were: Dennis A.; Fannie A. married Miles Good-year, and died in 1883; Edward L. died March 1, 1887.

Dennis A. Kimberly spent his early school days in West Haven, Conn., and during several years, lived in the Western States. Since 1883 his residence has been in West Haven. In 1861 he enlisted, in the 1st N. Y. Cav., and again, in 1862, entering then the 15th Conn. V. I., in which he gallantly served until the close of the Civil war. During his cavalry service, he was at one time seriously injured by the kick of a horse, but otherwise returned from the army without hurt. After the war Mr. Kimberly went to Michigan, where he remained one year and then, from 1866 to 1867, he was with the produce firm of John T. Gill, in West Haven, and in 1868 ran a branch house on State street. Until 1870 he was engaged in business relations with the office of the Northampton Railroad, on Chapel street, and then went to Wichita, Kansas, which at that time was a hamlet of two houses, and there engaged in the cattle business until 1883.

Mr. Kimberly has taken a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the best advancement of his town and served as burgess of West Haven in 1888, 1889, 1890 and 1891, was warden in 1896 and 1897, was selectman in 1901, and was elected warden December, 1901. Fraternally he is connected with Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., of New Haven, Annawon Lodge, No. 115, F. & A. M., Joseph Andrews Chapter, R. A. M.

On Jan. 10, 1876, Mr. Kimberly was married to Miss Nellie A. Norton, a daughter of Alonzo Norton, of Madison, and these children have been born to the union: Fannie E.; F. Lester; Jennie A.; Dennis; Edward B.; and Marian A. F. Lester Kimberly is well known in West Haven, where he is a popular newsdealer and contractor; he was married Nov. 27, 1901, to Miss Annie L. Shannon. The family is one that is universally esteemed in West Haven and is prominent both in business and social circles.

HERMAN MICHAELIS, foreman of the lamp department of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., is one of the leading German-American citizens of the "Silver City." He was born May 23, 1852, in the city of Luckenwalde, near Berlin, Germany, a son of Ludwig Michaelis, now deceased. The latter was a native of Braunschweig, Germany, where he grew to manhood. On attain-

ing his majority, he settled in Luckenwalde, where he engaged in the manufacture of kid gloves and suspenders and similar wares, in which he continued throughout his life. There he died at a ripe old age, and was buried. His wife, Henrietta Lohbauer, was born in Potsdam, and died and was buried in her native place. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. Of their children, four died in infancy; one more, Hermine, is now deceased, two reside in Meriden; and the others in Germany. The living are: Louis, a leading baker of Meriden, Paulina, Emma, Herman and Emil.

Herman Michaelis received a good education in his native land, and was early made acquainted with the manufacturing business conducted by his father, with whom he continued until twenty years old, when he joined the German army. During his three years' military service, he had opportunity to show his mettle, and was made a non-commissioned officer, and acquitted himself honorably. One year of this time was spent in France, during the closing scenes of the Franco-Prussian war of 1871, an opportunity which does not fall to the lot of every soldier, which he made the most of. The training thus received has made him a better citizen, and its experiences will never be forgotten.

Upon the close of his term of enlistment, Mr. Michaelis came to the United States and immediately settled in Meriden, whose manufacturing possibilities were apparent to his experienced eye. He at once attached himself to the great manufacturing establishment of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., entering the lamp department. Here his abilities and industry soon gained recognition, and in 1883 he was placed in charge of the department, one of the prominent ones of the establishment, and for the past nineteen years has conducted it with signal success. His straightforward business methods have made him a favorite with his employers, and secured the respect and esteem of all his associates, in either business or social life.

On May 24, 1882, Mr. Michaelis was married to Miss Louise Ernst, daughter of Charles and Minnie (Konold) Ernst. Mrs. Michaelis was born in Meriden, and her parents were natives of Germany, who died at Meriden, and were buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery. They attended religious services at the Universalist Church. Three of their six children died in infancy. Those living are: Louis; Amelia, wife of Augustus Rayen, and Carrie, wife of Charles H. Drechsler; all reside in Meriden.

Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Michaelis, the second, Herman Walter, died in infancy. The third, Marie Louise, was educated in the American schools, and became a student at White College, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Michaelis is a member of the Meriden Singers and, as such, he has been prominent and is now treasurer. He is a member of the Universalist Church. In politics

he is independent, and never seeks any political favors. An industrious and thrifty citizen, he enjoys the comforts of his own fireside, and leaves public strife to those whose taste inclines to such matters. His home on Hanover street, which he purchased several years since, is one of the finest on that thoroughfare, and is presided over by his devoted wife with the ease and grace which come from good breeding. Having come to Meriden with no capital, a stranger in a strange land, Mr. Michaelis has achieved a success of which he may be justly proud, and which may well be taken by rising generations of Americans as an inspiration and example.

CANDEE. For over two centuries the name of Candee, or Cande, has appeared in the annals of Connecticut. Their most interesting record is as follows:

(I) Zaccheus Candee first appears in New Haven at the time of his marriage, Dec. 5, 1670, to Rebecca, daughter of Henry Bristow (or Bristol), of New Haven. Mr. Candee lived and died in West Haven, probably at the corner of the "Green," where down to a late day remained the dwelling of his son Samuel. He is called Zachariah on his tombstone, on which the date of his death and age are given as 1720, aged eighty years; and on a similar stone the death and age of his wife Rebecca appear as Sept. 22, 1739, aged ninety-one years.

(II) Samuel Candee, son of Zaccheus, born July 24, 1678, in West Haven, Conn., married April 28, 1703, Abigail, daughter of Thomas Pineon, of New Haven. Mr. Candee served respectively as lieutenant and captain of the West Haven Company. He lived and died in that town, his home being beautifully located at the corner of the "Green," and the building stood there until taken down, in 1877. Capt. Candee died Feb. 28, 1748-49, and his wife passed away Jan. 9, 1743. Thomas Pineon, the father of Mrs. Candee, was of Sudbury, Mass., in 1661, likely a son of Nicholas Pinon, of Lynn, 1647.

(III) Caleb Candee, son of Samuel, was born about 1722 in West Haven. He married Lois Malory, of West Haven or Milford, and settled in the town of Oxford, Conn., as a farmer. There he died, according to the inscription on his tombstone, Oct. 4, 1777.

The following is extracted from the *Army and Navy Journal*, March 27, 1880:

A family which has been represented in the Army and Navy of the United States from the earliest period in the history of this country furnishes one of the curiosities of genealogy which is worthy of mention. Early in the sixteenth century a Huguenot family of the same name as the one now considered, fled from France and took up their residence in Scotland. One of the family afterward emigrated to America and settled in Connecticut. He had a son, John Candee, born in New Haven in 1640, from which it may be seen the name of Candee in this country are descended from a hardy race, of a mixture of Hugue-



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not and Puritan, and they lived principally in the township of Oxford, in New Haven county. One of them, Caleb by name, married in 1742 Lois Mallory, and of this marriage were born nine sons, one of whom reached the age of ninety-four, three of them eighty-seven, one eighty-six, and one eighty-three, one seventy-six, one seventy, and one sixty-nine, an average of a little more than eighty-two years. The seventh son, Nehemiah, was the grandfather of Gen. Innes Palmer and Major George W. Candee, Paymaster U. S. Army, and the great-grandfather of Mrs. Dr. Walter S. Schofield, of the Navy, and many citizens of New York and vicinity. He had ten children who lived to mature age, three of them living, viz., Mr. W. L. Candee, of Milwaukee, now in his eighty-ninth year; Mrs. Susan Palmer, mother of Gen. Palmer, in her eighty-eighth year; and Mr. G. W. Candee, of New York, in his eighty-seventh year. Those of the family who have died attained the ages, respectively, of ninety-two, ninety, eighty-two, seventy-six, seventy-four, fifty-six and fifty-three. The average age of the two generations, viz., the families of Caleb and Nehemiah (nineteen children), would be now about eighty years and three months. All of the children of Caleb were born subjects of Great Britain, and all of them, we believe, served in the Revolutionary army.

(IV) David Candee, son of Caleb, was born in 1747, in Oxford, Conn. On Feb. 5, 1772, he married Dinah Bristol, of West Haven, who died June 17, 1785, aged thirty-three years. He married (second) April 11, 1787, Abigail Buckingham. Mr. Candee resided in Oxford and in Harwinton, Conn. He and his wife were baptized into the church in Oxford Sept. 10, 1774, and Jan. 6, 1797, he is recommended to the church in Harwinton, Conn. In 1807 he was of the committee to build the new church. He was frequently a selectman. Mr. Candee died at Harwinton, Conn., May 12, 1841, aged ninety-four years.

(V) David Candee (2), son of David, was baptized Sept. 22, 1782, and on Nov. 16, 1808, married Hannah, daughter of Abijah Catlin, of Harwinton. His mother dying when he was a child, David was adopted by Timothy Candee, of Oxford, and afterward of Pompey, N. Y. David accompanied Timothy to Pompey, but after remaining there a year or two returned to Connecticut, locating at Milford, where he resided with a Mr. Woodruff, who kept a hotel. Later he spent three years trading in the South with a Mr. Cone. They returned and bought the hotel and store in Oxford, and opened trade there. Later Mr. Candee bought his partner's interest and continued the business alone. He was a man of sound judgment, and in his manners, a gentleman of the Old School. He was a respected and leading citizen of the town, and in the course of a steadily successful business accumulated a fortune. He died July 11, 1851. Mrs. Hannah (Catlin) Candee was a lady of education and intelligence. She was active, and long survived her husband, dying in October, 1874.

(VI) Frederic Augustus Candee, son of David (2), was born June 15, 1818, and married Oct. 7, 1845, Louisa A. Hotchkiss. He was a merchant in Oxford, and also kept a hotel until within a few

years of his death. His constitution had never been robust, and he fell a victim to consumption, passing away Feb. 25, 1859. In his business affairs he had displayed rare judgment, and had accumulated quite a fortune. In his religious faith he was reared a Congregationalist, but after marriage he united with the Episcopal Church, in which faith he, as well as his family, remained.

(VII) FREDERICK CATLIN CANDEE, son of Frederic A., was born in Oxford, Conn., Aug. 15, 1854. He was educated in the schools of his native village and at Lovell's Lancasterian School, in New Haven. His training in his youth was chiefly along agricultural lines, and after leaving school he engaged in farming, and he owns a valuable farm in Prospect, Conn. Public affairs occupied his attention to a considerable degree, and he served three terms as selectman in Oxford at a time when the Democrats had a majority of fifty. Politically he is a Republican, and a staunch member of the party. In 1884 he located in New Haven, where he has since been successfully engaged in the livery business.

On May 28, 1874, Mr. Candee married Lucy Ann Davis, who died the same year. She was a daughter of William H. Davis. On Nov. 13, 1878, Mr. Candee wedded Julia Allison Keeney, of Southford, Conn., daughter of Frederick Keeney. Children as follows were born to this union: Frederick (born in 1880), Harry E., Agnes and Julia, living; and two others, a boy and a girl, who died in infancy.

FRANCIS FOOTE ANDREWS, a representative farmer and leading citizen of East Haven, New Haven Co., Conn., was born in that town where his brother Samuel W. now lives, March 18, 1828, and belongs to one of its old and honored families. His grandfather, Nathan Andrews, was also a native of East Haven and a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Both he and his father, Elisha Andrews, lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mahitable Pardee, lived to the age of ninety-one.

Rond Andrews, father of our subject, was born in East Haven, March 18, 1800, and in early manhood married Olive Foote, daughter of Samuel Foote. To them were born seven children, namely: Celesta, who married Noah W. Bradley, and is still living; Francis F., our subject; Ann L., who died at the age of sixteen years; Minerva, who married John A. Blackstone and lives in Branford, Conn.; one who died in infancy; Eveline, who married Samuel Thompson and is deceased; and W. F., a merchant and postmaster of New Haven. The father carried on the old tavern at East Haven, and also ran a hay press, baling hay which was shipped to the West Indies. He took a very active and prominent part in public affairs, serving as selectman of East Haven for a great many years;

town clerk for twenty years; postmaster for thirty consecutive years; and justice of the peace many years. He was also a deacon in the Congregational Church for fifteen years, and took a great interest in the Church and its work. He was widely known and held in high regard by all with whom he came in contact. He died at the age of sixty-four years, his wife at the age of ninety-one.

Our subject acquired his literary education in the common schools of his native town, and has spent his entire life in East Haven, his time and attention being devoted to general farming and the dairy business since attaining to man's estate. He owns a valuable farm of about 100 acres partly in the town of Branford, and has placed the land under a high state of cultivation and made many improvements thereon.

Mr. Andrews was married, July 5, 1852, to Miss Mary A. Hemingway, a daughter of Harvey Hemingway, and to them were born three children: Mary O., who died in infancy; Francis Rouel and Harvey Lincoln, both farmers of East Haven. The wife and mother died in 1895. The Republican party finds in Mr. Andrews an earnest advocate and staunch supporter of its principles, and he has been quite prominently identified with local politics. He has served as justice of the peace several years; was selectman of East Haven two years; and represented his town in the State Legislature in 1896 and 1897, with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

DAVID BLOOMFIELD. The city of Meriden numbers among its intelligent resident professional men several who take high rank with the architects of this country, and a prominent representative of this branch of art is David Bloomfield.

Mr. Bloomfield was born Nov. 6, 1851, in the town of Cromwell, Middlesex Co., Conn. David Bloomfield, his grandfather, was a native of Woodbridge, N. J., where he spent his entire life engaged in farming. He was an earnest member of the Congregational Church. The family, which is of Welsh origin, was planted in this country soon after the Revolution.

Nathan Bloomfield, a son of David (1), and father of David (2), the subject of this notice, was born on his father's farm in New Jersey, and his boyhood days were spent in farming and attending the district school. When he had attained to man's estate he went to Hoboken, N. J., and learned the trade of shipbuilder. After his marriage he removed to Cromwell, Conn., and worked as a ship carpenter; later locating in Middle Haddam and forming a partnership with Andrew F. Parker, in a ship building business, which continued for several years, during which time he helped in the construction of the U. S. gunboat "Cayuga." He was also associated with a Mr. Gildersleeve, in Portland, Conn., in shipbuilding, and in all of his ventures was eminently successful. The immediate

cause of his death, which occurred in April, 1861, was the breaking of a blood vessel, and he was interred in Middle Haddam, where his wife also lies. Mr. Bloomfield was married in Staten Island, N. Y., to Elizabeth Butler, a woman of fine character and many lovable qualities. She was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, and her husband was liberal in his religious views; both were most excellent people. In political matters the father was a Democrat, but aside from giving his earnest support to the candidates of his party he never took an active part in politics. To himself and wife were born seven children, namely: Emily, who died young; Garry, a builder of Meriden, Conn.; Mary, who was killed while only twenty years of age by being thrown from a carriage, in Middle Haddam; David; Franklin, who died when young; Frank, deceased; and Nathan, who died at the age of twenty.

David Bloomfield was taken by his parents to Middle Haddam, and while attending school, also helped his father. When but seventeen years old, he began to learn the carpenter's trade, and in 1869 came to Meriden with his brother, following his trade in this city. Being ambitious, he began the study of architecture and mechanical drawing, later taking a course under the celebrated architect, Henry C. Shute, of Massachusetts. While still studying under this gentleman, Mr. Bloomfield designed several private residences that gave evidence of his great ability in this line. In 1887, Mr. Bloomfield opened an office at No. 129 State street, Meriden, and he has met with unqualified success. Among the buildings which bear testimony to his skill may be mentioned the residences of W. L. Squire, A. S. Thomas, Mrs. Mary Wilson, and scores of others. The Pacific Lodge and Journal Publishing Co. buildings, the Turner Hall, the Columbia, Franklin and Center street schools, St. Mary's Roman Catholic and the German Lutheran Immanuel churches, and many other public and private buildings in Meriden, were designed by him, as well as elegant structures in Hartford and New Haven. In all of his work Mr. Bloomfield displays a thorough understanding of all modern requirements and an originality of design that mark it as distinctively his own, and his success has been almost phenomenal.

Mr. Bloomfield was married June 12, 1884, in Bristol, Conn., to Clara R. Richards, who was born at Goshen, Conn., a daughter of Charles A. Richards. No children have been born of this union. Socially, Mr. Bloomfield is a member of Montowese Tribe, I. O. O. F. In political matters he has always taken a leading part, in 1893 representing the Fifth ward in the city council, having been elected on the Republican ticket. He is now Fire Marshal, having served in that capacity for nine years; and he has been inspector of plumbing seven years. Religiously Mr. Bloomfield is very liberal, giving freely to works designed to relieve suf-



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fering and to promote the general betterment of humanity, regardless of church affiliations. Trustworthy and talented, upright, thoroughly conversant with all the details of his profession, Mr. Bloomfield is one of the men of whom Meriden feels justly proud, and who numbers his friends by legions.

WILLIAM HENRY ELY, the subject of this biography, is a prominent member of the Connecticut Bar, and former Corporation Counsel of the city of New Haven. His descent in several lines is from an early Puritan ancestry who were among the first settlers of New England, one line reaching back to the coming of the "Mayflower."

Mr. Ely was born Nov. 27, 1856, in the city of Hartford, a son of William Brewster and Elizabeth Smith (Morgan) Ely, descending, on his mother's side from the Morgans of Stonington, who figured in the war of the Revolution, and also from Thomas Seymour, who was King's attorney before the Revolution, as well as from a Huguenot family by the name of Chenevard, while on his father's side his descent was no less illustrious. Among his ancestors are Elder William Brewster, of "Mayflower" fame, and Nathan Ely, who came from Kent, England, in 1625. Nathan Ely was made a freeman in New England, at Cambridge, Mass., in 1635, and went to Hartford, Conn., with Rev. Thomas Hooker in 1636, and became one of the original proprietors of the town in 1639. From this emigrant ancestor William Henry Ely, of New Haven, is a descendant in the eighth generation, his line being through Samuel, Deacon John, Caleb, William, Eli and William B.

Samuel Ely, son of Nathan Ely, was born in Cambridge, and in 1659 married Mary Day, born in 1641, in Hartford, a daughter of Robert and Editha (Stebbins) Day, and accompanied his father to Springfield, Mass., where he was successful in the acquisition of property, and where he died.

Deacon John Ely, son of Samuel, was born in 1678, in Springfield, Mass., and in 1703, married Mercy Bliss, born in 1680, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Leonard) Bliss. Deacon Ely died in 1758, and his widow in 1763, both in West Springfield.

Caleb Ely, a son of Deacon John, was born in 1714, in West Springfield, and in 1740 married Mary Edwards, who was born in Hartford in 1721, a daughter of Deacon John and Christianna (Williamson) Edwards, the former of whom was an uncle to Rev. Jonathan Edwards, once president of Princeton College.

William Ely, son of Caleb, was born in 1743, in West Springfield, and in 1766 married Drusilla Brewster, born in 1745, a daughter of William Brewster, who was a descendant of the Elder Brewster of the "Mayflower." William Ely died

in West Springfield, in 1825, and his widow two years later.

Eli Ely, son of William, was born in 1772, in West Springfield, and in 1798, in Hartford, married Bathsheba Blake, born in 1777, a daughter of Abraham and Hannah (Babcock) Blake, of Milton, Mass. For years he was a successful merchant of Hartford. His wife died in 1832, and he survived ten years.

William B. Ely, son of Eli, was born in 1812, in Hartford, and in 1845, in that city, married Elizabeth Smith Morgan, born in 1821, a daughter of William H. and Margaret J. (Chenevard) Morgan. Mr. Ely was long known in the wholesale grocery, flour and feed business, in Hartford.

William Henry Ely, son of William B., was reared in Hartford, Conn., where he received his early education, and graduated from the Hartford High school, in 1873, and then entered Amherst (Mass.) College, from which he graduated in the class of 1877, with credit to himself and his Alma Mater. Selecting the law as his choice of profession, our subject became a student in the office of the well-known firm of Briscoe & Maltbie, of Hartford, and applied himself so diligently that he was admitted to the Bar in that city, May 27, 1879, commencing the practice of his profession in Winsted, Conn., in the following September. Possessing those qualities which insure success, Mr. Ely came rapidly to the front, and remained in Winsted until he desired a wider field, locating in New Haven on June 28, 1884, where he entered into a partnership with William C. Case, and this connection has lasted until the present time.

Taking a prominent position among the leaders of thought, Mr. Ely soon became identified with the active wing of the Republican party, and in January, 1895, was elected to the honorable position of Corporation Counsel of the city of New Haven, so efficiently performing the duties of this position that he was unanimously chosen as his own successor in 1897, irrespective of party lines, a testimony of value to any public citizen.

On Oct. 18, 1881, Mr. Ely was married to Miss Mary Gertrude Little, a native of Sheffield, Mass., and one son has been born to this union, William Brewster, born Oct. 10, 1882. Activity has marked the career of our subject in almost every line, his social relations being with the Quinipiac Club, the Sons of the Revolution, and his political affiliations with the Republican League and the Young Men's Republican Club.

I. P. BRONSON, a well-known contractor and builder, who now makes his home in Hamden, is a native of New Haven county, born in Middlebury, Aug. 4, 1854. His father, Lester Bronson, and his grandfather, Jared Bronson, were born on the same farm in that town. The first of the family to locate there was Amos Bronson, the great-grandfather of our subject, who was born in Wool-

bury, Litchfield Co., Conn., and became a large land owner and extensive farmer of Middlebury. He lived to be nearly ninety years of age. By occupation the father of our subject was a farmer, wood and lumber dealer, and also engaged in the manufacture of charcoal. He was quite a prominent and influential man in his community, and was elected to several local offices, including those of selectman and assessor. He married Miss Sarah Seovile, of Middlebury, and to them were born six children: Francis E., Chester B., Alice L., L. P., Julia E. and Beverly, all residents of Middlebury with the exception of our subject. The father died at the age of fifty-six years, and the mother at the age of forty-eight.

The first fifteen years of his life, L. P. Bronson spent upon the home farm, and then went to Seymour, Conn., to learn the carpenter's trade with Samuel D. Bronson, serving a three years' apprenticeship. He continued to work at his trade in Seymour for fourteen years, the last two as a contractor and builder, and then went to Florida, where after a year spent in contracting and building he went to St. Augustine, that State, and accepted a position as foreman with the contractors building the Ponce de Leon Hotel at that place, where he remained three years and two months. On his return North, he located in Hamden, where he worked at his trade two years, and since that time has been principally engaged in contracting and building houses in New Haven.

Mr. Bronson was married, Nov. 14, 1880, to Miss Lizzie J. Benham, of Hamden, and to them have been born two children: Isabella E. and Irvin P., Jr. In 1890 our subject erected a beautiful modern residence on Dixwell avenue, where he and his family now reside, and where they delight to entertain their many friends. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and fraternally is a member of the Masonic Lodge of New Haven, and the Knights of Pythias. He also belongs to the Highwood Club. He is quite popular both in business and social circles, and wherever known is held in high regard.

EDGAR K. PARKER, one of the prominent and highly respected citizens of New Haven, was born in Windsor, Vt., Oct. 12, 1845, son of Reuben M. Parker, who was born in Woodstock, Vt., in 1818, and died Nov. 11, 1882.

Eleazer Parker was his great grandfather, and his grandfather was named Joseph Parker, a shoemaker and haverseeper, who married a Miss Muzzy and settled in Woodstock, where he reared a family of four children: Sarah, Reuben M. (father of Edgar K.), John and Ezra. John Parker, the third in this family, was a dealer in shoes until the war broke out, when he went to Washington, D. C., and there held a government position until his death, which occurred after many years of faithful service.

Reuben M. Parker grew to manhood in Woodstock, following the trade of shoemaker. Later he was employed in a government gun factory at Windsor, Vt., where he died. He married Julia Burnham, a native of Windsor, Vt., who died Sept. 25, 1855, and five children were born to them: Harriet, who married John Parker, and resides in New Haven; Marian, who died unmarried; Ella, who married John Boyd; Edgar K.; and Lizzie, who is unmarried. Politically Reuben M. Parker was a Republican, but never an office seeker. The entire family were members of the Episcopal Church.

Edgar K. Parker spent his boyhood days in Windsor, Vt., attending school in Windsor and Woodstock. At the age of fifteen, in 1860, he removed to New Haven, Conn., and worked in a gun shop for a short period, and later was a conductor on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad from New Haven to New York, being engaged on that line for about twenty years in all. His first service was from 1860 until September, 1863, when he enlisted in the United States navy for one year, serving under Lieut. Commander William B. Cushman. He previously had made two trips to Europe. At the expiration of his term he returned to the employ of the New York & New Haven Railroad Co. (now known as the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co.), and remained with them until Jan. 2, 1879, after which he was in the electroplating business until 1881. On the request of the officers of the railroad company he returned to them for about one year. In May, 1883, he entered the employ of the Connecticut Lighting Co., continuing with them until they discontinued business, in August of the same year. On Sept. 23, 1883, he was engaged by the New Haven Electric Co., which was absorbed by the United Illuminating Co., of which he is now superintendent in New Haven.

On Feb. 21, 1876, Mr. Parker was married to Louisa E. Gedney, of Mamaroneck, Westchester Co., N. Y., daughter of John Gedney, of the same place. The Gedney family is an old one in New York State. Four children have been born of this union: May L. (who died in 1891, at the age of fifteen), Herbert G., Edgar K. and Julia B.

Mr. Parker is a Republican, but has never accepted office, although nomination to various positions within the gift of the people has been offered him; he has also refused appointment as police commissioner. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, uniting with Wooster Lodge, No. 79; New Haven Commandery, No. 2; Lafayette Consistory, of Bridgeport; and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., having attained to the thirty-second degree. Mr. Parker is also a member of the Veterans of the Navy and Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R. The family are members of the Episcopal Church, and are very active in its work.



E. K. Parker



Ever since coming to New Haven Mr. Parker has had the welfare of the city at heart, and has proved himself a public-spirited, energetic man. Mr. Parker is a past master in his line of business, thoroughly understanding its every detail. In manner he is genial and pleasant, and makes friends wherever he goes.

JESSE EDWIN STILLMAN, the popular and successful manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., for the district of Meriden, which includes Wallingford and Cheshire, is a descendant of one of the old and honorable families of Connecticut.

George Stillman, the founder of the family in America, was a native of London, England, where he was born in 1659, a son of a London merchant. The family were staunch supporters of Oliver Cromwell, during the days of the Commonwealth, and upon the restoration of Charles, the Second, were forced, for safety, to assume another name, selecting that of Pritchard, or Pickering. George Stillman became a merchant. He was married in London, and had a son, George. Those were stormy times and soon many of the Cromwell advocates found it necessary to secretly emigrate to America. This was the case with Mr. Stillman, and in 1680, leaving little George with friends in London, he with his wife, set out on the voyage to the free land across the ocean. Mrs. Stillman never reached it, dying on the voyage, but her husband located at Hadley, Mass., and in 1685 there married Rebecca Smith. Later, he moved to Wethersfield, Conn., and there spent the remainder of his days, dying there in 1728, and his remains lie in the old cemetery there, with the dust of so many other early settlers. George and wife were the parents of eleven children: George, whom he left in England, came later to America, with a party of Seventh Day Baptists, and settled in Rhode Island; Nathaniel; Benjamin; John; Henry; Martha; Rebecca; and others.

John Stillman, son of George, was born in Hadley, Mass., on Feb. 19, 1693, and removed to Wethersfield, Conn., with his parents, where he spent the remainder of his days, engaged in farming. A prominent citizen, and a deacon in the church, he died, full of years, in 1775, and was buried in Wethersfield. He was married May 26, 1715, to Mary Wolcott, born May 14, 1694, a daughter of Mrs. Judith Wolcott and a granddaughter of Samuel Appleton, of Wethersfield, and she died in 1777, the mother of the following children: John; May; Abigail; Martha; Sarah; Elisha; Abigail (2); Appleton; Huldah; and Benjamin.

John Stillman, son of Deacon John, was born in Wethersfield, Aug. 9, 1717, and there he grew to manhood, and married, on Oct. 26, 1738, Rachel Robbins, a daughter of Richard and Martha (Curtis) Robbins, of that town. In 1757, he removed with his wife and family to Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., where he spent the remainder

of his days, and died July 15, 1782. His widow removed to Colebrook, Litchfield Co., Conn., where she died, July 12, 1807, at the age of eighty-nine years, and was buried in the old cemetery there. John Stillman was one of the founders of the church in Sandisfield. The children born to John and Rachel were: Joseph, born April 1, 1740; Hannah, born Feb. 13, 1742; John, born Jan. 6, 1744; Joshua; Roger; Appleton; and Robert.

Roger Stillman, son of John, was born in Wethersfield, on July 4, 1754, and removed with his parents to Sandisfield, where he grew to manhood, and later removed to Colebrook, Conn., where he located. Roger Stillman was one of the first to enlist in the patriot army, for service in the Revolutionary war, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill, and many other engagements, being finally honorably discharged at Lake Champlain. In 1780 he located at Colebrook, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying Dec. 8, 1832, and was engaged in building his house on the morning of the Dark Day. Both his name and that of his wife occur among the founders of the church in Colebrook. His wife was Mehitable Hurd, who was born March 4, 1757, in Killingworth, Conn., now Clinton, and died in Colebrook, Aug. 24, 1828. She was buried there, having been the mother of ten children, five of whom were sons: William, Daniel, Osburn, Edmund and Chester.

Chester Stillman, son of Roger, was born in Colebrook, Conn., April 9, 1797, on a farm, one-half mile south of the main road. He became a landowner and farmer in Colebrook, where he built a home in 1825, and made other improvements. His death occurred Jan. 25, 1865, and he was buried in Stillman's cemetery, in Colebrook. On Dec. 10, 1815, he united with the Church and was appointed deacon in 1838. On March 2, 1820, he was married to Clarissa Esther De Wolf, born Aug. 1, 1797, at Otis, Mass., and died May 14, 1864, and was laid to rest in Stillman's cemetery. Her ancestry was French. Eight children were born to Chester Stillman and wife, four of whom were sons: Edwin C., Dorwin E., Lester R. and Collin L.

Edwin C. Stillman, the father of our subject, was born in Colebrook, in Beach Hill district, Sept. 14, 1821, and grew to manhood in his native home, making his avocation farming. He graduated from Oberlin College and studied for the ministry, but failing eyesight compelled him to abandon his plans in that direction. Later, with his family, he moved to Southington, Conn., where he settled down to farming and dairying and spent the balance of his days, and where he died, June 6, 1895, and was buried. Mr. Stillman was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, liberal minded and progressive, a most worthy citizen, an exemplary father and husband. In politics he was a Republican, but was never an office seeker.

On June 28, 1846, Mr. Stillman was married

to Sarah M. Doolittle, who was born in Westfield, Middlesex Co., Conn., April 18, 1828, a daughter of Seth Doolittle, who removed from Westfield to Pleasant Valley, then to Barkhamsted, where he died. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stillman were: Frank R.; William C., a dealer in butter and eggs, in Meriden; Jesse E.; and Waldo R., the proprietor of a restaurant in this city.

The Doolittle family of which Jesse Edwin Stillman is a descendant, on the maternal side, is one of the oldest in Wallingford. Abraham Doolittle, the first of that name in Wallingford, was a native of England who came to America and located in New Haven before 1642, later removed to Wallingford, as one of the earliest settlers, and there died Aug. 11, 1690. He was twice married, the second wife being Abigail Moss, who died Nov. 5, 1710.

Daniel Doolittle, the tenth child of Abraham Doolittle, was born Dec. 29, 1675, and married Hannah Cornwall, of Middletown, Conn., and later removed to Middletown, where he spent several years, returning again to Wallingford, where he died, in 1755 at the ripe old age of eighty. His wife had passed away on Jan. 16, 1736.

Daniel Doolittle, son of Daniel Doolittle, was born Feb. 3, 1707, and was engaged in farming near the North Haven line, where he spent his days, and died there in September, 1791, at the age of eighty-four. His marriage was to Elizabeth Dayton, and to them seven children were born.

Michael Doolittle, son of Daniel, was a farmer by occupation, and became a deacon in the Baptist Church, in Wallingford, where he lived to a ripe old age. He married Millicent Hough, of Wallingford.

Seth Doolittle, son of Michael and Millicent Doolittle, was born in Wallingford, but later removed to Westfield parish, Middletown, where he followed the trade of wagon-maker, but still later removed his family to Barkhamsted, where he pursued his trade and died there. His marriage was to Betsey Healey, and their daughter, Sarah M. Doolittle, married Edwin C. Stillman, who is at present a resident of Southington.

Jesse Edwin Stillman, the immediate subject of this biography, was born in Colebrook, Litchfield Co., Conn., in 1856, and attended the district schools of his native home until the age of eight years, removing then, with his parents, to Southington, where he resumed attendance at school and assisted his father in the farm, later entering the dairy business. In 1878 he came to Meriden and entered the employ of Rogers Bros., later was with the Edward Miller Co., and also was employed at one period in Plainville. In 1893 Mr. Stillman accepted the agency of the Meriden district, for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., and has been its efficient manager ever since, employing additional men and giving excellent satisfaction over a large

district. His success in this line has demonstrated the fact that he possesses tact, industry and energy, and is a very valuable acquisition to the great business with which he has connected himself.

Mr. Stillman was married, Dec. 25, 1882, in Meriden, to Miss Lucretia, daughter of Theodore Bailey, an old and respected citizen, whose biography appears elsewhere. One child has been born of this union, Emily M., a student in the Meriden high school. Mrs. Stillman is a cultured and refined lady, assisting her husband ably in the social matters which claim a part of their attention, possesses good business ability, and is a devoted wife and mother. She is a member of Susan Carrington Clark Chapter, D. A. R. Mr. Stillman is fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F., at Plainville, and Alfred Hall Council, No. 1423, Royal Arcanum. He is also a charter member of the club. Both he and his wife attend the Congregational Church.

WILLIAM HALE (deceased) was during his long life a well-known and highly respected citizen of Meriden. His birth took place in Middlefield, Middlesex county, Feb. 15, 1812, and he was a worthy descendant of an old and esteemed family of New England.

Hezekiah Hale, grandfather of the late William Hale, was one of Middlefield's highly respected citizens, was prominent in the church there, and for many years was the sexton. His house stood on Jackson Hill, almost opposite to the Joseph Cbe home. His death occurred Nov. 18, 1813. He was twice married, and became the father of children as follows: Hezekiah, born Oct. 31, 1778; Joseph, born Aug. 26, 1780, who died Aug. 16, 1855 (he married Julia Stowe Sept. 15, 1810); Hannah; Jerusha, who married Thomas Bailey, of Canton, Pa.; Eunice, Mrs. Turner; and Submit, who married Samuel Geer, who died in 1835, she surviving until 1852.

Hezekiah Hale, son of Hezekiah, was born Oct. 31, 1778, in Middlefield, Conn., became a large land owner there, and passed his life in agricultural pursuits. He died Oct. 31, 1826, at the age of forty-eight years, and was buried in his native place. On Oct. 30, 1805, he was united in marriage with Nancy Miller, who was born April 6, 1786, and died Aug. 31, 1878, at the ripe old age of ninety-two years and four months. Their children were: (1) Cornelia, born July 31, 1806, was married April 25, 1826, to David B. Miller, and died Sept. 14, 1844, of consumption. She had children Nancy, born March 26, 1827, died in September, 1855; Hezekiah Hale, born Oct. 22, 1820, married Harriet Atwood (he is a member of the grocery firm of Collins & Miller, of Meriden); Cornelia, born Dec. 5, 1832, died Dec. 30, 1864 (she was the wife of Ichabod M. Roberts); Lucy J., born Aug. 14, 1835, married Dec. 20, 1866, Walter P. Hall, who died in 1892, and she is now the wife of Charles L.



William Hale



Phoebe J. Hale

Miller, of Middlefield; Isaac R., born April 4, 1839, died July 20, 1865, of consumption; and Milton H., born Nov. 27, 1842, married Nov. 20, 1866, Frances D. Hubbard. (2) Eunice, born Dec. 3, 1808, died unmarried June 6, 1836, of consumption. (3) William was born Feb. 15, 1812. (4) Roswell, born Sept. 4, 1816, died Feb. 6, 1849, of consumption, on the old homestead. (5) Phineas, born Aug. 9, 1818, died Jan. 20, 1845, of consumption.

William Hale, son of Hezekiah (2), was educated in Middlefield, Conn. He grew up on the home farm, and cared for his mother, who was left a widow when the son was fourteen years old. When he reached manhood he married, and thereafter lived five years on the homestead. In 1839 he settled on a large farm in the town of Meriden, which he operated for some six years. However, this life did not altogether satisfy him, as he was of a mechanical turn of mind, and he resolved to become a manufacturer, beginning this business as a maker of suspenders on the farm. He subsequently located his factory in what was then called West Meriden, and in time added carpet bags to his output. He was associated in this line with H. H. Miller and E. H. Loomis. This business was disposed of to Jedediah Wilcox, and Mr. Hale then began the manufacture of sewing birds and tape measures, being interested with Junius Norton. For a long period he was the owner of the "Meriden House," in Meriden, and he also had several other pieces of realty in the city. For many years that hostelry was his home, and there he died Oct. 16, 1874; he was buried in the East cemetery. A man of industrious habits, he achieved success in business by his own efforts. Both he and his wife were valued members of the Baptist Church, and he was an honest and worthy citizen in every way. A lifelong Democrat, he never sought any political honors, being thoroughly satisfied to uphold law and order through the ballot, in the way he considered best for the happiness of the whole country. Devoted to his family, health not permitting, he gave little attention to outside matters. His tastes were fine, and he spent money in a manner then considered lavish, for the adornment of his home and family interests. All his actions were ruled by a kindly heart, and he was charitable toward the faults of his fellow men. He was a lover of animals, especially of fine horses, and owned a number of them. Horseback riding was then in vogue, and he kept saddle horses for family use, and single and double carriage horses. Looking for perfection, Mr. Hale never quite found his ideal in horseflesh. He gave some time to hunting and fishing, of which he was very fond.

William Hale was married in Meriden, in April, 1833, to Phebe Ann Ives, who was born in Meriden, daughter of Watrous and Polly (Yale) Ives, and two children were born to this union, Frances Augusta and Hezekiah Watrous. The latter, born Dec. 8, 1835, married Harriet Endecott Haven, of

Worcester, Mass., and both now sleep in the old East cemetery. He died of consumption. They left two children, William Henry and Susan Nellie, both of whom were reared and educated by their grandfather. The former was born Sept. 25, 1857, graduated from the Cheshire Military Academy, and is a thorough master of English; he was several years engaged in newspaper work, and is now a resident of New York. Susan Nellie was born July 27, 1859, in Meriden. Like her husband, Mrs. Hale was an expert in handling horses. She was a brilliant and attractive woman, who shone in society, where she was much at home.

Frances Augusta Hale was married in Meriden, Dec. 5, 1853, to Edwin H. Loomis, a native of Coventry, Conn., who was born July 9, 1827, and died in March, 1890. They had three children: Frederick Hale, born Jan. 6, 1868; and two that died in infancy. Mrs. Loomis has an active mind, and a great desire to acquire knowledge and be helpful to her fellow travelers on life's journey. She is a moving spirit in the higher intellectual circles of the city of Meriden. Her early education was received in Meriden Academy, and later she attended a young ladies seminary in Hartford, conducted by the Miss Drapers. Perhaps no one in the city is better known as the instigator and promoter of humane and charitable enterprises. Mrs. Loomis was one of the organizers of the Humane Society of Meriden. Wherever she is located she exerts an uplifting and refining influence upon her surroundings, being a lady of culture, traveled, and thoroughly educated on many subjects far beyond the usual trend in social life, and she is valued as a friend and intellectual comrade by some of the brightest intellects of the day. Many abstruse subjects have claimed her attention, and she has become much interested in the teachings of Catherine Thingley, in theosophy, is president of the Theosophical Society of Meriden, and has attended its conventions at headquarters at Point Loma, Cal., and other points. With a trained and analytic mind, she best enjoys life when surrounded by her books and music, or deep in meditation upon her favorite science.

HERMAN D. CLARK. Success is determined by one's ability to recognize opportunity, and to pursue this with a resolute and unflagging energy. It results from continued labor, and the man who thus accomplishes his purpose usually becomes an important factor in the business circles of the community with which he is connected. Mr. Clark, a well-known silk manufacturer of Mt. Carmel, has, through such means, attained a leading place among the representative men of Hamden, and his well-spent and honorable life commands the respect of all.

The Clark family is one of the oldest and best known in New Haven county. Amos Clark, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of

the town of Chatham, Middlesex Co., Conn., where he later owned and operated a farm. He served as an officer in the Colonial army during the Revolutionary war, and during the remainder of his life drew a pension of \$112 per year from the government. He died in East Hampton, in the town of Chatham, and was buried in Lake View cemetery. In politics he was a Whig and in religious faith a Congregationalist. He married a Miss Sears, of East Hampton, who was also a member of the Congregational Church, and at her death was laid to rest in Lake View cemetery. In their family were five children: Amos, the grandfather of our subject; Abner, a physician; Philena, who married Nathan Hardin and had twelve children, one of whom was Gen. Hardin, of the Civil war; Annie, who married a Mr. Waters and had eleven children; and Sarah, who married a Mr. Meach, of East Haddam. All are now deceased.

Amos Clark, grandfather of our subject, was born Dec. 26, 1794, in Chatham and received a good common school education, which he put in practical use as a school teacher for several seasons. He also engaged in farming, and while still a young man sold clocks throughout the Southern States, and later sold books, etc., as a traveling salesman. He made his home in East Hampton, where he died, and his remains were interred in the Lake View cemetery. Religiously he was a member of the Congregational Church, and politically was first a Whig and later a Republican. In the town of Chatham he married Betsey Mary Smith, a native of that place and a daughter of Sparrow Smith, who belonged to an old and highly respected family, and enlisted in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war at the age of sixteen years. She too was a consistent member of the Congregational Church. Both she and her husband lived to the advanced age of ninety years. They had nine children, namely: Allen Cushman, a resident of Chatham; Amelia, deceased wife of C. Bevin; Orlando L., a retired manufacturer of Montreal, Canada; Richard Sparrow, father of our subject; Mary Elizabeth Norton, who married Reuben Payne, of Portland, Conn., and both are now deceased; Edward L., a retired citizen of New Haven; Herman D., also a resident of that city; Matilda, deceased wife of Leverett Sexton, of East Hampton; and Rufus Don, deceased.

Richard S. Clark, father of our subject, was born in East Hampton, Dec. 26, 1825, and during his boyhood attended the schools of his district and of New Haven, completing his education, however, at the Colchester Academy. He successfully engaged in teaching school for nine terms in Chatham, four terms in Glastonbury, and two terms in Portland and Wethersfield, Conn. For a time he worked at the manufacture of bells with Bevin Brothers, and then embarked in the same business on his own account in partnership with Messrs. Cough and Abel. Later he was connected

with D. W. Watrous for eight years, during which time he established a branch manufactory at Montreal, Canada, of which his brother Orlando L. had charge. They finally dissolved partnership, Mr. Watrous taking the business at East Hampton, and Mr. Clark that at Montreal, which he continued to carry on until 1867, in that year selling out to his brother and coming to Hamden, where he also engaged in the manufacture of bells until 1882. During this time he became interested in the manufacture of silk, but after meeting with business reverses lived retired near Mt. Carmel, in the town of Hamden. He was a well read man, keeping thoroughly posted on matters of general interest and the leading questions and issues of the day. He was progressive and enterprising, and in disposition genial and pleasant. Religiously he was an earnest member of the Congregational Church, and politically always affiliated with either the Whig or Republican parties. He passed away June 17, 1900. On June 22, 1852, at Bolton, Conn., Mr. Clark married Miss Elizabeth Strong, a good Christian woman, who died in Hamden, in 1882, and was buried in Centerville cemetery. To them were born seven children, namely: George, a metal dealer in Boston; Herman D., our subject; Cornelia P. ("Nellie"), wife of Willis Doolittle; Amelia E., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Clarence L., a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cleon R., a resident of New York; and one who died in infancy.

Herman D. Clark was born March 1, 1856, in East Hampton, Conn., and is indebted to the district schools of East Hampton, and the high schools of New Haven, for his educational privileges. During his youth he worked at the bell business with his father, and also became familiar with silk manufacture, so that when his father retired he was able to take up the business, and for the past twelve years has engaged in the manufacture of silk, furnishing employment to a number of hands. He is a thorough business man, energetic and progressive, and upright and honorable in all his dealings. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics is a Republican. Fraternally he affiliates with Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., of Hamden, of which he is a past master.

On Oct. 9, 1880, Mr. Clark was married, in North Haven, to Miss Ida E. Fowler.

CHARLES F. TUTTLE (deceased), for many years a well-known business man of New Haven, was a native of Connecticut, born April 25, 1831, in New Haven, in the old Tuttle homestead, a small wooden structure located on the site of his late commodious residence.

The first of the family in this country was William Tuttle, who was born in 1690, in Devonshire, England, where he married, and whence, in the year 1635, he came to this country with his wife and several children, on the ship "Planter." He arrived in Boston, Mass., in July, after a voyage of some



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ten weeks, and became what was in those days called a husbandman, while it also appears on the records of a petition on a bill in Boston, Mass., that he was a merchant some time in the year 1637. Together with Eaton and Davenport and others he came to New Haven in the interests of the Colony, to choose a suitable location for settlement, and Quinnipiack, in what is now the town of North Haven, was selected as the most suitable spot. They built some log houses, and left seven men in charge, to remain over the winter, the remainder of the party returning to Boston. In 1638 this William Tuttle came with his family to what is now New Haven and settled on a lot of land on the square now bounded by Grove, State, Elm and Church streets, it being one of eight allotments into which the square was divided; and it was on a part of this purchase that the subject of our sketch was living at the time of his death.

Jonathan Tuttle, son of William, was born, it is supposed, in 1637, and the church records of his birthplace, Charlestown, Mass., show that he was baptized July 8, that year. About 1670 he began a settlement at what is now the town of North Haven. For many years the planters there attended church and buried their dead at New Haven. Jonathan Tuttle built a bridge, known as the "Tuttle bridge," over the Quinnipiack river at North Haven, and by a decree of the court he was allowed to collect twopence in money for each man and horse crossing the bridge, and threepence in barter, exceptions being made in the cases of deputies going to and from court. He was also permitted to take moderate compensation for refreshments of any kind (except strong drinks) furnished by him to travelers. In February, 1704-05, he consigned to his brother Joseph a one-sixth part of three divisions that were left to him by his father in a land grant. Jonathan Tuttle died in 1707, and in the following year his son Simon was appointed administrator of his estate.

Simon Tuttle, mentioned in the foregoing, was, according to various North Haven records, born March 11, 1671, and his gravestone is the oldest in the North Haven burial ground. He died July 6, 1725, the owner of eighty-four acres in the Blue Hills, near Mt. Carmel, and his estate was valued at £847.

Isaiah Tuttle, son of Simon, was born July 10, 1704, was an ensign in 1737, a deacon of the Congregational Church, a justice of the peace, and much employed in settling estates. He lived in New Haven for thirty-five years.

Jonathan Tuttle, son of Isaiah, born May 19, 1728, settled in the southwest corner of the town of Wallingford, near the foot of the Blue Hills. He died May 29, 1793, aged sixty-five years.

David Justus Tuttle, son of Jonathan, and the grandfather of our subject, was born Jan. 27, 1765, in the town of Hamden, New Haven county, in the

vicinity of Mt. Carmel. He married Polly Tuttle, and their son, Jesse, served in the war of 1812.

Julius Tuttle, son of David J., and the father of our subject, was born Dec. 2, 1798, in the town of Wallingford, and died in February, 1888. He built the Tuttle homestead in New Haven, and lived there for years. This home is one of the oldest brick houses on the street. In the forties Julius Tuttle removed to Hamden township, after having suffered the loss of his house on College street, New Haven, by fire. His infant son, Charles F., was in the cradle at the time, and in the fright and hurry was forgotten. Several Yale students entered the burning building and rescued the child, and, taking him to the old North College, cared for him until he was returned to his distracted family.

Charles F. Tuttle (son of Julius), whose name opens this sketch, at an early age entered the John E. Lovell school, and finished his education at the "Gunnery," at Washington, Conn. On completing his studies he entered the grocery store of Howard Ensign, brother of the late Wooster Ensign. Subsequently he was clerk for John B. Beecher, an old merchant of Broadway, and later of the Ives-Beecher Co. of New York. In 1848 the Tuttle business was established in Broadway by William Tuttle (brother of our subject), who died several years ago. Charles F. Tuttle was then clerk. In a few years William Tuttle was succeeded by another brother, Allen, who died in 1861. Allen Tuttle retired in 1856, and Charles F. Tuttle became the sole proprietor and continued the business for forty-five years.

Mr. Tuttle died of paralysis Sept. 30, 1899, at his residence, No. 122 College street. He was a conservative business man, upright in his dealings and well-liked; contributed much for charity; but never favored having his name exposed in connection with his giving; and gave largely to Christ Church, where the family attend, and to other institutions. He was kind-hearted, and helped financially many who were experiencing business reverses. Socially he was a member of the F. & A. M., Hiram Lodge, and also of New Haven Commandery, Knights Templar. Mr. Tuttle took much pleasure in driving, and made frequent trips to his large farm in Hamden, while nearly every day, for several years, during the summer, he would visit his summer home at Stony Creek, among the Thimble Islands, where his family was sojourning. In 1856 Mr. Tuttle, in company with Philip Pinkerman and Jas. King, an aeronaut, ascended in a balloon from New Haven "Green;" they sailed over the Sound and drifted to a point of land on Giver's Island, one of the Thimble Islands, which Mr. Tuttle subsequently bought, and which is now in the possession of the family. This was the first balloon seen in New Haven.

In 1857 Mr. Tuttle married Mary C., daughter of Clark Serry, and they had one child, Charles

Allen, born Nov. 30, 1858, who, with his mother, is now living at the old home, which is surrounded by Yale College. This land, or allotment, was where Yale College was first founded, and for thirty years was the only land owned by the Yale Association; in fact it was one of a long series of purchases extending through a period of one hundred years. This land has been in the possession of only five parties since its original purchase from the Indians, William Tuttle being the last before it went into the possession of Yale College.

CHARLES ALLEN TUTTLE, son of Charles F. Tuttle, was born Nov. 30, 1858, and educated at the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn., from which institution he was graduated in 1878. He was a member of the class of 1884 at Yale College. In 1882 he was one of the founders of the *New Haven Morning News*, and was associated with that paper three years; then was engaged as a general broker in New Haven from 1885 to 1889, after which he was associated with his father in business. He is now retired.

Charles A. Tuttle has been twice married. On April 1, 1888, he wedded Florence I. Graham, of New Haven, who died Jan. 12, 1890. On Oct. 15, 1893, Mr. Tuttle married (second) Juliet Vibbert Gibbons, of Middletown, Conn. Mr. Tuttle has traveled extensively, and is of a literary turn of mind, very popular, and, withal, public-spirited and generous.

ALBERT FORBES, a well-known market gardener and dairy farmer of East Haven, was born in that town on the farm where Alexander Richmond now resides, July 15, 1825, and is a son of Samuel Forbes, who was also born in East Haven, in 1790. The grandfather, Samuel Forbes, Sr., was a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and a sea captain, commanding a vessel running between this country and the West Indies. He married Elizabeth Auger, and was lost at sea when the father of our subject was but eight years old. In his family were three children, the others being Amy and Mary. Throughout life Samuel Forbes, Jr., followed the occupation of a farmer, and soon after his marriage removed to the farm where our subject was born. He married Betsey Forbes, daughter of Eli Forbes, both of whom were natives of East Haven, and she was third in order of birth in a family of five children, namely: Morris, Isaac, Betsey, Almira, and Sally, who died young. She died in 1873, at the age of eighty-three years, and her husband in 1874, at the age of eighty-four. They had five children: Albert, our subject; Sarah, wife of Isaac Culver, living near Fair Haven; Jennette, who died in 1883; Jerome, who died young; and Jerome (2nd), who died in 1884.

The subject of this sketch attended the common schools of East Haven and Joseph Rodgers' private school on Townsend avenue. He remained with his father upon the home farm until thirty-

two years of age, and in 1854 erected the house which he still occupies. He has successfully engaged in market gardening and dairy farming, and in 1849 was owner of the sailing vessel "Friendship," which was destroyed by fire at sea while on a voyage to the Sandwich Islands that year.

Mr. Forbes was married, April 8, 1857, to Miss Harriet C. Hemingway, of Fair Haven, who was born in 1832, and they had two children: Elizabeth A., now the wife of Clifford Street; and Sarah, who died in 1882, at the age of thirteen years. Politically Mr. Forbes is a Jacksonian Democrat, and has filled the office of selectman in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. Honorable and upright in all his dealings he has met with well-deserved success in life, and can say what few men can, that he has never borrowed a dollar during his entire life. He is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him for his sterling worth and strict integrity.

JAMES TOOTHE, foreman of the soldering department of the Meriden Britannia factory, is one of the city's best known and highly esteemed citizens. A native of England, he was born Feb. 12, 1842, in the great industrial city of Birmingham, son of Thomas and Jane (Ward) Toothe, the former of whom was a son of James Toothe, also of Birmingham, who in turn was a son of a Thomas Toothe, who followed the trade of shoemaker in that city, where he was known as a respected citizen and consistent member of the Church of England.

Thomas Toothe, son of James, was born in 1802, and learned the trade of metal spinner, at which he worked for a number of years. In his native city he married Jane Ward, who was born in Birmingham, daughter of William Ward, a bricklayer, both of whom died in Birmingham. There were ten children born to Thomas and Jane Toothe, namely: William, who is vice-president of the Nathan Manufacturing Co., of New York, whose daughter, Jennie Ward Toothe, married Dr. O. J. D. Hughes, consul general at Coburg, Germany; Charles, who is a metal spinner and resides in Wallingford; James, of this biography; Henry, a traveling salesman, who resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Thomas, who died in infancy; Thomas (2), who died in infancy; Mary, who died young; Sophia, who died unmarried; Sarah Maria Elizabeth, who died at the age of eight years; and Alfred, who died young. The mother of these children was a consistent and worthy member of the Church of England, and was ever a devoted wife and loving mother. After her death, in her native city, Mr. Toothe with his sons emigrated to America and located in Meriden, Conn., where the remainder of his life was passed. Here he died in 1882 after some years of retirement from active life, and his remains repose in West cemetery. He was a devoted member of the Established Church

in his native country, and always attended the Episcopal Church in Meriden. His simple, gentlemanly demeanor won the respect of all who knew him.

James Toothe, son of Thomas, received his early education in the school conducted by the Baptist Church, experience, however, completing his instruction. At the age of fourteen years he started to learn the Britannia business, and served an apprenticeship of seven years, following which he worked as a journeyman in his native land, receiving excellent wages as he was competent to do good work. His brothers were already established in America, and in 1871 he came also, spending a short time in New York City, and coming thence to Meriden, where he has resided for the past thirty years. Mr. Toothe has been all this time identified with the Britannia Co., of that city, his efficiency being recognized by his appointment, in 1895, as foreman in the soldering department, and for the past seven years he has capably filled a position requiring close and careful attention, complete knowledge of details, and considerable executive ability.

In 1864 Mr. Toothe was married, at St. Ann's Church, in Birmingham, England, to Lucy Baker, who was born in that city, daughter of William Baker; the latter lived to the advanced age of ninety years, dying in his Birmingham home. Mr. Toothe owns a comfortable home which he built on Linsley avenue, in 1884, and here he and his most estimable wife pass a life of happiness and contentment, the center of a large circle of friends. Both are members of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Meriden. Mr. Toothe has taken part in the political life of the city to some extent, and in 1886 was elected, on the Republican ticket, a member of the city council, from the Third ward, serving most efficiently on the Park and License committees. Fraternally he is connected with Enterprise Lodge, No. 880, K. of Honor, and has been treasurer of that organization. He is a very pleasant, agreeable gentleman, domestic in his tastes and a lover of his home. Both he and his wife delight to offer its hospitality, and they number among their personal friends the best people in Meriden.

DANIEL COLWELL, one of the originators of the great social and benefit order of the Roman Catholics, the Knights of Columbus, is a well-known business man and public servant in New Haven, Conn. He was born in North Adams, Mass., July 7, 1848, a son of Bernard and Catherine (Reilly) Colwell.

Bernard Colwell was born in County Leitrim, Province of Connaught, Ireland. With a firm belief in the glowing tales of the opportunities offered to young men in the New World, Mr. Colwell determined to make an effort to secure a new home in America. Accordingly he crossed the Atlantic and located at various places, finally moving to Troy, N. Y., and in 1846 moving thence to North

Adams, Mass. In his early life in Ireland he was a weaver, but after coming to this country he worked at the trade of stone mason. When the Civil war threatened to disrupt the Union he promptly shouldered his musket, and went forth to battle for his adopted land, being assigned to the 13th Vt. V. I. Before leaving Ireland Mr. Colwell married Catherine Reilly, who passed away in North Adams, in 1865, the mother of six sons and one daughter. Of these children we have the following record: Patrick, born in Ireland, resides in Plymouth, Mass.; Mary A., born in Montreal, Canada, died in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1870; John, born in Montreal, died in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1893; Bernard, born in Millerton, N. Y., was killed in battle June 18, 1864; Reilly, born in Schaghticoke, N. Y., served in the 49th Mass. V. I. in the Civil war, and lives in Pittsfield, Mass.; William, born in Schaghticoke, N. Y., resides in Pownal, Vt.; Daniel Colwell is the subject of sketch. Bernard Colwell, the father, died in 1886, highly respected for his many sterling qualities. His family ancestry can be traced back a thousand years in Ireland.

Daniel Colwell received his education in the public schools, and when quite young took up the burden of life for himself by working in a cotton factory. At the age of fourteen he went to Washington Co., N. Y., and there was apprenticed to the boot maker's trade. On July 15, 1865, he came to New Haven and began work at his trade. He prospered from the start, and for years kept a shoe store in Congress avenue.

Mr. Colwell has always been interested in public affairs, and since attaining his majority has taken an active interest in politics. He was elected town constable in 1876, and was continued in office until he resigned seven years later. For years he was court officer of the Superior Criminal Court, and had charge of many noted prisoners, including the Malley boys, Anderson, the murderer, and many others. He was one of the organizers of the Sarsfield Guard, and was also identified with the social order known as the "Red Knights," from which sprang the great Catholic order Knights of Columbus. This last order, now so well known and so strong throughout the country, was organized for the purpose of giving the men of the Church of Rome a social and benefit order like the Masonic fraternity of the Protestants. In Mr. Colwell's office was held the first meeting to perfect an organization; he it was who drafted the articles of incorporation, and he was chairman of the committee that filed the constitution and report of the order. He was also chairman of the committee on Ritual, and prepared the original three degrees, and ceremonies of institution and installation. In 1884 Mr. Colwell was elected general secretary of the order, and has ever since held that position. He is also prominently identified with the Knights of St. Patrick, of which he is at present the efficient president.

On Dec. 28, 1868, Daniel Colwell was united in marriage with Miss Catherine B. Mullen, daughter of Hugh Mullen, of New Haven, where she was born. Seven children have shed their bright sunshine on this happy home: Edward B., born Oct. 28, 1871; Margaret M., May 14, 1873; Daniel, Jr., in 1875 (died in 1878); William, in 1878 (died the same year); Francis A., in 1881; Catherine J., March 9, 1883; and Alice, Aug. 4, 1885.

JAMES C. KENWORTHY, foreman of the shipping department of Manning, Bowman & Co., and fire commissioner of the city of Meriden, was born May 26, 1851, in Tariffville, Conn.

James Kenworthy, his father, was a native of Leeds, Yorkshire, England, where he learned the trade of silversmith, and was engaged in the manufacture of German silver ware. There he married Elizabeth Worsley, who bore him six children, all of whom are residents of Meriden, namely: Samuel; Eda, widow of George Noble; Mary, wife of James Morris Tolles, a police officer; Annie, wife of William Tyler; Sarah (Sadie) and James C. The last two were born in Connecticut. About 1842 he left his native home, with his wife and four children, crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel and landed at New York. Proceeding at once to Hartford Co., Conn., he located at Spoonville, in the town of East Granby, and began the production of German silver forks and spoons. He was the first to introduce figures on these goods in this country, but did not protect his invention by taking out a patent, and was shortly driven out of the business by other manufacturers with large capital. Selling out his business to Charles Parker, of Meriden, about 1857, he took charge of the latter's spoon shop at Yalesville for some years. For a short time he worked in the Parker shop in Meriden, and then went to the Meriden Silver Plate Co., as a burnisher. His last years were spent in the service of Manning, Bowman & Co., and he continued to work every day up to the time of his death, which occurred in August, 1899, at the age of eighty years. On the morning of the day he died, he rose and prepared for work as usual, but feeling somewhat weak, returned to his bed, where his life passed out before the day was done. His body was interred in Walnut Grove cemetery. His life was modeled by Christian standards, and he was universally respected as an honest man. In political matters he affiliated with the Democratic party. His wife died Dec. 31, 1891, and was buried in Walnut Grove cemetery. She was a member of the M. E. Church, a devoted wife and mother, a good, Christian woman.

James C. Kenworthy was an infant when his parents removed to Meriden, where he attended the district schools. At an early age he began to learn the trade of painter under Capt. Barrio, with whom he spent three years. After working as a journeyman painter at Middletown three years, he

returned to Meriden and entered the factory of the Meriden Silver Plate Co., and became a burnisher, continuing in this employ five years. His connection with Manning, Bowman & Co. began in 1877, and for two years he was engaged in burnishing. Since that time he has been in the shipping department, holding the position of foreman during the past twenty-three years. His uniform courtesy and fair dealing have made him alike popular with employers and employes, and he enjoys the good will and respect of a large circle of acquaintances.

On June 4, 1871, Mr. Kenworthy married, in Meriden, Miss Sophia Williams, who was born in Westfield, Conn., daughter of the late William and Anna (Hughes) Williams, the former a native of England, the latter of Wales. Mrs. Kenworthy is a sister of Mrs. Hubert Little, elsewhere mentioned in this work. Only the last of three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenworthy is living. William H. died in infancy, and Maude W. in girlhood. Ivy June is a student at the public schools.

The upright and industrious nature of Mr. Kenworthy naturally attracted the attention of his fellow citizens, and he has been called upon to serve in a public capacity. Elected on the Democratic ticket a member of the City Council, from the Fifth ward, he served on the Fire and Street committees. He was appointed a member of the Fire Commission by Mayor Ives and re-appointed by Mayor West, still holding that position. His previous experience had well fitted him for the duties of this responsible station, as he was one of the first members of the Charter Oak Volunteer Fire Company, in which he served upwards of six years. His wife is a member of the Broad Street Baptist Church, with whose faith and work he is in sympathy, and both are esteemed as honest, industrious, useful citizens of the "Silver City."

ROYAL M. BASSETT. The Bassett family, long one of the most prominent and influential in New Haven county, traces its lineage through an unbroken chain, extending through two hundred and fifty years, to John Bassett of England, and its history is indissolubly connected with the story of the virtues and the faults, the trials and the triumphs, of the early New England Colonists, as well as with the growth and development of Connecticut.

Several generations of Bassetts have been born in Derby, with the building up of which city they have been prominently and honorably identified. More than two and one-half centuries have elapsed since Robert Bassett, son of John, sought a home in the New World. The precise date of his immigration cannot be stated, but he is known to have been a resident of New Haven in 1643. He was a shoemaker by trade, and held the now extinct office of "town drummer." From New Haven he removed to Stratford. He reared a family



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of several children. Full details of his life history are wanting, but he appears to have been a man of profound conviction and pronounced individuality. He was one of a number of citizens of Stratford and Stamford who caused not a little commotion in their day and generation through their vigorous protest against the denial of the right of suffrage to non-church members; and it is believed that the woman who bore his name and was executed for witchcraft in 1651 was his wife. Robert Bassett (2), son of Robert, the next in the line of Royal M. Bassett's ancestors, was a sergeant in the militia. He was born in Stratford, and lived and died there, passing away August 5, 1720. Samuel Bassett, son of Robert (2), was the first of the family to settle in Derby. He went thither in 1716 or 1717, to occupy and cultivate a farm given him by his father, at the foot of Great Hill, which is still known as the "Bassett place." He took a lively interest in military affairs, being commissioned ensign in 1722, lieutenant in 1732, and captain in 1735. He was held in high regard by his neighbors, and for several years filled the office of justice of peace. On Jan. 1, 1719, he married Deborah Bennett, of Newtown. Ebenezer Bassett, son of Samuel and Deborah (Bennett), was born upon the paternal farm, and died May 20, 1760. James Bassett, son of Ebenezer, born Sept. 16, 1757, was the great-grandfather of Royal M. He died Oct. 24, 1848.

William Bassett, the grandfather of the subject of this article, was born in Derby July 18, 1781, and was for many years a successful merchant there, dying there Nov. 28, 1863, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. He married Lucy Smith, also of Derby, and their only child, Sheldon, was the father of Royal M.

Sheldon Bassett was one of the leading, substantial and influential citizens of his native place. He held the office of town clerk. He was associated with his father in business during his early life, but in later years was identified with the Birmingham Iron Foundry Co., which was incorporated in 1850. He was a prominent Odd Fellow, having held the highest offices in the State within the gift of that fraternity, and organizing its first lodge in Derby. Mr. Bassett died June 26, 1864, honored and mourned by the community at large; and warmly beloved by the innumerable friends whom he had attracted to himself by his amiable disposition and his sterling moral worth. He married Harriet L. Hull, who survived him until July 22, 1872. She was a daughter of Lieut. Samuel Hull, and a niece of those distinguished patriots whose name are as familiar to every American, Gen. William and Commodore Isaac Hull. To Sheldon Bassett and his wife were born seven children, of whom Royal M. was second in order of birth. The eldest son, William H., was born Oct. 21, 1827, and died July 18, 1864; he was a hardware merchant in New York. Lavinia H., the third child and eldest

daughter, became the wife of Thomas D. De Forest, of Derby, and died Aug. 7, 1868. Lucy M. died in infancy. Lucy P. married Charles F. Colt, of New York, and died May 25, 1872. Ellen S. became Mrs. George H. Norton, of New Haven, and is also deceased, having passed away Oct. 26, 1853. Theodore S., the youngest member of the family, is a manufacturer of rubber goods in New York.

Royal M. Bassett was born in Derby Oct. 22, 1828. His training at the public schools was supplemented by a year at Haddam Academy, and two years' attendance at the Stiles and Truman French Academy, at New Haven. His father destined him for business pursuits, and time has abundantly and convincingly demonstrated the soundness of the parental judgment. From youth and through his entire life Mr. Bassett has manifested commercial genius of the highest order. He has displayed a comprehension of mercantile possibilities, a ready grasp of existing situations, and a capability for handling enterprises of the highest magnitude, which are exceptional. The ability and fidelity with which he has met and discharged the onerous responsibilities devolving upon him are attested by the universal esteem in which he is held by the business world. He began his long and successful career as secretary of the Birmingham Iron Foundry Co., which, as has been said above, was organized in 1850. This office he filled until the death of his father, Sheldon Bassett, in 1864, when he succeeded to the presidency, his brother Theodore S. becoming secretary and treasurer. In addition to his connection with the concern named, he has extensive business interests in various parts of the country. From 1857 until 1887 he was associated with Nelson H. Downs in the manufacture of hoop skirts and corsets. The style of the firm was Downs & Bassett, and the co-partnership continued until Mr. Downs' death. Mr. Bassett was also one of the incorporators of the Housatonic Water and the Derby Gas Companies. With a keen foresight of the wants of the Pacific railways, he has built and operated extensive rolling mills along the lines of the Union and Kansas Pacific Companies. He has also been connected with various railroad enterprises in the far West, having been president of the Utah Northern and trustee for the bondholders of the Utah Western Railway Co.; after it was reorganized, in Utah and Nevada, he was chosen president. He has also been a director of the Naugatuck Railroad Co. since 1870.

From the foregoing sketch of Mr. Bassett's life the reader may glean the more important facts of his ancestry and his business career. Of his personal characteristics, it is enough to add that he is a public-spirited citizen, a devoted father, a true friend and an upright man. He is deeply interested in the cause of popular education, and was for fifteen or twenty years chairman of the Derby school board. He is a Freemason, being a member of

King Hiram Lodge, No. 6, of Derby. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party.

On Nov. 9, 1858, Mr. Bassett married Miss Frances J. Stratton, a daughter of Sherwood E. Stratton, Esq., of Bridgeport. She died Feb. 14, 1876, and Mr. Bassett has not married again. To their union came three children: Lucy, who died Feb. 4, 1879, at the age of nineteen; Royal E., a lovable boy, who passed out of the world Jan. 9, 1865; and Sheldon H. The last named was born April 11, 1867, at Birmingham, Conn., and for a period of three years was connected with the Bradley Pulverizing Co., of Boston, who manufacture machines for crushing Cement Co., of Iola, Kans., whose main office is at ores. He is now at the head of the Iola Portland St. Louis, Mo., in which city Mr. Bassett makes his home. On May 3, 1896, he was married, at Kansas City, to Miss Florence Shaffenbergh.

HENRY MINOR. Ninety-two years of life, filled with useful effort and crowned with the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, have left this venerable resident of Wolcott still hale and hearty, with every prospect of continued health for years to come. He has served as town clerk for over half a century, and his faithful service in public life as well as his personal worth make the following history of general interest not only to the readers of the present day but to future historians of this section.

The progenitor of the Minor family in America was Thomas Minor, a native of Somerset, England, and one of the four children born to Clement Minor, who died in Somersetshire March 31, 1640. The son crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Stonington, Conn., in 1683. His children were John, who located in Woodbury, Conn.; Thomas; Clement, who settled in New London; Ephraim, who settled in Stonington; Judah; Manassah, who settled in Stonington; Joseph; Samuel; Ann; Maria; Eunice; Elizabeth; and Hannah.

Jedediah Minor, the great-grandfather of our subject, and a descendant of Clement Minor, was born in Lyme, Conn., and came to Wolcott about 1756, locating near Wolcott Center, where he owned land and engaged in farming until his death. His remains were interred in Wolcott cemetery. He married Elizabeth Marvin, of Lyme, and to them were born ten children: Betsy, wife of William Roberts, of Bristol; Joseph; Esther, wife of Samuel Atkins; Daniel, who was a Revolutionary soldier, and died of smallpox while in the army; Caleb; Lucretia, wife of Michael Dayton, of Watertown; Lucy, wife of Jesse Alcox; Theda, wife of William Barnes, of Southington; Joshua; and Elizabeth.

Joseph Minor, our subject's grandfather, was born in Lyme, and was twelve years of age when he came with his parents to Wolcott. He engaged in farming throughout life upon the farm where his father first located, and where our subject

now resides. For seven long years he fought for American independence as a soldier of the Revolutionary war and rose to the rank of sergeant. He was a supporter of the Democratic party, and as one of the prominent citizens of his community he was called upon to fill public offices. He died on the home farm, and was buried in the old Wolcott cemetery. He wedded Mary Upson, daughter of Capt. Samuel Upson, and to them were born children as follows: One who died in infancy, May 3, 1783; Archibald, born May 23, 1784; Joseph, April 23, 1786; Wealthy (wife of Elihu Moulthrop), Dec. 8, 1787; Marcus, July 17, 1790; Marvin, in August, 1792; Nancy (wife of Orrin Hall), July 12, 1798; and Mary (wife of Ephraim Hall), Nov. 23, 1800.

Archibald Minor, father of our subject, spent his entire life on the old homestead in Wolcott and lived to a ripe old age. By occupation he was a farmer, and in politics he was first a Democrat and later a Republican. He was an accomplished penman, and was gifted with a rich voice. He was recognized as one of the most valued and useful citizens of his community, was honored with many town offices, and most efficiently served as justice of the peace, selectman of Wolcott, town clerk for twenty-five years, and member of the State Legislature when sessions were held both in New Haven and Hartford. On Oct. 27, 1808, he married Betsy Tuttle, a native of Plymouth, Conn., and a daughter of Daniel Tuttle. She died on the home farm, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Wolcott cemetery. Both were members of the Episcopal Church, and were held in high regard by all who knew them. They had two children, of whom our subject is the older. Harriet, born Dec. 8, 1811, married George W. Wilton, of Waterbury.

Henry Minor, whose name introduces this review, was born Dec. 17, 1809, and is now the oldest citizen of Wolcott. He attended the district schools of Wolcott and also a private school taught by John Clarke, but is mostly self-educated. He never left the parental roof, and when old enough to be of any assistance he began to aid in the work of the farm, having been engaged in agricultural pursuits on the homestead ever since. In 1836 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah J. Clark, a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Elias and Eliza Clark. To them was born one son, Theron C. A., now a resident of Waterbury, who was married Dec. 1, 1861, to Sarah J. Warner, a daughter of Erastus Warner, of Wolcott, and has two children, Martin W. and Henry W. Mrs. Minor, who was a most estimable woman and faithful helpmeet, died in October, 1895, and was laid to rest in the old cemetery.

Politically Mr. Minor has been a lifelong Democrat, casting his first Presidential vote for Andrew Jackson, and in 1896 voting for Palmer and Buckner. One of the prominent and influential citizens of his community, he has been called upon to fill a

number of official positions of honor and trust, having served as assessor, justice of the peace, and selectman of Wolcott for twenty years. In 1847 he was first elected town clerk, and has since filled that office in a most creditable and satisfactory manner, having served as such longer than any other town clerk in the State. He has represented his town in the Legislature four times, both at New Haven and Hartford. He is still quite active, possesses an excellent memory, and keeps well posted on the questions and issues of the day, as well as on topics of general interest. He is widely and favorably known, and is one of the most honored residents of his section of the county.

DR. AMOS SHEPARD BLAKE, an inventor of considerable note, the first resident dentist at Waterbury, and for many years one of its leading manufacturers and citizens, was born Jan. 18, 1812, in Brookfield, Vt., son of Joseph and Prudence (Shepard) Blake.

Mr. Blake received his education at Southmade Academy and in Scott's Military School, at Montpelier, Vt. He studied dentistry under the direction of his brother, Dr. E. W. Blake, and resided at Alstead, N. H., Montpelier and Chelsea, Vt., and Watertown, Conn., before coming to Waterbury, in 1844. Here he established himself, as the first resident dentist of the place, and for a number of years enjoyed an extensive practice. From 1852 to 1855 he was superintendent of mines in the Lake Superior region, making his home at Eagle Harbor, Mich. With that exception Dr. Blake made Waterbury his home from 1844 until called to his reward, Feb. 18, 1895. At the beginning of the Civil war he withdrew from the practice of his profession and became interested in manufacturing. He was quite a genius, and of an inventive turn of mind. During the winter of 1830-31 he constructed the first locomotive ever seen in New England. It was designed to illustrate the practicability of travel by railroad, and was large enough to carry two passengers at a time, around a hall, on a circular track. This model engine was extensively exhibited throughout the New England States by Asa Harrington, of Middlesex, Vt. During his lifetime Dr. Blake invented some nineteen devices and procured patents on the same. During the Civil war the Doctor was superintendent of the American Flask & Cap Co., which in a single year delivered one hundred tons of percussion caps to the National Government. He was the originator of Blake, Lamb & Co., in 1865, manufacturers of articles patented by himself, the firm consisting then of Dr. Blake, William Lamb and Henry R. Chambers. The concern was incorporated in 1867, with a capital of \$9,000, Dr. Blake becoming the first president. There was no change in the company until the death of Mr. Lamb, in 1872, at which time the other members purchased the interest previously held by him. Dr. Blake sold his interest in 1883.

For a number of years while in Vermont Dr. Blake was one of the judges of jail delivery, where until recent years the law authorized imprisonment for debt. He was one of the selectmen of Waterbury in 1846, and during his stay in Michigan he was a county commissioner. He held the position of councilman, alderman, assessor and road commissioner, and represented Waterbury in the State Legislature in 1869, 1874 and 1875. He was one of the originators of the Riverside Cemetery Association, and was active in promoting the scheme for raising money by subscription for the cemetery site. He also took an active part in naming the streets of Waterbury and getting the street names officially adopted.

Dr. Blake married Eliza Cordelia, daughter of Henry Woodward, of Chelsea, Vt., and children as follows were born of this union: Mrs. John A. Hitchcock, of Liverpool, England; Caroline B., wife of Edward T. Root; and two sons who died in childhood. The mother of these died Feb. 25, 1895.

HON. ARTHUR H. BARTHOLOMEW, first mayor of the city of Ansonia, is one of the most active business men and most enterprising citizens, and has long held a high place in the esteem of the public. He is a son of the late Jeremiah H. Bartholomew, and was given unusual educational facilities in his youth. After an attendance at the public schools he entered the "Gunnery," at Washington, Conn., and from there went to Auburndale, Mass., where he spent several months in an academy. At the age of sixteen he began his apprenticeship in the works of the Ansonia Brass & Copper Co. He was quick to take advantage of every opportunity, and his insight into the mechanism of clocks soon made him invaluable to the company. He rapidly rose to an honored place, but he was ever looking to the time he could go into business for himself, and was endeavoring by strict economy to save enough to make his start. In 1881 he saw his ambition realized, and he became a member of the firm of Phelps & Bartholomew, and at once assumed a well-deserved place in the manufacturing world. The Phelps & Bartholomew Co. manufacture clocks, and their goods find a ready market. Through much competition and considerable persecution their business has rapidly increased, owing to the reliability of their goods. In 1886 the firm became a corporation, and now over one hundred hands are employed.

Mr. Bartholomew has become largely interested in many concerns outside of the factory, and has worthily filled several positions of honor and trust, among them that of director of the Ansonia National Bank, trustee of the Ansonia Savings Bank, president of the Pine Grove Cemetery Association, director of the Ansonia Water Co., secretary of the Ansonia Hall Co., and president of the Ansonia Furniture and Carpet Co. He is also a member of the Ansonia Board of Trade.

In spite of his many duties connected with his commercial enterprises, he has had time to look after the public welfare as few busy men find time to do. When Ansonia was incorporated as a city, he was elected for the first mayor, and his careful business administration has proven of inestimable benefit to the town, and established a precedent for succeeding magistrates. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, but in local affairs he endeavors to avoid all partisan dealing, and steadfastly adheres to his determination to keep out of the so-called "ring." While in office he was loyal to his friends, but at the same time he never lost sight of the fact that he was mayor of the city, and sworn to administer its affairs to the best of his ability, so that his appointments were often outside of the Republican ranks. Educational affairs find in him a warm friend, and for ten years he served as chairman of the board of education. So popular is he that when his name appears on a ticket it is sure to win consideration from men of all parties, as he acts wisely and well for the general good. During the time he was in the Legislature, 1886, 1887 and 1893, he served on the committee on Cities and Boroughs, and in 1887 and in 1893 he was House chairman of the committee on Corporations. His interest in his home city is unbounded, and he has given his hearty support to all things tending to develop its resources. Fraternally Mr. Bartholomew is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows organizations, having risen to the Knight Templar degree in the former. His home is one of the handsome modern residences of the city, and is substantially the same as that in which he passed his earlier days.

On Jan. 14, 1874, Mr. Bartholomew married Miss Henrietta E. Cable, of Oxford, Conn., and daughter of Horace and Ann (Curtis) Cable, and they have had four children, the eldest of whom, Emma, died when two years of age; the others are Henrietta Cable, Eloise, and Arthur H., Jr. Mrs. Bartholomew's father was a farmer by occupation, and was a file major of the State militia for many years. He died some thirty years ago, his wife ten years ago. Mrs. Bartholomew's grandfather Curtis was a prominent man, a civil engineer, and represented his district several years in the Connecticut Legislature.

JAMES PORTER, an honored and highly esteemed citizen of Waterbury, now living a retired life, is the oldest representative of the Porter family in that town. He is a descendant of Daniel Porter, an early settler of the Connecticut Colony, who was one of the first to locate in Farmington. Daniel Porter was a physician, and was licensed to practice by the General Court in 1654, his fees being established by law. He was also required to visit the sick in Hartford, Windsor, Wethersfield and Middletown. He was more particularly a bone setter. His death occurred in Farmington in 1690, and his remains were interred there. He and his

wife, Mary, had the following children: Daniel, born Feb. 2, 1652, is mentioned below; Mary, born Feb. 5, 1654, married Eleazer Knowles, of Woodbury; Nehemiah, born Oct. 24, 1656, married Hannah Lumm, of Woodbury; Richard was born March 24, 1658; Anna, born in 1660, died unmarried; John, born Nov. 14, 1662, married Rebecca Woodford; and Samuel, born Oct. 24, 1665, was married in 1702 to Abigail Humphreys, of Simsbury.

Daniel Porter, son of Dr. Daniel, after reaching manhood moved to Waterbury, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there Jan. 18, 1726. He married Deborah Holcomb (daughter of Joshua and Ruth (Sherwood) Holcomb), who died May 4, 1765, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. Their children were as follows: Daniel, born March 5, 1699, is mentioned below; James, born April 20, 1700, died in 1786; Thomas, born April 1, 1702, died in 1797; Deborah, born March 6, 1703, married James Baldwin, and died in Waterbury in January, 1801; Ebenezer, born Dec. 24, 1708, died in 1803; and Ann, born April 28, 1712, married Thomas Judd and (second) James Nicholas, and died at an old age. The father of these children was also a physician and surgeon, and in addition to his medical practice engaged in land surveying. He was quite a prominent citizen of Waterbury and died after making his home there for over half a century, leaving a large estate. His was a long-lived family. The *Connecticut Journal* of March 5, 1801, contains the following interesting item concerning persons whose descendants are numerous in this vicinity, and some of whom still give evidence that the vigor of the sturdy stock is but little impaired: "Died in Waterbury, Mrs. Deborah Baldwin, aged ninety-seven, daughter of Dr. Daniel Porter, Jr., one of the first settlers of Waterbury, who died at an advanced age. Her mother died aged ninety-three; her eldest brother, Dr. Daniel, died at seventy-six; her second brother, Dr. James Porter, at eighty-six; her third brother, Capt. Thomas Porter, at ninety-five; her fourth brother, Ebenezer, now living at ninety-three; and also one sister Ann (the wife of James Nichols), now living at ninety."

Daniel Porter (3) was born in Waterbury, and died there Nov. 14, 1772. Like his father and grandfather, he also engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery. He was a man of influence in his community, and was honored and respected by all who knew him. He owned a tract of land between East Main and Mill streets and Mad river, and lived on East Main street. On June 3, 1728, he married Hannah Hopkins, a daughter of John and Hannah Hopkins, and sister of Stephen and Timothy Hopkins. John Hopkins was a son of Stephen Hopkins and his wife Dorcas Bronson (daughter of John Bronson), and a grandson of John Hopkins. Daniel Porter and his wife Hannah had children as follows: Preserve, born Nov.



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23, 1729, was the eldest; Daniel, born March 17, 1731, was a physician and surgeon, died of small-pox in 1759 at Crown Point, while in the army; Hannah, born June 10, 1733, married Obediah Scoville; Timothy, born June 19, 1735, is mentioned below; Susanna, born July 7, 1737, married Daniel Killum and (second) John Cossett; and Anna, born Dec. 6, 1738, married David Bronson. The mother of these children died Dec. 31, 1739. By his second wife, Joanna, the father had two children: Elizabeth, who was married in 1764, to Ard Warner; and Jemima, was married in 1762 to Timothy Scoville.

Timothy Porter, son of Daniel Porter (3), was a lifelong resident of Waterbury. He, too, devoted his time and attention to the medical profession, was the principal practicing physician of his town and vicinity, and served as surgeon in the Revolutionary war. He was a man of marked ability, progressive and enterprising, and was a staunch advocate of higher education. He married Margaret Skinner, a daughter of Gideon Skinner, of Bolton, Conn. She was born in 1739, and died in 1813. In their family were seven children: Daniel, born Sept. 23, 1768, was the grandfather of our subject; Sylvia C. was born Feb. 24, 1771; Joseph, born Sept. 3, 1772, a physician, married Levinia Porter, and died May 6, 1848; Olive, born July 26, 1775, married Moses Hall; Anna, born April 5, 1777, married R. F. Welton; Chauncey, born April 24, 1779, moved to Pittsford, N. Y.; Timothy Hopkins, born Nov. 28, 1785, was a representative in the United States Congress about 1828.

Daniel Porter, grandfather of our subject, was a well-educated man and highly respected citizen of Waterbury. He was a surveyor, and also a lawyer of much ability, practicing in the justice courts of his town. He owned quite a large amount of land in Waterbury, where he spent his entire life. He always took an active part in politics and held many offices of trust and responsibility, including that of selectman. On June 9, 1789, he married Anna Clark, and they had six children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Horace, Sept. 30, 1790; Timothy, Jan. 30, 1792; Elias, May 14, 1795; Alma Anna (wife of William Orton), April 18, 1800; Daniel (a physician), May 20, 1805; and Joseph, July 11, 1807. Mrs. Anna (Clark) Porter was a daughter of Ingham Clark and his wife Sarah (Beach), who were married in 1767. Ingham Clark was a son of Israel and Mehitable (Ingham) Clark (married in 1743), a grandson of Samuel Clark (2) and his wife Mary Brown (married in 1694), a great-grandson of Samuel (1) and Hannah (Tuttle) Clark (married in 1672). Mrs. Mary (Brown) Clark, wife of Samuel (2), was a daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Vincent) Brown. Mrs. Hannah (Tuttle) Clark, wife of Samuel (1), was a daughter of John and Catherine (Lane) Tuttle (married in 1653), and granddaughter of William Tuttle.

Elias Porter, father of our subject, owned and operated a farm at Mill Plain, and always made his home in Waterbury, spending the latter part of his life with our subject. He died in 1871, at a ripe old age, and was laid to rest in Pine Grove cemetery. On Jan. 22, 1817, he married Alma Tyler, who was born Dec. 17, 1791, a daughter of Lyman and Esther (Hoadley) Tyler, of Prospect, Conn., who were married in 1791. Their only child was our subject. The mother died in 1866, and now sleeps by the side of her husband in Pine Grove cemetery. They were held in high regard by all who knew them. Politically the father was first a Federalist, later a Whig, and still later a Republican.

Lyman Tyler, father of Mrs. Elias Porter, was a son of Abraham Tyler, a grandson of Isaac and Susanna (Miles) Tyler (married in 1732), a great-grandson of John and Abigail (Hall) Tyler (married in 1694), and a great-great-grandson of William Tyler. Mrs. Abigail (Hall) Tyler was a daughter of Thomas and Grace Hall (married June 5, 1673), of whom the former, Thomas Hall, was a son of John and Jane (Woolen) Hall. Mrs. Esther (Hoadley) Tyler, mother of Mrs. Elias Porter, was a daughter of William (3) and Esther (Porter) Hoadley (married in 1761), a granddaughter of William (2) and Sarah (Frisbie) Hoadley (married in 1724), and a great-granddaughter of William (1) and Elizabeth (Frost) Hoadley. Mrs. Esther (Porter) Hoadley, wife of William (3), was a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Burnham) Porter (married in 1734), and a granddaughter of Richard and Ruth Porter. Mrs. Sarah (Frisbie) Hoadley, wife of William (2), was a daughter of Eben Frisbie. Mrs. Elizabeth (Frost) Hoadley, wife of William (1), was a daughter of John and Mercy (Payne) Frost.

James Porter, whose name introduces this review, was born March 26, 1818, on the old homestead at Mill Plain, and during his boyhood attended the district schools and also the Waterbury Academy. He assisted his father in the operation of the farm until twenty years of age, when he commenced work in a woolen mill. Subsequently he was employed in a roller mill for six years, and in 1843 learned the trade of a caster at the John D. Johnson rolling mills, after which he was employed two years in the Brown & Elton rolling mills, and in the same capacity seventeen years in the Waterbury Brass Co.'s mill. For three years he was a caster for the Scovill Manufacturing Co., and then became a German-silver caster for the same firm, remaining with them until 1874, during which time he started silver casting at Wolcottville, Bristol and Thomaston. He then retired from business, and has since made his home on the East Farms road, in Waterbury. Although eighty-four years of age he still possesses all his faculties, and is quite active. He is an intellectual and well-informed man, of genial disposition and

upright character. Mr. Porter cast his first presidential vote for William H. Harrison, the Whig candidate, and his last for William McKinley, the Republican nominee, being a staunch supporter of the Republican party and sound money principles. He is an earnest Christian, a member of the Episcopal Church, is domestic in his tastes, and is a loving husband and father.

On June 1, 1845, in Waterbury, Mr. Porter was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Beecher, a daughter of Benjamin Dutton and Pamela (Tuttle) Beecher. Her father was a well-known inventor, having invented, in 1835, the first propeller, which was used on canal boats, afterward on ocean steamers. Mrs. Porter is still living, and enjoys good health. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have five children, namely: (1) Emily Sophia was married July 1, 1868, to James Elliott, of Elmira, N. Y., and they had seven children—Nellie May, born March 28, 1869, died Dec. 10, 1877; James Porter, born Dec. 1, 1870, was married Nov. 28, 1895, to Ida Moakley, and they have two children, Irving Beecher (born Dec. 5, 1897) and James Porter (born Sept. 2, 1900); Sarah Beecher was born May 13, 1873; Fanny Amelia was born March 13, 1875; Sophia Alma, born Dec. 21, 1876; George Ward was born March 25, 1879; Charles Luther, born July 3, 1884, died Aug. 31, 1892. (2) Sarah Jane was married to John Hine Sept. 1, 1875, and has four children—John Wallace, born May 14, 1877; Mary Annie, born Jan. 9, 1879; George Ward, born Sept. 1, 1880; and Frederick William, born March 18, 1882. (3) James Ward Beecher was married Jan. 18, 1876, to Elizabeth Collins, and they have six children—John Beecher, born Oct. 28, 1876; Fannie Elizabeth, born July 9, 1878; Nellie Florence, born March 25, 1880; James Ward, born June 16, 1881; Bessie Sophia, born Aug. 11, 1882, died July 17, 1883, and Harry Clinton, born March 13, 1885. (4) Fannie Amelia and (5) Mary Florence (twins) are at home with their parents, to whom they are very devoted. They are ladies of culture and refinement, and are quite active and prominent members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Women's Club and other social organizations.

The following lines from Mr. Porter's pen are characteristic:

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Happy the truly honest man
With no alluring wile,
But cheerfully, he treats you well
In whom there is no guile.

He never will put on deceit
For sake of gaining spoil,
He is the one that you can trust
In whom there is no guile.

May the good Lord deliver us
From all that's low or vile;
So finally it will be said
In him there is no guile.

Dec. 26, 1901.

JAMES PORTER.

DAVID BROOKS, late of Brooks Vale, in the town of Cheshire, was a worthy representative of one of the prominent old families of New Haven county.

The first of the name to come to America were two brothers, Henry and John Brooks, both natives of the County of Chester, England. Henry was a staunch supporter of Oliver Cromwell, and fought under his banner. Upon the restoration of Charles II to the British throne many of the followers of Cromwell, known as Roundheads, fled to different parts of the world, a large number coming to America. Among the latter were Henry and John Brooks, who settled in New Haven about 1670, and were among the founders of New Haven Colony. Some time later they removed to Wallingford, and, about the beginning of the eighteenth century, took up land in a part of the Colony which was afterward set off from the town of Wallingford, and to which they gave the name of Cheshire, for their native county in England. Henry Brooks, who came from Cheshire, in England, became a land owner in Cheshire, Conn., and it was in his house that the first religious services in that place were held. He was an earnest, consistent Christian, and took a deep interest in the Cheshire Colony, and the infant church which he was instrumental in establishing. He was married Dec. 21, 1676, to Hannah Blakeley.

(II) Lieut. Thomas Brooks, son of Henry, was born in the New Haven Colony March 27, 1679, and about 1705 removed with his parents to Cheshire, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was deeply interested in public affairs, especially the welfare of his adopted town, and was the first to petition the General Assembly to organize the Congregational Church in Cheshire, in 1723, prior to which time religious services were held in his home. He died of smallpox May 18, 1732, and was buried in Cheshire. He was a true and earnest Christian, self-sacrificing and unselfish, doing all in his power to advance the educational and moral interests of his community, and his loss was deeply felt by the church. He secured his title as lieutenant in the militia. In Wallingford he married, March 25, 1701, Martha Hotchkiss, a native of that town, a daughter of Ensign Joshua Hotchkiss, and a granddaughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Cleaverly) Hotchkiss. To this union were born ten children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Stephen, May 28, 1702; Marv, May 14, 1704; Thomas, Feb. 14, 1706; Enos, Feb. 15, 1708; Cornelius, Sept. 10, 1711; Martha, Feb. 21, 1714; Mehitable, Feb. 23, 1716; Benjamin, April 23, 1720; Henry, March 2, 1723; and Thankful, Dec. 10, 1725.

(III) Capt. Enos Brooks, son of Lieut. Thomas, was born Feb. 15, 1708, and spent his entire life in Cheshire, where he owned a large amount of land. Enos was the first Brooks to locate in the southwestern part of the town, now called Brooks Vale. There, in about 1732, he erected an old-style "lean-to" house, on the ground where the present Brooks

homestead stands. There he died Sept. 22, 1771, and was laid to rest in the family burying plot in Cheshire cemetery. He was captain of a company in the militia, and was a liberal supporter and active member of the church. He was noted for his industrious habits, honorable dealings and sterling worth. His wife, Tamar, was born in 1706, and died Oct. 7, 1775. Her remains were also interred in Cheshire cemetery.

(IV) Rev. David Brooks, son of Capt. Enos, and the father of the man whose name introduces this article, was born in Cheshire, in 1744, and was graduated from Yale in 1768; he held the degree of Master of Arts. He was an ordained minister of the Congregational Church, but on account of the unsettled state of the country, due to the Revolution, was never pastor, permanently, of any church. At the request of his kinsman, Gen. David Wooster, he prepared and delivered a discourse in Derby, Conn., in 1774, on the religion of the Revolution. This discourse attracted much attention, was published and helped to move public sentiment in favor of the struggle for independence; a copy of this sermon is now in the possession of his descendants. He was a soldier in the Continental army, being among the first quota of men furnished by the parish of New Cheshire, and was in the service for eight months; he entered as a private, but was afterward appointed quartermaster of his regiment. He was a member of the Legislature at the time of Burgoyne's surrender, and in January, 1788, he was a delegate to the State Convention held in Hartford to ratify and adopt the Constitution of the United States. He was a broad-minded man, an honorable citizen and a good Christian. He died in Cheshire in December, 1810, and was buried in the family plot in the cemetery. Rev. David Brooks married Elizabeth Doolittle, who was born in 1753, and died Aug. 15, 1831. In their family were ten children, including David (our subject); Gen. Micah Brooks, a distinguished citizen of Livingston county, N. Y., and a member of Congress; and Benedict Brooks, a prominent citizen of Wyoming county, that State.

(V) David Brooks, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Brooks Vale July 26, 1791, and grew to manhood in his native town, where he attended school, and where he afterward followed farming on the old Brooks homestead. There he died July 24, 1873, at the age of eighty-two years, and his remains were interred in Cheshire cemetery, where a suitable monument has been erected to his memory. He was one of the leading and popular citizens of his community, and was widely and favorably known throughout his county, being held in high regard by all with whom he came in contact. He was married in Cheshire to Miss Linda Hull, a native of that town, and a daughter of Samuel Hull, who is mentioned below. She died at Brooks Vale April 30, 1865, and now sleeps by the side of her husband in Cheshire cemetery. To this worthy

couple came the following children: Monzo, born in 1814, died in 1887; Clarissa L. married S. S. Cowles, and died in Farmington, Conn., in 1861; David, born Jan. 26, 1820, is mentioned below; Stella Law married William Seth Knowlton, of Bridgeport, and died in Cheshire July 14, 1884; Samuel Hull is a resident of New Haven; Elizabeth Brooks, born in 1829, married Henry W. Chatfield, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and died at Brooks Vale July 12, 1899; Edwin Micah, born in 1831, died in 1860; and Rosa, born Oct. 6, 1835, married Joseph H. Martin, of Grand Rapids, Mich., a native of Northampton, England.

(VI) David Brooks, son of (V) David, was a man of high attainments and ripe scholarship. He went to Philadelphia, and with S. F. B. Morse was engaged in constructing the first telegraph line in this country. He became widely known as an eminent electrician, and invented an underground cable for which the Western Union Telegraph Co. paid him a large sum. He met with excellent success in his undertakings, and was highly respected and esteemed for his sterling worth and many excellencies of character. His death occurred in Philadelphia May 30, 1891, and his remains were brought back to Cheshire for interment. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia A. Gilbert, was born in Hamden, Conn., Feb. 11, 1823, and died in Philadelphia Sept. 22, 1893. Their children were Laura Gilbert, wife of J. Lowrie Bell; David; Linda, wife of Edward Troth; Anna Le Conte, wife of Henry S. Snow; and Edwin M.

Linda Hull, the wife of (V) David Brooks, traced her ancestry to Richard Hull, a native of Derbyshire, England, who came to America with the first settlers, and was made a freeman in Dorchester, Mass., in 1634. About 1637 he removed to Boston, and from there came to New Haven, where he took the oath of fidelity. He was one of the founders of the New Haven Colony, and was a land owner in this county, and lived on what is now called Chapel street. He was a God-fearing man and a good citizen, but not a Puritan, and on that account came to New Haven, where he died in September, 1662. He had two sons—John and Joseph—and one daughter. From Joseph descended Gen. William Hull and Commodore Isaac Hull.

(II) John Hull, son of Richard, was born in 1640, in New Haven, and there grew to manhood. In 1661 he removed to Stratford, Conn., where he was numbered among the planters for seven years. In 1668 he went to Pawgassett, now Derby, Conn., and it is supposed that he was one of the first settlers of that town, which he named Derby for his father's old home in England. There he made his home until 1677, and built several dwelling houses for his sons. He also built the first corn-flour mill in Wallingford, to which town he removed in 1687, there buying 700 acres of land, which now forms a part of Cheshire. He was known as Dr. John Hull, and is supposed to have been a physician. His death

occurred in Wallingford Dec. 6, 1711, and he was buried there. He was three times married, and the name of his first wife is unknown. On Oct. 19, 1671, he wedded Mary Jones, and on Sept. 20, 1699, married Rebecca Turner. His children by the first marriage were: John, born March 14, 1661; Samuel, Feb. 4, 1663; Mary, Oct. 31, 1664; and Joseph, 1662 (who is mentioned below). By the second union there were five children: Benjamin, born Oct. 7, 1672, was married Dec. 14, 1695, to Elizabeth Andrews, and engaged in the practice of medicine; Ebenezer, born in 1673, was married March 4, 1706, to Lydia Mix, and died in 1709; Richard was born in 1674; Jeremiah, born in 1679, married Hannah Cook, of Wallingford, and was also a physician; and Archer completed the family.

(III) Capt. Joseph Hull, son of Dr. John Hull, was born in 1662 in Derby, and there spent his entire life, engaged in commercial and agricultural pursuits. He was a man of great influence in the community; represented his town in the General Assembly; was a worthy member of the Congregational Church; and a captain in the militia. He died in Derby in 1744, and was buried there. He was the great-grandfather of Commodore Isaac Hull, who commanded the celebrated frigate "Constitution." In 1691 he wedded Mary Nichols, a daughter of Isaac Nichols. She died in 1733, and two years later he married Hannah Botsford, widow of John Prindle. She died in Derby, and was buried there. In his family were children as follows: Samuel, born in 1692 (he made his home in Derby); Joseph, in 1694; Caleb, mentioned below; Abijah, born in 1697; Andrew, in 1698; Mary (Mrs. Russell, of Derby), in 1699; Sarah (Mrs. Beach, of Stamford), in 1701; and Nathan, in 1709.

(IV) Caleb Hull, son of Capt. Joseph Hull, was born in Derby Feb. 4, 1695, and at the age of fourteen went to live with his grandfather, Dr. John Hull, in Wallingford, at that gentleman's request. The Doctor gave him one hundred acres of land at Broad Swamp, now a part of Cheshire, where he built a house and made many other improvements. He died there in September, 1788, and was buried in Cheshire. A true patriot and loyal American, he answered to the first call for troops during the Revolution, although eighty years of age, and went to the defense of Boston. He also answered to the Lexington call, together with his son and grandson. He was a man of honor and integrity, and was one of the representative citizens of his community. On May 1, 1721, he married Mercy Benham, a native of Wallingford, who died April 19, 1766, and was laid to rest in Cheshire cemetery. They had twelve children, namely: Sarah, born April 25, 1725, married Reuben Atwater, of Cheshire; Andrew, born Aug. 23, 1726, died Sept. 21, 1774; Mary, born April 27, 1728, was married Oct. 3, 1745, to Jonathan Hitchcock; Samuel, born March 22, 1730, is mentioned below; Joseph, born Aug. 20, 1732,

died in infancy; Abijah, born Oct. 11, 1733, died Dec. 14, 1733; Joseph, born June 10, 1735, died Dec. 4, 1735; Caleb, born May 31, 1736, died Aug. 8, 1739; Submit, born Dec. 12, 1737, died Feb. 13, 1738; Patience, born Oct. 15, 1740, died in September, 1764; Joseph was born April 18, 1741; and Caleb, born Dec. 16, 1742, married Mary Street, and died June 4, 1797.

(V) Samuel Hull, son of Caleb, was a well-known and highly respected citizen of Cheshire, where he was born and reared, and later followed farming, owning land in that town. He was a member of the Congregational Church. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He died April 27, 1791, and was buried in Cheshire cemetery. In Wallingford he was married, Dec. 26, 1753, to Eunice Cook, who was born June 29, 1735, a daughter of Capt. Samuel and Hannah (Lewis) Cook, and granddaughter of Samuel and Hannah (Ives) Cook, and of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Merriman) Lewis, of Wallingford. The children of this union were as follows: A son, born Jan. 1, 1755, died in infancy; Jedediah was born Feb. 26, 1756; a son, born Feb. 2, 1758, died in infancy; Samuel, born May 27, 1759, is mentioned below; Zephaniah, born May 1, 1761, made his home in Wallingford, Vt., where he died Feb. 20, 1840; Epaphras, born April 9, 1763, also died in Wallingford, Vt., April 13, 1827; Eunice, born April 16, 1765, married Sheriff Whipple, of Cazenovia, N. Y., and died Dec. 18, 1820; Lois, born Feb. 1, 1767, died Oct. 20, 1777; Caleb, born Nov. 9, 1768, died in Wallingford, Vt., Aug. 9, 1816; Elizabeth, born Oct. 28, 1770, died Aug. 13, 1777; Josephus, born Aug. 24, 1772, died in Wallingford, Vt., March 18, 1813; and Hannah, born Oct. 11, 1775, married A. Meacham, of Wallingford, Vt., and died in 1850.

(VI) Samuel Hull, son of Samuel, Sr., and father of Mrs. David Brooks, was born on the old Hull homestead in Cheshire, and like his father and grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Throughout life he followed the occupation of farming in his native town, and was one of the most highly esteemed and honored citizens of his community. He died upon his farm Oct. 27, 1848, and was laid to rest in Cheshire cemetery. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Abigail Doolittle, was born May 26, 1766, and died Oct. 10, 1835; her remains were interred in the same cemetery. They had ten children, namely: Stella, born March 27, 1786, married Jonathan Law, and died Dec. 13, 1841; Jedediah was born in 1788; Anne was born Jan. 13, 1794; Linda, born Feb. 6, 1796, was the wife of David Brooks, our subject; Eunice, born Nov. 12, 1798, married Birdsey Booth, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Charlotte L., born Sept. 9, 1800, married John Olmsted, of Hartford, Conn.; Samuel Cook, born Aug. 4, 1802, died Aug. 26, 1804; Samuel, born Feb. 4, 1805, died in Morris, Grundy Co., Ill.; Julius, born July 1, 1807, married Lucy Ives, and

removed to Ohio; and Andrew Franklin, born Jan. 13, 1811, married Adeline Munson, and died Jan. 1, 1845.

HON. WILLIAM E. DOWNES, of New Haven, now retired, was, a generation ago, one of the leading manufacturers and prominent citizens of New Haven county, where his active career of lawyer, legislator and manufacturer for twenty-five years was passed.

Mr. Downes was born Aug. 22, 1824, in the town of Milford, Conn., and is strictly a New Englander, a product of Connecticut, for here his ancestors have figured from the very dawn of the Colonial period. He is the son of the late Horatio and Nancy (Smith) Downes, who had much of the Puritan in their character and aspect, and grandson of John and Hannah (Stone) Downes, the former a patriot of the Revolution, and in the family is a very interesting diary which was kept by him from 1764 to 1810, containing, with very few exceptions, an entry for every day during that long period. Among the ancestors of our subject through his grandmother, Hannah (Stone) Downes, was one of the founders of the church in Connecticut—Rev. Thomas Hooker, of Hartford; and through his mother he is in direct line from Gov. Robert Treat, Rev. Samuel Andrew, of Milford, one of the leading men in New England and one of the principal founders of Yale College, and for a dozen or more years from 1707 rector of it; and he is also through the same channel in direct line from Edmund Tapp, one of the first settlers of Milford, and one of the first five judges of that town.

In boyhood William E. Downes attended the district schools of his native town and afterward completed his studies, preparatory to entering college, with the Rev. Asa M. Train, of Milford. He entered Yale College in 1841, and four years later was graduated in the class of '45, the valedictorian being James G. Gould, a fine scholar and most gifted man. Mr. Downes chose the profession of the law as a life work, and in the preparation for it studied one year under the direction of the late distinguished lawyer, Hon. Alfred Blackman, of New Haven. He then entered the Yale Law School, and after the usual course of study was admitted to the Bar of the State of Connecticut in Danbury, in 1848. In December of the same year he opened an office in Birmingham, Conn., and began the practice of his profession, continuing therein until 1863, when he relinquished it and succeeded the late Dr. Howe, his father-in-law, in the management of the business of the Howe Manufacturing Co., of Birmingham, and remained in its active management until 1875, when the burden of the work was turned over to other hands. As a lawyer Mr. Downes gained and kept the confidence, respect and esteem of the community in which he lived, as well as that of his brethren at the Bar. His business surely and steadily increased as his worth and abil-

ity became known, and when he relinquished his practice, it was a source of sincere regret to a numerous clientele.

Since the retirement of Mr. Downes from the active management of the Howe Manufacturing Co. he has given his time to the management of his own affairs, and in the performance of the duties of the many positions of trust and responsibility which he has filled. For a decade or more he was president of the Derby Savings Bank. He is a director and member of the executive committee of the Ousatic Water Co., and a director and valued counsellor and adviser in many other corporations in Derby and elsewhere. With the Ousatic Water Co. he has been prominently identified from the beginning, having been employed as one of the counsel to obtain a charter for the company from the Legislature of Connecticut. As early as 1855 he was sent to the State Legislature from the town of Derby. He again represented that town in the same body in 1882, and for the third time in 1883. He took a prominent part in the establishment of the "Board of Pardons," and was chiefly instrumental in procuring the passage of the "Act Concerning Insane Persons," in the year 1889, and modestly says that such satisfaction as he has derived from his legislative experience arises from his connection with these two acts. For several years Mr. Downes, at some sacrifice, filled the office of justice of the peace in the town of Derby.

In referring to his make-up, a writer has said:

Mr. Downes is possessed of certain qualities rarely found, as in him, in harmonious combination. While a lover of books, and of reading and with the instincts and tastes of a scholar, he is at the same time a practical man of affairs, with an aptitude for business born of a thorough legal and business training, and of a large and varied experience. In the many corporations with which he is connected, his opinion carries much weight, and his counsel is rarely disregarded. While modest and retiring in disposition, and willing to yield to the judgment of others in matters of minor importance, he is steadfast in matters of principle and loyal to his convictions at all times, without regard to consequence. His conclusions are generally reached only after mature reflection and although they are held with firmness, the firmness never degenerates into obstinacy. He has an instinct for justice and a sense of honor "that feels a stain like a wound." His keen perception of the humorous side of human nature and conduct, coupled with a genial, kindly disposition, makes him a delightful companion, and relieves the "prosiness" of many a business meeting.

Politically Mr. Downes has generally acted with the Republican party. His religious faith is that of the Congregational Church.

In 1851 Mr. Downes was married to Jane M., only child of Dr. John I. Howe, of Birmingham, Conn., and their children are: Mrs. Helen G. Atwater, of New Haven, Conn.; William Howe, of Boston, Mass.; and Mrs. Catherine I. Whiting and John I. H., of New Haven. Since 1887 Mr. Downes has made his home in New Haven.

The late Dr. JOHN I. HOWE, father of Mrs. Downes, was born in 1793, in Ridgefield, Conn., and was graduated from the Medical University of New York. He was married to Cornelia Ann, daughter

of George Ireland, of New York, and for many years practiced his profession with skill and success in that city. As early as 1828 he obtained a patent on rubber compounds. In 1832 and 1833 he devised a machine for making pins, and in 1835 the Howe Manufacturing Co. was organized in New York for the manufacturing of that article. For thirty years Dr. Howe had the sole management of the manufacturing department of the company. In 1838 the concern was removed to Birmingham, Connecticut.

Dr. Howe was in the lead as the first practical and successful pin manufacturer by means of automatic machinery, one of the most useful inventions of the country. His death occurred in 1876, when aged eighty-four years.

DANIEL HUMISTON. Only those lives are worthy of record that have been potential factors in the public progress, in promoting the general welfare, or advancing the educational or moral interests of the community. Daniel Humiston, of Cheshire, was ever faithful to his duties of citizenship, and by the successful conduct of his business interests not only promoted his individual success, but also advanced the general prosperity. In his life span of seventy-seven years he accomplished much, and left behind him an honorable record, well worthy of perpetuation. He was born in the town of Cheshire, Sept. 23, 1788, and died Oct. 22, 1865.

The Humiston family is one of the oldest and most respected in New Haven county, where it was founded about 1650 by Henry Humiston, who spent the remainder of his life in Wallingford, dying Jan. 16, 1663. He was married Aug. 28, 1651, to Joanna Walker, and they had four children, namely: Samuel, born Aug. 7, 1652; Nathaniel, Jan. 13, 1654; Thomas, Oct. 19, 1656; and Abigail, May 17, 1661.

James Humiston, grandson of the progenitor of the family in this country, was born in New Haven, and from there removed to Wallingford, where he died Aug. 17, 1747. On Jan. 7, 1719, he married Sarah Atwater, and in their family were six children: Daniel, born Nov. 16, 1721; Stephen, born Nov. 9, 1723; Noah, born March 1, 1729, died Sept. 3, 1729; James, born Oct. 28, 1734 (married Abiah Ives); Hannah; and Noah, born June 13, 1745.

Daniel Humiston, a son of James, and the grandfather of our subject, was born in Wallingford, and when a young man came to Cheshire, where he owned land and engaged in farming throughout his active business life. There he died July 27, 1767, and was buried in Cheshire cemetery. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Abigail Doolittle, died Jan. 1, 1800, at the age of eighty-three years. In their family were eight children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Sarah, Dec. 14, 1744; Hannah, March 2, 1747; Stephen, July 17, 1751; Lydia, March 17, 1754; Patience, Nov. 28, 1756; Daniel, April 10, 1759; John, June 30, 1761; and Jesse, March 12, 1764.

Jesse Humiston, just mentioned, was born and

reared on his father's farm in Cheshire, and after his marriage located on a farm in West Cheshire, where he spent the remainder of his life, devoting his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. He was well known and highly respected. He died March 12, 1832, and was laid to rest in the family cemetery, in Cheshire. He married Lois Doolittle, a daughter of Amos Doolittle, and she departed this life Feb. 8, 1847, at the age of eighty-four years. Politically he was a Whig, and religiously a member of the Episcopal Church. His children were Daniel, our subject; Lois, who died at the age of twenty; Jesse A., who married Eliza Preston, daughter of Reuben Preston; Alma, who married Samuel Hull, of Cheshire; and John, who married Rhoda Nichols, of Wolcott, Connecticut.

At the age of three years Daniel Humiston received a physical injury which it was thought would unfit him for the active work of farm life, hence it was determined to prepare him for a profession. He pursued a thorough course in the Episcopal Academy of his native town, from which he graduated at the age of seventeen, his scholarship being highly commended by his teachers and classmates. His ailment having, meantime, been much alleviated, he resolved to engage in farming, to which occupation he was always partial. He industriously pursued that vocation as his life work, and was rewarded with a fair measure of success, owning and successfully operating a tract of 165 acres of land in the western part of Cheshire, upon which he made extensive improvements. He died upon his farm and was laid to rest in the Cheshire cemetery. He was an active and prominent member of St. Peter's Episcopal parish, served as vestryman of the church for some years and for many years previous and up to his death was parish clerk.

Politically Daniel Humiston was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was a modest, unobtrusive man, with no inclination for public life, but his townsmen, appreciating his good qualities, called him to serve in various offices, and in 1840 elected him as one of their representatives in the State Legislature. He also filled the office of selectman in Cheshire. Those who were most intimately associated with him speak in unqualified terms of his sterling integrity, his honor in business and his fidelity to all the duties of public and private life. He was faithful to his church, to his country and to his friends, and in his home was a most exemplary husband and father. His death occasioned deep regret throughout the community, and Cheshire thereby lost one of its most valued citizens.

On June 16, 1816, Daniel Humiston wedded Juliana Ives, a native of Cheshire, and a daughter of Jared and Aehsah (Doolittle) Ives. She was a lady of culture and refinement, an excellent wife and mother, and a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. She died Dec. 23, 1833, and was laid to rest in St. Peter's Church cemetery. In the family were three children: Chauncey Ives, who re-



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sided on the home farm until his death, Nov. 11, 1884; John D., who was engaged in business in New York, and there died Jan. 19, 1867; and Julia A., the only survivor. Miss Julia resides in West Cheshire, and is beloved and respected by all who know her. With a charity that knows no limit, she seems to find her greatest happiness in doing good to those around her. Even the dumb animals have received her attention, and for them she placed a watering tank in West Cheshire; she gave to the village the town clock; a receiving vault in Cheshire cemetery; and many other things. She takes a deep interest in educational affairs, is highly intellectual and cultured, and is quite popular with the public.

JOSEPH NOYES NICHOLS (deceased) was one of the leading citizens and successful agriculturists of Waterbury, where he was born Dec. 17, 1824. The Nichols family is one of the oldest in Connecticut. Sergt. Francis Nichols, the first of the name in New England, was a native of England, and one of the first settlers of Stratford, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he located in 1639. He is supposed to have been closely related to Sir Richard Nichols, the first English governor of New York. Before coming to this country he was a member of the Horse Guards of London. He owned property in Stratford, Conn., and Southland, Long Island, and spent his last days in the former place, where he died and was buried. For his second wife he married Barnabas Wines, who after his death wedded John Elton, of Southland, Long Island. By his first marriage he had four children: Isaac, Caleb and John, who were all born in England; and Mrs. Richard Mills. The only child of the second union was Ann, wife of Christopher Young.

Isaac Nichols, son of Francis, came with his parents to the New World and spent the remainder of his life in Stratford, Conn., where he owned and operated a farm. He died in 1695, and was buried there. By his wife, Margaret, he had the following children: Mary, who was born Feb. 2, 1648, and married Rev. Israel Channev; Sarah, who was born Nov. 1, 1649, and married Stephen Burrett; Josiah, born Jan. 29, 1652; Isaac, March 12, 1654; Jonathan, Dec. 10, 1655; Ephraim, Dec. 15, 1657; Patience, Feb. 2, 1660; Temperance, May 17, 1662; Margery, Nov. 30, 1663; Benjamin, Feb. 2, 1666; and Elizabeth, who was born April 2, 1668, and was married July 9, 1691, to Rev. Joseph Webb.

Isaac Nichols, Jr., a son of Isaac, was also a life-long resident of Stratford, a farmer and land owner. There he died in 1690. By his wife, Mary, he had three children: Francis, June 3, 1676; Richard, Nov. 26, 1678; and Joseph, Nov. 1, 1680.

Joseph Nichols, a son of Isaac, Jr., was born and reared in Stratford, whence he removed to Long Island, and in 1728 came to Waterbury, where he owned property. Here he died March 10, 1733, and was buried in Waterbury cemetery. He married Elizabeth Wood, of Stratford, and they had a

family of eight children: James, born on Long Island June 27, 1712; George, born at the same place July 14, 1714; Elizabeth, who was married in 1740 to Ebenezer Waklee; Richard; Joseph, born in 1724; Maria; Isaac, who was born May 4, 1729, and died in the British army in 1776; and Benjamin, born May 14, 1731.

Joseph Nichols, Jr., son of Joseph, was born on Long Island, and came with his parents to Waterbury, where he subsequently owned and operated a farm until called from this life, Jan. 24, 1773. On Sept. 6, 1750, in Waterbury, he married Tamar Bronson, daughter of Lieut. John Bronson, and to them were born two children: Seymour, mentioned below; and Eunice, who was born Sept. 6, 1753, and married Michael Bronson. The mother of these children died Nov. 14, 1755, and on Dec. 15, 1757, the father married Annie Webster, by whom he had one child, Lucy, who was born Dec. 5, 1758, and married Luke Adams.

Seymour Nichols, son of Joseph, Jr., was born April 20, 1751, in Waterbury, where he spent his entire life as a farmer, land owner and highly respected citizen. On June 15, 1775, he married Martha Hotchkiss, and to them were born ten children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Joseph, April 21, 1776; Tamar (wife of James Chatfield), Dec. 25, 1778; Humphrey, Nov. 23, 1781; Abigail, March 2, 1784; Chloe, July 30, 1786; Amy, Nov. 25, 1788; William, August, 1791; Chauncey, February, 1794; Simon, 1796; and Philo, June, 1798.

Humphrey Nichols, son of Seymour, and the father of our subject, made his home throughout life in Waterbury, where he owned a farm, and like his ancestors he engaged in agricultural pursuits. His remains were interred in the old cemetery where the Bronson Library now stands. He married Esther Hotchkiss, also a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Stephen Hotchkiss. In their family were the following children: Harriet, born Feb. 3, 1810, married G. A. Hall; Emeline, born May 20, 1811, married David Terrell; Stephen H. was born April 25, 1813; Isaac, born Sept. 27, 1814, married Lydia Frisbee; William, born Jan. 27, 1817, married into the well-known Atwood family; Ann, born Feb. 8, 1819, died May 12, 1835; Nancy, born June 15, 1821, married Marvin Hills; Eli, born Sept. 15, 1822, married Jane Mann; Joseph N., our subject, and David complete the family.

Joseph N. Nichols grew to manhood in Waterbury, and became a prosperous farmer and land owner of that town. He owned the homestead farm at Simonville, and also the large Hill farm on Town Plot, Waterbury, upon which he made many improvements. It was the Garry Hull tract of eighty acres, and has since been divided into lots for building purposes. He was united in marriage with Miss Lucena Clark, of New Milford, a daughter of Daniel and Lucy (Hanes) Clark, and by this union were born seven children: (1) Daniel Humphrey, who

died in 1800, first married Mary C. Gladding, by whom he had two sons, Frank Bacon and Arthur W., both members of St. John's Church choir. For his second wife he married Albertha Lobdell, by whom he had one child, Harvey Humphrey. (2) Clark Holmes is mentioned below. (3) Joseph Hayden married first Nellie Jackson, by whom he had two children, Louis Hayden and Carl Humphrey, and for his second wife married Alice Palmer, by whom he had one child, Nellie Alice. (4) Lucy Esther resides on the old homestead. (5) Emma C. died in April, 1885. (6) Anna L. died Feb. 28, 1887. (7) William Francis, who is connected with the United States mail service and resides in Waterbury, married Annie O'Rourke, and they have three children, Gertrude E., Charles and William. Our subject died April 21, 1878, his wife Sept. 14, 1887, and both were laid to rest in Riverside cemetery. They were faithful members of St. John's Episcopal Church, and were highly respected and esteemed by all who knew them. In his political affiliations Mr. Nichols was a Democrat, and he ever took a commendable interest in those enterprises calculated to advance the moral, social or material welfare of his town and county. He was a kind father, a loving husband and true friend.

CLARK H. NICHOLS, son of Joseph N., was born on the home farm in Waterbury April 29, 1859, and was educated in the public schools of Town Plot. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, and then learned the trade of a brass caster, which he followed in Ansonia for nine years. At the end of that period he returned to Waterbury, and was employed as a caster in the Scoville foundry for eight years. He then purchased the David Blodgett place, where he has since made his home, and now gives his entire time and attention to dealing in and training horses, traveling in Canada and other sections of the country. He is a wide-awake, progressive business man, and is meeting with success in his business ventures. He is independent in politics, and a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. In Providence, R. I., Oct. 4, 1883, he married Miss Annie Wilson, of Bristol, Conn., who died May 22, 1895.

EDWIN YALE BULL, one of the highly respected and well-known citizens of Yalesville, has been a resident of this community for more than half a century, and he is known as one of the most widely read and thoroughly posted men of Wallingford. Mr. Bull was born in the town of Meriden, Feb. 19, 1823, a son of William Bull, also a native of Meriden. William Bull was a well-known citizen of Meriden, where he worked at his trade and cultivated his farm. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a Universalist. Ruth Hall, his wife, was born Aug. 25, 1789, a daughter of Benajah and Ruth (Francis) Hall, and she died in Meriden.

Edwin Yale Bull was educated in the common schools of Meriden, and in the Connecticut Literary

Institute of Suffield. He started life for himself at an early age, his first work being the burnishing of spoons at the munificent salary of forty-five cents per gross. When not employed in the shop he worked at home on the farm. After a time he was taken into the German-silver shop at Meriden as a buffer, and then was made a forger of fine wares. For some years he was employed in a Britannia spoon factory, and for three and a half years worked for Steadman & Clark, with whom he thoroughly learned the tin and sheet iron trade. For ten years he was a journeyman worker at this trade, and in 1853 came to Yalesville to take a place as a die sinker, a trade he mastered for himself, and one in which he takes a high standing. The following year he secured a similar position with Garry I. Mix, at \$2.00 per day, which was gradually increased to \$2,000 per year. In 1860 Mr. Bull entered the employ of R. Wallace & Co., where he remained for two years, and he was two years with Hall, Elton & Co., when he resumed his work with G. I. Mix. For twenty-five years he was steadily at work as die sinker, but for the last twelve years he has lived a retired life, spending his leisure hours in the making of violins, in which he seems to have the touch of a genius. Violins that come from his hands give forth the sweetest tones, and his name is familiar to all who love this kind of musical instruments.

Mr. Bull is a ripe scholar, and is a man of wide reading. Latin, French and other languages have been mastered by him, and he is familiar with classical lore. In politics he is a Republican, and was a member of the "Wide Awakes" in the first Lincoln campaign. Mr. Bull has been assessor of the town, and holds the unstinted confidence of his fellow citizens. He began life as a poor boy, and by industry, economy and forethought has become well-to-do. Mr. Bull has never married, and has lived a life of kindly deeds, finding delight and companionship, not only in the world of books, but in the great open world of nature around him.

ELISHA CHAPMAN BISHOP, a prominent citizen of Guilford, is a representative of one of the oldest New England families. Mr. Bishop is a descendant in the eighth generation from John Bishop, a native of England, who founded the family in America, and who was one of the original settlers of Guilford, Conn. He was the second person of the twenty-five who signed the Plantation Covenant, June 1, 1639, on the voyage from England, and was one of the four persons who had at first the sole direction of the affairs of the Colony until the formation of the church. He was married in England, but the family name of his wife Anne has not been ascertained. After his migration to America John Bishop remained permanently in Guilford, where he died in February, 1661. His wife died in Hartford in 1676. To John and Anne Bishop were born three children: John, who died in



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October, 1683; Stephen, who died in June, 1690; and Bethya, who married James Steel. The line of descent to our subject is through John.

(II) John Bishop, son of (1) John, married Dec. 13, 1650, Susanna Goldham, who died Nov. 1, 1703. Their children were as follows: (1) Mary, born Sept. 28, 1652, married John Hodgkin; (2) John, sketch of whom follows; (3) Susanna, born in 1657, married Moses Blatchley, and died in October, 1729; (4) Elizabeth, born in 1660, married John Scranton, and died in August, 1727; (5) Daniel, born in 1665, married Hannah Bradley, and died April 17, 1751; (6) Nathaniel, born in 1666, married Mary Hughes, and died May 1, 1714; (7) Samuel, born Oct. 28, 1670, married Abigail Witmore, and died Feb. 17, 1753; (8) Sarah, born Jan. 22, 1674, died May 12, 1712; (9) Abigail, born Jan. 26, 1681, married Samuel Lee, and died June 5, 1751.

(III) John Bishop, born in 1655, died Nov. 25, 1751. He married July 3, 1689, Elizabeth Hitchcock, who died March 14, 1712, and for his second wife he wedded March 8, 1713, May Johnson. His children were as follows: (1) Elizabeth, born Oct. 14, 1690, married Samuel Scranton; (2) John, born Aug. 12, 1692, married Abigail Spinning, and died Jan. 28, 1752; (3) Ann, born Feb. 15, 1695, married David Field, and died in 1731; (4) David, sketch of whom follows; (5) Jonathan, born Nov. 8, 1699, married Hannah Chittenden; (6) Mary, born in December, 1700, married Caleb Jones, and died June 23, 1724; (7) Deborah, born Feb. 19, 1702; (8) Nathaniel, born May 6, 1704, married Margaret Blinn, and died April 11, 1778; (9) Timothy, born in 1708, married Hannah Blinn, and died in 1794; (10) William was born Oct. 18, 1714; (11) Enos, born May 27, 1717, married Abigail Burgis, and died in April, 1802; (12) Esther was born Feb. 24, 1719; (13) Mercy, born May 7, 1722, married Abraham Dowd, and died Dec. 3, 1793.

(IV) David Bishop, born Jan. 6, 1697, died Aug. 20, 1773. He married May 17, 1724, Deborah Stanley, and their children were: (1) Deborah, born Jan. 17, 1725, married Jehiel Evarts; (2) Hulda was born Aug. 5, 1726; (3) David, sketch of whom follows; (4) Chloe, born July 15, 1733, married Handy Bushnell; (5) Sarah, born Aug. 18, 1736, married Miles Hall, and died April 8, 1792.

(V) David Bishop, born Sept. 20, 1728, died Jan. 25, 1792. He married April 17, 1755, Audrea Fowler, who was born Sept. 12, 1724, and died Jan. 24, 1815. Their children were: (1) Audrea, born Feb. 28, 1756, died March 28, 1757. (2) David, born July 20, 1757, married Deborah Fowler, and died April 19, 1833. (3) Huldah, born March 4, 1759, died Oct. 19, 1836; she married Eber Lee. (4) Margaret, born Nov. 10, 1760, died Sept. 21, 1764. (5) Jonathan, sketch of whom follows. (6) Jared, born Oct. 22, 1764, married Mary Mason, and died Nov. 26, 1839.

(VI) Jonathan Bishop (grandfather of Elisha C.), born Oct. 19, 1762, died Sept. 23, 1826. He married Feb. 21, 1787, Huldah Chapman, born Dec. 1, 1762, who died Sept. 17, 1828. Their two children were Jonathan, born Dec. 19, 1787, who died Dec. 22, 1787; and Jonathan (2), a sketch of whom follows. (VI) Jonathan Bishop was a lifelong farmer and land owner in the town of Guilford, where he was a well-known and highly-respected citizen. During the Revolutionary war he was a member of the Home Guard, for coast defense, keeping the Tories from supplying the English troops with produce, etc. In politics he was a Federalist, and in religious faith a member of the Congregational Church.

(VII) Jonathan Bishop (father of Elisha C.), born March 30, 1797, received his education in the schools of Guilford, and by close reading and observation of men and things he became well versed in the leading topics of the day. In his younger days he followed the sea, chiefly engaged in the coasting trade, and rose to the position of mate of a vessel plying in the cotton trade between Southern ports and New York. Later in life he settled down to farming on the homestead, where he passed the rest of his days, dying March 16, 1887, and he was laid to rest in the East cemetery. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist, in politics a Whig and Republican.

On June 18, 1821, Jonathan Bishop married Polly Maria Bishop, born Jan. 30, 1796, a daughter of Seth and Hannah (Parmelee) Bishop. She died in July, 1839, and for his second wife Mr. Bishop wedded, March 16, 1840, Fanny Maria Dennison, born March 1, 1803, who died March 15, 1865. For his third wife he married, March 15, 1866, Electa Maria Stone, born Oct. 30, 1810. The children of Jonathan Bishop were: (1) Ann Maria, born Jan. 22, 1822, died May 27, 1841; (2) Elisha Chapman, sketch of whom follows; (3) Richard L., born Dec. 29, 1825, married Mary G. Hand, and died Sept. 7, 1889; (4) Hulda J., born April 7, 1828, married George Hull, and died April 26, 1889; (5) Sophia Fowler, born May 13, 1835, married Thomas Griswold; (6) Allen, born July 2, 1837, died Jan. 13, 1861; (7) a son, born in July, 1839, died July 26, 1839; (8) Alfred Griswold was born Oct. 19, 1842; (9) William Edwin, born Nov. 3, 1855, married Ellen A. Stone.

(VIII) Elisha C. Bishop, our subject, was born April 10, 1824, attended the district schools of Guilford, and remained on the home farm until he was twenty years old. At that time he commenced to learn the trade of machinist, and worked at same in Guilford, on his own account. In 1861 he embarked in business in the oil fields, on his own speculation, at Titusville, Crawford Co., Pa., and after he had been so engaged some ten years, meeting with good success, he returned to Guilford, in 1870. He then settled down to general farming, and has been engaged in that occupation ever since.

In 1874 he built one of the finest dwellings in Guilford, commodious and comfortable, and fitted up with all modern improvements. In his political predilections Mr. Bishop was formerly a Republican, but is now a Prohibitionist in principle. In 1882 he represented the town of Guilford in the State Legislature; was selectman seven or eight years; member of the school committee; and was warden of the borough, also Burgess. In religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church.

On July 5, 1846, Elisha C. Bishop was married to Charlotte G. Fowler, and they had children as follows: (1) Frederick Chapman, born May 15, 1847 (died July 27, 1847); (2) Frederick C. (2), Dec. 23, 1848; (3) Robert D., June 14, 1850 (died Aug. 15, 1850); (4) Robert Allen, March 16, 1851; (5) Edward Fowler, March 11, 1852; (6) Mary Cornelia, Aug. 27, 1853; (7) Frank H., March 22, 1857; (8) Ida and (9) Eva S. (twins), April 19, 1859; (10) Richard Matthew, May 5, 1861 (died Sept. 22, 1861); (11) Marilla Canfield, Jan. 28, 1864; (12) Ernest Smith, Oct. 28, 1866 (is a physician in New York). The mother of these died Oct. 6, 1885, and for his second wife Elisha C. Bishop wedded Cornelia F. Fowler, sister to his first wife.

THE FOWLER FAMILY, of which Mrs. Elisha C. Bishop is a member, is descended from (1) Abraham Fowler, who was born at Guilford Aug. 29, 1652, and died Sept. 30, 1719. He married Aug. 29, 1677, Elizabeth Bartlett, daughter of George and Mary (Cruttenden) Bartlett, born in March, 1653, died Oct. 4, 1742. Children: (1) Abigail, born in 1679, married Pelatiah Leete, and died Oct. 22, 1769; (2) Mary, born in 1681, married Samuel Hopson, and died Oct. 17, 1717; (3) Abraham, born in 1683, married Elizabeth Hubbard, and died Oct. 11, 1754; (4) Ebenezer, sketch of whom follows; (5) Daniel, born in 1686, married Grace Baron, and died Dec. 20, 1776; (6) Josiah, born in 1688, married Hannah Baldwin, and died Sept. 7, 1757; (7) Caleb, born in 1690, died in January, 1724; (8) Elizabeth, born in 1694, died Feb. 26, 1794, married Andrew Ward.

(II) Ebenezer Fowler, born in 1684, in Guilford, died there Nov. 28, 1768. He married May 1, 1817, Elizabeth Starr, born Nov. 26, 1695, died March 26, 1765. Children: (1) Ebenezer, born Jan. 11, 1719, married Desire Bristol, and died Feb. 19, 1800; (2) Nathaniel, sketch of whom follows; (3) Huldah, born March 6, 1722, married Samuel Chittenden, and died Nov. 17, 1820; (4) Caleb, born Jan. 21, 1726, died March 17, 1726; (5) Caleb (2), born Jan. 21, 1727, died Sept. 22, 1753; (6) Elizabeth, born May 26, 1732, died Dec. 22, 1810; (7) Lucy, born Feb. 19, 1735, married Joseph Weld, and died Sept. 5, 1800; (8) William, born Aug. 6, 1738, died in December, 1739.

(III) Nathaniel Fowler, born March 21, 1721, died Nov. 12, 1764. He married Nov. 2, 1757, Lucy Chittenden, born March 12, 1735, died March 5,

1807. Children: (1) Nathaniel, sketch of whom follows; (2) Reuben, born June 11, 1760, married Adah Willard, and died Sept. 2, 1832; (3) Lucy, born Sept. 21, 1761, married Benjamin Chittenden, and died June 9, 1835; (4) Hannah, born May 8, 1765, died June 1, 1835, married Gilbert Cruttenden.

(IV) Nathaniel Fowler, born July 14, 1758, died Feb. 24, 1841. He was a private in the war of the Revolution (1776) under Col. Talcott, in Capt. Hand's Company. He married Ruth Evarts, born June 30, 1760, daughter of Timothy and Ann (Dudley) Evarts. Children: (1) Ruth, born Feb. 11, 1783, married Eber Cruttenden, and died May 13, 1866; (2) Ann, born Sept. 12, 1787, died May 25, 1868; (3) Nathaniel, born Nov. 24, 1788, married Sally Cruttenden, and died Nov. 28, 1857; (4) Elisha, born April 6, 1790, died Dec. 13, 1876, married Mary Parmelee; (5) Richard, born May 5, 1794, married Polly Hart, and died May 6, 1831; (6) Lyman, sketch of whom follows.

(V) Lyman Fowler, born Jan. 6, 1800, died Feb. 16, 1877. On Nov. 24, 1822, he married Mary Griffing, who was born July 27, 1802, daughter of Peter and Polly (Fairchild) Griffing, and died March 18, 1885. Children: (1) Charlotte G., born Dec. 15, 1823, married Elisha Chapman Bishop. (2) Cornelia F., born Oct. 7, 1826, is the wife of Elisha C. Bishop. (3) Alonzo, born Jan. 23, 1829, died Sept. 1, 1839. (4) Edwin A., born July 2, 1834, married Emeline B. Spencer. Peter Griffing, the father of the above named Peter, was a captain in the Revolutionary army, was taken prisoner, and died aboard the "Jersey" prison ship in New York harbor.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HAZARD, a prominent citizen of Cheshire, who is now successfully engaged in fruit growing, was born in Berlin, Hartford Co., Conn., Dec. 3, 1828, and is a son of William and Lydia (Bills) Hazard, natives of Columbia, this State. The father was a farmer by occupation, and spent most of his life in his native town, where he died in 1847. He was a brother of Col. Hazard, the founder of the Hazard Powder Co., whom he educated. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Thomas Hazard, of Wapping, Conn., was a seafaring man in early life, and his maternal grandfather, Elizer Bills, was a farmer of Columbia.

At the age of five years our subject was taken by his parents to Columbia, where he grew to manhood, receiving his education in its common schools. After serving a three years' apprenticeship to the cabinetmaker's trade, he worked at clock-making in Bristol for a time, and later engaged in business for himself as a manufacturer at Waterbury, where he owned a good home and where he continued to reside nineteen years. For twelve years he was in the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co., at Bridgeport, and for five years was a resident of Vineland, N. J., where he erected a dwelling for himself. In 1896 he came to Cheshire, New Haven county, and purchased the Hamock place,

upon which he has made many valuable improvements, including the erection of a pleasant residence and good barn. He has set out 300 peach trees and 250 grape vines, and is now devoting his attention to fruit culture.

In October, 1849, Mr. Hazard was united in marriage with Miss Sophronia Platt, a daughter of Enoch Platt, of Waterbury, and to them have been born two sons: Emerson W. and Adelbert E. During the dark days of the Civil war Mr. Hazard enlisted, in the fall of 1862, in the 2d Connecticut Light Battery, and participated in the battles of Gettysburg and Fort Blakely and the siege of Mobile, remaining in the service until hostilities ceased, when he was honorably discharged, in 1865. He is a member of the Grand Army Post at Vineland, N. J. In politics he is a staunch Republican. Although he is comparatively a recent arrival in Cheshire, he has already made many warm friends, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

GEORGE WELLINGTON PLANT, a very successful farmer and fruit grower of the town of Branford, was born March 12, 1834, on the farm where he is still to be found, alert and vigorous, son of John and Angeline (Beach) Plant.

Mr. Plant's father was born May 19, 1806, and died May 22, 1881. The mother was born Oct. 9, 1807, and died Jan. 13, 1883. To them were born the following children: Mary E., now Mrs. William T. Norton; Anderson W.; Sarah J.; George Wellington; John B.; Angelina B., deceased; Emily S.; Elizabeth R., Mrs. Edward A. Ancelet; John A.; and Angelina B. (2), Mrs. Henry F. Swift. Samuel Plant, the paternal grandfather of George W., was born April 1, 1772, married Sarah, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Rogers) Frisbee, and died Feb. 11, 1795. He lived at Branford, and acted as a coast guard during the war of 1812. Samuel Plant was a son of Benjamin and Lorain (Beckwith) Plant, the former born in Branford in 1732; he died Aug. 11, 1808. John Plant, his father, was born in Branford in 1678, and died Feb. 10, 1752; Hannah Plant, his wife, was a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Barnes) Wheadon, of Branford. This John Plant was the son of John Plant, the progenitor of the family in Connecticut, who settled in Branford in 1676, and was a soldier in the Narragansett war.

George Wellington Plant was educated in the public schools and remained on the paternal estate, where he has always followed farming and fruit growing. In these lines of agriculture his success has been marked, principally because he has studied the conditions of profitable operations, and has "mixed brains" with his labor in the tilling of the soil. Mr. Plant was married Oct. 7, 1857, to Eliza E. N. Lane, a daughter of Ebenezer Lane, of New Haven, and to this marriage came one son, John L.; he married Mary E., a daughter of Egbert and Grace (Bunnell) Bishop, of Branford, and they

have one child, Ethel E. Mr. Plant and his family are members of the First Congregational Church of Branford, and are highly esteemed for their good works and Christian character. In politics he is a Republican, but has taken little part in the manipulations of party machinery.

WILLET B. FORBES (deceased) was one of the most prosperous and successful farmers of East Haven, as well as one of its most highly esteemed citizens. He always faithfully performed his duties of citizenship and took a deep and commendable interest in the welfare of his town and county. Becoming widely and favorably known, he made many friends, and his death was a loss to the entire community.

Mr. Forbes was born in East Haven Nov. 23, 1830, a son of Henry and Almira Forbes, and was reared on a farm in his native town, acquiring his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He remained with his parents until his marriage, which was celebrated Sept. 26, 1872, Miss Marietta S. Bradley becoming his wife. She was also born at East Haven, Sept. 17, 1840, a daughter of Justin and Esther S. (Tyler) Bradley, both natives of East Haven. Her grandfather, Samuel Bradley, was also born there, and became a very prominent and influential man of the town, serving as selectman for several years. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. By occupation he was a carpenter. His father, Azariah Bradley, was born in 1734. Justin Bradley, Mrs. Forbes' father, was born in 1815, and was a very successful and prosperous farmer. He died in March, 1895. He also was quite prominently connected with public affairs; was a member of the State Legislature in 1885; and was an active worker in the Episcopal Church. His first wife, Esther S. (Tyler) Bradley, daughter of John S. and Eve E. (Smith) Tyler, died in 1882, and he subsequently married Frances E. Paddock, daughter of Charles L. Paddock, of Meriden, Conn. By the first marriage there were three children: Marietta S., now Mrs. Forbes; George W., who was born in 1845 and lives on the old homestead in East Haven, where his grandfather located and built in 1792; and Louise, born in April, 1849, who died in May, 1851. By the second marriage there were no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes began their domestic life upon his own farm, and to the cultivation and improvement of his property he devoted his energies throughout the remainder of his life. He was considered one of the hardest workers in East Haven, and also one of its most successful and skillful agriculturists, making a specialty of market gardening and dairy farming.

To our subject and his wife came two children: Louise Tyler, born Aug. 17, 1873, died Jan. 9, 1899. May Etta, born April 9, 1875, was educated at Vassar College, and was married Oct. 25, 1899, to Herbert C. Nickerson, of East Haven, who is

now engineer at the New Haven Water Works. Mr. Nickerson was born in New Canaan, Conn., March 5, 1874, son of Richard G. and Belle T. (Seymour) Nickerson. He is a Republican politically. Mr. Forbes died Dec. 3, 1887, and since his death his widow and her daughter have successfully managed the property. In 1808 they erected a beautiful modern residence, one of the finest homes in East Haven. Mrs. Forbes is an estimable lady, possessed of many sterling qualities, and has a large circle of friends in the community. She holds membership in the Congregational Church, which her husband also attended. In politics he was a Republican.

DANIEL SEYMOUR BRINSMADE, civil engineer of Shelton, stands prominent among the native-born business men of his county, and is one of the most honored and influential citizens of this region.

Mr. Brinsmade was born Feb. 17, 1845, in the town of Trumbull, Fairfield Co., Conn., youngest son of Daniel Stiles and Catherine (Mallette) Brinsmade. He is a direct descendant in the eighth generation from William Brinsmade, who came to this country from England in 1630, locating in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

John Brinsmade, the eldest son of William, settled in Charlestown, Mass., where on May 2, 1638, he was made a freeman, and the same year married Mary Carter. About 1642 he moved to the town of Stratford, Conn., which at that time comprised within its limits both Trumbull and Huntington; and it is interesting to note that John Brinsmade and his descendants have maintained a continuous residence within the limits of the original town of Stratford from the year 1642 to the present day—a period of over two hundred and fifty years.

Daniel Seymour Brinsmade, whose name introduces these lines, received his earlier education in the public schools of his native place and in the Gunnery, at Washington, Conn. In 1867 he matriculated in the Scientific Department of Yale College, and graduated in 1870, having taken the engineering course. Immediately thereafter he went to Huntington, locating in that part now known as Shelton, and became assistant engineer on the construction of the dam there (which is the largest in the State), at that time being constructed by the Ousatic Water Co. In the fall of 1870 he was made chief engineer of the company, and the further development of the water-power and its surroundings, including the laying-out of the borough of Shelton, together with its system of sewers and water works, have since been under his charge. In 1891 the dam built by the Ousatic Water Co. in 1870 was swept away by an immense freshet accompanied by large quantities of ice, and upon Mr. Brinsmade devolved the responsibility of designing and constructing a new dam, one containing such features as would make it safe beyond perad-

venture, and capable of meeting the conditions which resulted in the destruction of the original dam. The efficiency and general plan, as regards strength and engineering skill, of the present Ousatic dam are due to Mr. Brinsmade's success in this important work.

The intimate connection which the Ousatic Water Co. bears to the building up of both Shelton and Derby has naturally brought Mr. Brinsmade—as president and treasurer of that company—into close relations with the financial and manufacturing interests of the community. At present he is vice-president of the Home Trust Co. and a director in the Birmingham National Bank, also in several manufacturing companies.

Politically a Republican, our subject represented the town of Huntington in the Legislature of 1882, during which session he was largely instrumental in securing the charter for the borough of Shelton, and for much of the time since he has served that borough in some capacity. In religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church of Derby.

JOHN P. HUBBELL, a well-to-do and influential farmer of Oxford, is a native of New Haven county, born Nov. 8, 1834, in Derby, where he remained until five years of age. The family then removed to Oxford, where our subject grew to manhood, upon a farm, and attended the common schools of the locality. At the age of fifteen he commenced work at the mason's trade, which he learned under his father's direction, and continued to work with him for four years. He followed his trade uninterruptedly until after the Civil war broke out, when, in 1862, he became a private in Company B, 20th Conn. V. I., and was mustered into service at New Haven. He first went to Washington, D. C., and from there to Sandy Hook, near Harper's Ferry, where he was injured while unloading army supplies from a train, a box of ammunition falling upon him. After several months spent in the field hospital he was discharged, in December, 1863, and returned to Oxford, but did not recover from the effects of the accident for two years.

On finally regaining his health Mr. Hubbell began taking contracts in mason work, and was engaged in that business at Naugatuck for fifteen years, also doing blacksmith and wagon work for four years. In 1887 he returned to Oxford and located on the farm where he now lives. Here he owns 110 acres of land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, and upon which he has made many useful and valuable improvements. He is engaged in general farming and the dairy business, and in his labors is meeting with most gratifying success.

Mr. Hubbell was married Oct. 4, 1858, to Miss Celestia Whittlesey, and to them have been born six sons and one daughter, namely: Silas, George,



Dr. Brinwald

Charles, Harold (deceased), Leslie, Edwin (deceased), and Frances Isbell (deceased). Mr. Hubbell is unwavering in his support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and for over ten years he most capably filled the office of constable. Those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends, and no citizen in Oxford is more highly respected than John P. Hubbell.

DAVID B. HULL, one of the most progressive and enterprising business men in Waterbury, was born Feb. 21, 1833, on the farm in that town where his father, Garry Hull, was born, Jan. 10, 1803. His grandfather, John Hull, was born there Feb. 21, 1772, and was a son of Ezra Hull, so that our subject is of the fourth generation to make his home in Waterbury.

John Hull, grandfather of David B., was a farmer by calling. He married Sena Adams, and they had two children: Garry, the father of our subject; and Sarah, who died in Waterbury, unmarried.

Garry Hull was reared a farmer, and agriculture was his life-long vocation. He resided in the town of Waterbury. On Feb. 15, 1825, he married Melissa Baldwin, who was born in the neighborhood of Waterbury—the street, or neighborhood, being named in honor of her family. Her father, David Baldwin, was a carpenter in early life, and later became a successful farmer in Waterbury, his native town. After their marriage Garry Hull and his wife settled on a farm in Waterbury and there reared a family of five children, born in the following order: Ellen L., now deceased, was first married to B. J. Bristol, and afterward to A. B. Potter; Harriet M. married B. H. Lewis, who came from Naugatuck (he is now deceased); Stiles D. died in infancy; David B. is the subject of this sketch; John L. died April 1, 1858, at the age of about twenty years. The mother died Aug. 5, 1887. In politics Garry Hull was originally a Whig, but upon the disintegration of that party became a staunch Republican.

David B. Hull assisted on the home farm, and attended the district school until eighteen years of age, when he came to the city of Waterbury and learned the carpenter's trade under Chester Curtis. After finishing his apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman until 1865, when he began contracting and building on his own account, continuing thus until about 1890, during which period he realized a competence. He then quietly embarked in the real-estate business as being less onerous.

On Oct. 7, 1855, David B. Hull was joined in marriage with Miss Harriet A. Lines, who was born in Thomaston, Conn., daughter of Sherman Lines, a native of Oxford, and a son of Zebulon Lines. Sherman Lines married Harriet French, daughter of Asa French, of Oxford. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. David B. Hull, John B., who is still under the parental roof; he is a car-

penter by trade. Politically Mr. Hull is a Republican, but he has never evinced any ambition for office. In religion the family are Congregationalists and fully live up to the teachings of that sect.

Noah Baldwin, the father of David Baldwin, after whom the subject of this sketch was named, was born Jan. 23, 1755, and married Elizabeth Ives. He died Jan. 9, 1813. Jonathan Baldwin, father of Noah, was a lieutenant colonel in the Revolutionary war; he married Mary Bronson, daughter of Ebenezer Bronson. The Colonel died April 2, 1802, and his widow May 17, 1821. They were the parents of the following named children: Eunice, Melicent, Benjamin, Noah, Jonathan, Hannah, David, Eunice and Mary. The father of Lieut. Col. Baldwin, also named Jonathan, was born Jan. 31, 1679-80, and married Mary Tibballs, who was born May 27, 1690. They had born to them the following named children: Mary, Martha, Abigail, Rachel, Jonathan, Eunice, Hannah, Esther and Eunice. The mother of this family passed away Nov. 10, 1759, and the father died Jan. 5, 1761.

THEODORE P. TERRY, a highly-esteemed resident of Ansonia, is the oldest merchant in that city, and during his long and successful business career he has seen the population increase from 1,500 to 13,000. When he first located there Derby and Birmingham were one town, and Shelton and other thriving villages of to-day were not in existence, the section being devoted almost exclusively to farming.

Mr. Terry was born Feb. 2, 1835, in Bristol, Hartford county, where his family is well-known. His grandfather, Samuel Terry, who lived to the age of 88 years, was a native and life-long resident of the town, and owned a large tract of land there, being engaged in farming throughout his active years. He was a wheelwright by trade, but became a clock maker and made the first clock ever placed in a town hall in America. A brother made the first house clock completed in this country.

Theodore Terry, our subject's father, was born and reared in Bristol, and learned the clock makers' trade, which he followed for a number of years in partnership with Franklyn Andrews. At one time he had all his brothers working for him, and later he had four factories in successful operation. Meeting Anson G. Phelps, he decided to engage in business with him at Ansonia, where they built a factory and carried on a large business for some years under the name of the Ansonia Clock Co. The building burned, and for a time Mr. Terry made clock movements, while later, in company with P. T. Barnum, he built a factory at East Bridgeport; Mr. Terry also built and conducted a factory at Terryville, and he built quite a number of houses in Ansonia for his employees. He then traveled extensively, giving his attention to oil speculations, but his last years were spent in New

Haven where he died at the age of seventy-two. As a man of sound judgment, his opinions were valued by his fellow-citizens, and while residing in Bristol he served as selectman. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist. His wife, Julietta Pierce, who lived to be over seventy years old, was born in Bristol, daughter of Philo Pierce, a farmer, who died at the age of eighty-eight years. Her mother, whose maiden name was Sally Norton, died aged eighty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Terry had one daughter and two sons, one of whom, Hubbell, is cashier of the Hadley Falls Bank at Holyoke, Mass.; Ellen, the daughter, died in Pennsylvania when nineteen.

Theodore P. Terry spent his early years in Bristol, but when fifteen years old went with his parents to Ansonia, and his education was gained mainly in the common schools of these towns, although he also attended a school at Troy, N. Y., and spent two years at a school at Sand Lake, N. Y. As a boy he learned the details of clockmaking, and after his marriage he worked for two years in a clock shop at Terryville. On returning to Ansonia he purchased a small gristmill which he conducted two years, and on disposing of the business he tried to enlist in the army. He was three times rejected, and finally he went to the front as a sutler with the 23d Conn. V. I., and carried on a large business. During this time he accompanied Banks' Division to Ship Island. Returning to Ansonia he bought a small stove and tinware store, at the site of the present fine establishment, where the business has now been continuously carried on for thirty-eight years. In the year 1883 his son, Frank T. Terry, was taken into the business, and in 1892, owing to ill-health, Mr. Terry turned the store over to his son, who owns the present building, which was erected in 1896, and is one of the finest of its kind in New England. The store is stocked with a full line of hardware, plumbers' materials, crockery, china, silverware, house furnishing goods, paints and oils, mill supplies and wooden ware, and the trade is constantly on the increase. Upon completing his handsome residence, Mr. Terry presented it to his wife, who for twenty years has made all the improvements in the place. In politics he is a Republican, of Whig antecedents, but he has never been willing to enter public life. He and his family are members of the Congregational church at Ansonia, and he is now deacon and chairman of the committee of that society, of which he is one of the oldest members; he first united with the church in Terryville. Mr. Terry is also a director in the Y. M. C. A.

In 1854 Mr. Terry married Miss Sophronia A. Bartholomew, who was born in Plainville, daughter of J. H. Bartholomew, for many years a leading resident of Ansonia. They have had four children, of whom three are living: (1) Addie L. married N. E. Barker, a native of New Haven, who is now president of the First National Bank at

Birmingham, Ala. They have had three sons, Terry L., Nelson and William C. (2) Frank, who now has charge of the business, is a director in the Business Men's Association, a member of the local Board of Trade and one of the Sinking Fund Commission, a director of the Ansonia Water Co., and is regarded as a leader among the younger business men of the town. He married Miss Jennie Montague, and has one son, Theodore M. (3) Another son died at the age of about two years. (4) Caroline married W. A. Sadd, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and has one child, Margaret T. Mr. Sadd was reared at Wapping, near Hartford, Conn., where his father was an influential citizen. He graduated from the civil engineering department of Yale College, and is now secretary of the Chattanooga Savings Bank.

Mrs. Terry is a member of the D. A. R., and took a prominent part in the organization of the chapter in Ansonia, of which she was first regent, filling that office for two years. She is a member of the Woman's Club of Ansonia and Derby, and an earnest worker in the Congregational church, of which she is a member—and of all of its different societies. Mr. Terry has been quite an extensive traveler, and has visited nearly every State in the Union, and has made trips to Cuba and Alaska.

JEROME COAN (deceased), a twin brother of Joseph Coan, was born in North Guilford June 19, 1834, and during his lifetime was one of the more prominent men of that section. He received a common school education, and began life for himself very early as clerk in a store in North Guilford. He was employed in the same capacity at Branford at the breaking out of the Civil war. He and his brother Joseph enlisted in Company E, 15th Conn. V. I., and our subject participated in many battles and skirmishes, discharging his duties with such intrepidity that he was made a corporal. During the latter part of his military career he was detailed for duty in the office of the provost marshal, and was so engaged when the war ended.

Jerome Coan returned to Guilford, engaged in farming for a time, eventually embarking in a mercantile career, in which he was highly successful. For more than thirty years he was one of the leading business men of the community, and until he died, Nov. 4, 1899, held the regard and confidence of the public to a marked degree. He was buried in the local cemetery. Mr. Coan was a leading and highly respected member of the Masonic fraternity, and affiliated with St. Alban's Lodge, of Guilford. He also belonged to Parmelee Post, G. A. R. As a member of the Congregational Church his life reflected no discredit upon his faith. In his early life he was a member of the Democratic party, but in his later years he became a Republican. For some years he served as justice of the peace.

Mr. Coan was twice married, his first wife being Frances D. Griswold, a daughter of Russell

Griswold, and a native of North Guilford, where she died. On Sept. 14, 1869, he was married to Mary Frances Judd, who was born in Bloomfield, Conn., daughter of Henry Green and Sarah Rebecca (Raymond) Judd. Mr. Coan's son, Joseph Franklin, is now engaged in a store at North Guilford, and has already displayed marked aptitude for a mercantile career. His youngest child and only daughter, Fannie Louise, a teacher of music, married Charles O. Bartlett, of North Guilford, Jan. 1, 1901.

Mrs. Coan is a lady of marked character and refinement, a devoted mother and a notable housewife. The family is one of the most respected in the community, and it is a comfort to the bereaved widow to feel that her children are beginning life on so high a plane of character and ambition.

JOHN BRADLEY YALE, who is drawing near his seventy-first birthday, is one of the best-known and most highly valued citizens of Naugatuck. Three generations of the family have been born in Litchfield county, his grandfather, Eber, his father, Charles, and himself, and both of his nearest lineal progenitors were farmers.

Thomas Yale, son of David and Ann (Morton) Yale, born in England or Wales about 1616, came to America in 1637 with his step-father, Gov. Theophilus Eaton, and others. After the death of David Yale, his widow, Ann, married Theophilus Eaton, then an opulent merchant of London. Mr. Eaton settled as a merchant in New Haven in 1638, with an estate of £300. Gov. Eaton died at New Haven in 1657, and in 1658 Thomas Yale accompanied his mother and Hannah Eaton, his half-sister, son Elihu and brother David, to England, from which country Mrs. Ann (Morton) Eaton never returned. In the following year, 1659, Thomas Yale returned to New Haven, and purchased lands in part of the town which is now North Haven, settling on them as early as 1660. He had married, in 1645, Mary, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Turner, of New Haven. Mr. Yale was one of the principal men in the colony, a signer of the Plantation Covenant of New Haven, and filled with honor many offices of trust with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his friends and fellow colonists. He died in 1683, leaving an estate of £479. His wife Mary died in 1704.

(II) Thomas Yale (2), son of Thomas the settler, born in New Haven about 1647, married (first) Dec. 11, 1667, Rebecca Gibbards, born Feb. 26, 1650, daughter of William Gibbards, of New Haven. Mr. Yale became one of the first settlers of Wallingford, removing thither in 1670, with a small band of other adventurers. By the records of that town it appears that he was one of the most active and energetic men among them. He assisted in the formation of the church, and in the call of the first and second ministers, Rev. Samuel Street and Rev. Samuel Whittelsey. Mr. Yale was a justice of the

peace, captain of the train-band and moderator of their meetings. He died in Wallingford, Jan. 26, 1736, and Rebecca, his first wife, and the mother of all his children, died in Wallingford.

(III) Theophilus Yale, son of Thomas (2), born Nov. 13, 1675, married Sarah, daughter of Rev. Samuel and Alma Street, of the same town (Wallingford). Mr. Yale was a magistrate from about 1724 to the date of his death, Sept. 13, 1760. He also filled many other offices, both civil and military. His widow, Sarah, passed away aged ninety-four years.

(IV) Elihu Yale, son of Theophilus, born May 25, 1703, married (second) Jan. 19, 1732, Judith Howe, and died at Cape Breton, Dec. 31, 1745, having gone there in the expedition against the French. He was a farmer of Wallingford.

(V) Elisha Yale, son of Elihu, born Aug. 29, 1742, married in 1771 Rebecca North, of Farmington. Mr. Yale was a farmer of Wallingford, and afterward in Canaan, Conn. He died April 1, 1825.

(VI) Eber Yale, son of Elisha, and grandfather of John B., was born Aug. 1, 1776, and settled in South Canaan, where he married Phebe Pendleton. He died there Nov. 25, 1816. He was the father of two daughters—Julia and Caroline—and four sons—Frederick, Roderick, Charles and Eber. Julia married Constant Southwick, a mechanic of Great Barrington, Mass., and Caroline became the wife of L. B. Miller, of the same place. Frederick (deceased) lived in South Canaan, and was the father of two sons—Henry, a joiner in that town, and John, who resides in Hartford. Roderick was a farmer in Canaan, Conn., and reared a family of five children, Grove Edward, Dexter, George, Elizabeth and Maria. Eber, the youngest child of Eber (1), was likewise a farmer in South Canaan; his children were three in number, Wells, Albert and Eliza.

(VII) Charles Yale, the father of John B., was the fifth of the family in order of birth. He was born April 25, 1800, grew to manhood upon his father's farm, and died in Litchfield county about 1851. In 1820 he married Laura Phelps, daughter of Samuel Phelps, also a South Canaan farmer. She survived her husband some twenty-eight years, dying about 1879. Charles Yale and his wife were the parents of six sons and three daughters, John B. being the fourth son and fifth child. The others were as follows: Caroline, born Nov. 30, 1822, died Dec. 7, 1847. William, born Nov. 16, 1824, married Nov. 7, 1848, Lucy Roberts, of Colebrook, and is now deceased; in company with his brother Pitkin he operated a tannery, having learned the trade, and he was also a farmer, conducted a hotel, and in later life practiced surgery. Pitkin, born Oct. 1, 1826, is deceased. Frederick, born Dec. 10, 1828, is a farmer living in East Hartford. Albert, born Nov. 15, 1832, died in 1897; he was a farmer. Lucy, born Nov. 10, 1834, became the wife of

Charles Meigs, and died in California. Charles, born Nov. 20, 1837, is the proprietor of a market in East Haven. Nettie Cebelia, born Sept. 27, 1840, is the wife of Philo B. Norton, a well-known liveryman of Waterbury. Charles Yale, the elder, was a Democrat in politics, and he and his family attended the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The boyhood of John B. Yale was spent after much the same fashion as that of the sons of other Connecticut farmers of his day and generation. He was born Nov. 8, 1830, and the first twenty-four years of his life were passed upon his father's farm. In 1854 he came to Naugatuck, to enter the employ of the Goodyear Rubber Shoe Co., with which corporation he was connected for forty years, retiring to private life in 1894, with a handsome fortune, accumulated through persistent perseverance, indomitable industry, sound judgment and quick foresight. His home is one of the most beautiful in Naugatuck, and there he dispenses generous hospitality to his friends. He is fond of horses, and in his stable may be found some of the finest specimens in New Haven county. Generous and genial in private life, he is never derelict to his obligations as a citizen, nor unmindful of other and more serious duties which have devolved upon him as a churchman. He is one of the town's most public-spirited residents, and an earnest and consistent member of the Episcopal Church in Naugatuck, which he was largely instrumental in founding, subscribing liberally to its establishment, and going about personally to solicit contributions for the cause. In personal appearance Mr. Yale is of fine physique, bearing his threescore and ten years with the same ease with which men of less vigor carry the weight of half a century. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

In 1860 Mr. Yale married Miss Frances E. Isbell, whose father, John Isbell, was an old and highly esteemed resident of Naugatuck. Her only brother, John, was a gallant soldier during the Civil war, and died from a fever contracted while in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Yale have but one child, a daughter Laura Yale, who became the wife of Charles H. Ensign, of Hartford. They had one child, Howard Yale Ensign.

NELSON JAMES WELTON, who was born Feb. 15, 1820, in Waterbury, at Buck's Hill, three miles north of the Center, is a descendant in direct line from John Welton. The latter was born in Wales, and came to America, settling in Saybrook, living for a time in Farmington, and finally, in 1679, moving to Waterbury, where he died June 18, 1726. Seven consecutive generations of the Weltons have lived in Waterbury, and six have died there.

Richard Welton, the first male child of European parentage born in Waterbury, was a son of John, the emigrant, and was born Sept. 27, 1679; he died in 1755. He was a builder, and erected the home

at Buck's Hill. There was a fort at Waterbury where the settlers would gather to sleep at night under protection from hostile Indians. Eliakim Welton, son of Richard, was born Jan. 21, 1715, and died Nov. 20, 1794.

Richard Welton, son of Eliakim, was born on the old home Oct. 10, 1743, and died Feb. 26, 1820.

Thomas Welton, son of Richard, was born Dec. 8, 1774, was baptized Jan. 5, 1775, and died April 18, 1856. He married Sybil Cook, of Wallingford, and had a family of six children, of whom the eldest was Lyman, the father of Nelson J.; Eveline, born Jan. 23, 1800; Minerva, born March 19, 1802; Sally D., deceased in infancy; Sally D. (2) was born June 14, 1810; and Nancy, born April 12, 1812. Eveline married Anson Downs, of Waterbury. Minerva married Burton Payne, of Bristol. Sally D. married Henry Bronson, of Middlebury, and Nancy became Mrs. Frederick A. Bradley, of Bridgeport.

Lyman Welton was born June 15, 1798, and died Nov. 18, 1882. He was a farmer all his life, residing on the old place at Buck's Hill. He married Minerva Judd, who was born in Watertown June 29, 1800, a daughter of Benjamin H. and Anna (Prindle) Judd, the latter of whom was a daughter of the Rev. Chauncey Prindle. Three children came to Lyman Welton and his wife: Henry A., born Dec. 2, 1823, is a retired mechanic, now living in Hartford. Franklin L., born Dec. 11, 1827, died Nov. 1, 1886; he was engaged in the fire insurance business in Waterbury, where he held the office of town clerk and selectman. Nelson J. is mentioned below.

Benjamin H. Judd, father of Mrs. Lyman Welton, was born Sept. 30, 1770, a son of Joel Judd, and died May 26, 1860. He was a mechanic and cabinetmaker of Watertown. The Judd family is descended from one Deacon Thomas Judd, who emigrated from England about 1633, and settled in Cambridge, Mass. In 1636 he moved to Hartford, and in 1644 to Farmington. He was one of the deputies to the General Court in 1647. His death occurred in 1688. Lieut. Thomas Judd, the representative of the second generation of the family in America, came to Waterbury, where he was one of the first planters, and represented the town in the General Sessions for eleven years. He died in 1703, aged about sixty-five. John Judd, son of Lieut. Thomas, was born in Farmington, married, and became the father of Benjamin Judd. He died in 1717. Benjamin Judd was born Aug. 28, 1710, became a physician of considerable ability, and married Abigail Adams, who bore him several children. Among them was Joel Judd, who was born in Waterbury, July 15, 1748, and became a soldier in the Revolutionary war, in which he was wounded by a bullet which he carried the remainder of his life. Joel Judd married Mercy Hickox, and became the father of Benjamin H., mentioned above as the father of Mrs. Lyman Welton.



Nelson F. Wilton

Nelson J. Welton spent his boyhood days on the farm at Buck's Hill. He was educated in the district school and the Waterbury Academy, where he studied surveying and civil engineering under Charles Fabrique. At the age of eighteen he began teaching a district school, and for five years taught school in the winters in Wolcott and Naugatuck, and spent his summers in surveying. In 1850, at the age of twenty-one, he was appointed county surveyor for New Haven county. For more than fifty years Mr. Welton has been a civil engineer and surveyor, and for many years was the only surveyor in this part of the county. He still has his office and is a consulting civil and hydraulic engineer. The building in which his office is located was built in 1856, and on its completion Mr. Welton took up his quarters there. In politics Mr. Welton is a Democrat, and has held many important offices in the gift of his party, although his personal popularity has gained him many votes outside of the strict party vote. From 1853 to 1885 he was city engineer; for five years from 1853 he was city clerk; from 1852 to 1856, grand juror; from 1856 to 1863, town clerk; for twenty-eight years justice of the peace; in 1859, judge of probate for the district of Waterbury; in 1861, representative from Waterbury to the General Assembly; in 1863 and 1864, recorder of the city court of Waterbury; in 1867, president of the board of water commissioners, a position he held until 1896, with the exception of a break of two years. He built the water works, and for more than thirty years was the general manager. He was engineer in charge of the construction of the city's system of sewerage, and in 1878 was appointed one of the State Board of Engineers for the inspection of reservoirs and dams, which position he still holds. From the formation of the Riverside Cemetery Association in 1853 Mr. Welton has been its secretary and superintendent, and since 1865 has served also as its treasurer. He has served several terms as alderman of the city, was acting mayor (in the absence of Mayor Spencer) and rendered valuable service in securing the bequest under the will of the late Silas Bronson, and in the establishment of the Bronson library in 1870. Mr. Welton has been identified with many of the progressive institutions of Waterbury, being one of the incorporators of the Waterbury Savings Bank, of which he is at present a director, and he is also a director in the Waterbury National Bank. He is greatly interested in the cause of education, and is a member of the corporation and the present treasurer of St. Margaret's School for Girls in Waterbury.

In religious connection Mr. Welton is a communicant of the Episcopal Church, where his kindred on both sides have been found. He is a member and senior warden of St. John's Church, is agent of the parish and vestry, and is active in all Church work. For fifty-two years he was connected with the Sunday-school as pupil and

teacher, and for thirty-two years was a vestryman. From 1877 to 1889 he was parish clerk. In the Masonic fraternity he has taken high rank. He took his first degree of Masonry in Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., Waterbury, Feb. 14, 1856, and was made a Master Mason March 20, same year. As Master of the lodge he did good work from 1865 to 1866, and on the formation of Continental Lodge, No. 76, he became one of its charter members. Mr. Welton was made a Royal Arch Mason in Eureka Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., March 10, 1858, and was High Priest of the chapter in 1863 and 1864. On October 13, 1865, he was knighted in New Haven Commandery, No. 2, and became a charter member of Clark Commandery, No. 7, K. T., of which he was Eminent Commander in 1873 and 1874. In 1881 he received the Scottish Rite degrees in E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, in Elm City Council, P. of J., and New Haven Chapter, Rose Croix. The next year he became a 32d degree Mason, receiving the consistory grade in Lafayette Consistory, Bridgeport, Conn. He also belongs to Pyramid Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Bridgeport, and is an honorary member of Mecca Temple, New York City. In the Grand Masonic bodies of Connecticut Sir Nelson J. Welton served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut in 1881 and 1882.

On Jan. 20, 1869, Mr. Welton was married to Mrs. Frances R. P. Lyon, who was born in Smyrna, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1832, and died Aug. 9, 1900. She was the daughter of John and Abbie (Chapin) Phillips.

GEORGE MARSHALL AVERILL, the genial proprietor of "The Ark" at Indian Neck, town of Branford, was born in that town Oct. 12, 1838, a son of John and Almira (Hemingway) Averill, and grandson of David Averill (a seafaring man of Branford) and his wife, Polly Morris.

John Averill made his home in Branford and followed the sea. He was a coaster speculator and captain of vessels for several years, and built several vessels. He was a native of Branford, in which town he ever made his home. He married Almira Hemingway, daughter of Stephen and Polly (Andrews) Hemingway of East Haven, and his children were: George M., Harriet J. (Mrs. Lewis Frisbie), Roland G., Asahel, Frank and Alvira (Mrs. Adrian Ely).

George M. Averill was educated in the common schools and Branford Academy, and for a number of years followed the coast, holding all possible positions from cook to captain. For twenty-two years he has been proprietor of "The Ark," a most popular resort on Indian Neck, famous for its shore dinners. The cheery welcome of the proprietor and the excellency of the entertainment have won the good will of the public.

On March 20, 1864, Mr. Averill was united in

marriage with Miss Harriet E., daughter of Russell Babcock, of North Lyme, Conn., and this union has been blessed with five children: Fred L., an attorney by profession, and the present clerk of the Court of Common Pleas; George Walter, John R., Louis S. and Ernest L. In politics Mr. Averill is a staunch Republican, and fraternally is identified with Widows Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M.

HENRY WATSON FRENCH, the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Chicopee, Mass., July 23, 1837, son of Arasmus French, who was born in Wendell, Mass., in March, 1813, and died in New Haven, Conn., in June, 1890.

Samuel French, grandfather of Henry W., was born in Wendell, Mass., where he lived all his days and died at a good old age. He married Lucy Norcross, and a family of seven children was born to them: Allen, who died young; Arasmus, father of Henry W.; Arad, of whom little is known, as he was of a roving disposition, and after reaching manhood wandered away and was never heard from; Adaline, who was blind, and died unmarried; Elmira, now deceased, who married a Mr. Armstrong and lived in Montague, Mass.; Thankfull, who married Milton Sawyer and removed to Glens Falls, N. Y. (both are deceased); and Lucy, a school teacher in her younger days, who married a Mr. Upham and lived in Royalston, Mass., and now a resident of Athol, that State (she is now about eighty years of age). Samuel French was the "village blacksmith" of his town. He served in the war of the Revolution and in the war of 1812. His ancestry served in the French and Indian war.

Arasmus French, the father of Henry W., spent his boyhood days in his native town, Wendell, working with his father, the village blacksmith. It is said of him that at the age of twelve he could shoe horses. At the age of sixteen he walked to the town of Lowell, Mass., where he learned the trade of machinist with the Lowell Machine Co. From Lowell he moved to the town of Chicopee, Mass., and at the age of twenty-one married Lydia Morton, daughter of Dr. Joshua Morton, of Athol, Mass., where she was born in March, 1811. She died in September, 1892, in New Haven, Conn. Six children were born to this union: Lucy Jane married J. L. Hungerford, of New Haven, and died in that city; Henry Watson is the subject proper of these lines; Ellen Maria died in infancy; Carrie Ardelia died in Ravenswood, L. I., at the age of three years; William Arasmus is a machinist and lives in Ansonia, Conn.; Emma Morton married Charles L. Denning, and lives in New Haven.

Arasmus French was connected with the Ames Manufacturing Co. of Chicopee for over ten years, and while there conceived the idea of knitting stockings by machinery and invented the necessary apparatus. The machine was considered a great wonder at the time, and was on exhibition in Boston and later in Barun's Museum, New York. The

patents covering the invention were first secured by Philadelphia parties, and later by a company in Waterbury, Conn., and it was the foundation of the American Hosiery Co., one of the industries of the latter city. About 1850 Mr. French removed to New Haven and became connected with the Winchester Arms Co. He was one of the early inventors of what is now known as the Winchester Repeating Rifle, and he had much to do with selecting the necessary ammunition therefor. He was connected with this company at different periods for nearly forty years. He was also the inventor of the process of making paper boxes from paper and other pulp, and of many other devices of value now in use. In politics Mr. French was a Whig and later a Republican. In religion he was first a Congregationalist, and later in life a free-thinker and spiritualist. Both the French and Morton families were of the old New England type, and were associated with the history and development of that part of Massachusetts to which they were native. Arasmus French and his wife are buried in the New Haven cemetery, New Haven, Connecticut.

Henry W. French, son of Arasmus, spent his early boyhood days in the town of Chicopee, Mass., where he was born, and at the age of six removed with his parents to Boston, Mass., and later to New York, where he attended the public schools of the city up to the age of twelve. It then became necessary for him to begin to do for himself. He worked in various offices and stores until, at about the age of fifteen, he went to the town of Ravenswood, L. I., where his father was engaged in the manufacture of ammunition. In 1852 the entire factory was destroyed by an explosion of powder, and twenty-eight people were killed. Upon this disaster the father gave up that dangerous business and removed to Waterbury, Conn. At this time—at the age of sixteen—Henry W. took up an unfinished order for a million cartridges for the use of the insurgents in Cuba, and completed the same in West Troy, N. Y. On the completion of this work he took a position with an uncle in New Bedford, Mass., who was a merchant. In 1854 he went to Waterbury and was with his father's family again, and here he learned the trade of machinist with the Blake & Johnson Co., by whom he was employed for about ten years. He then accepted a position as toolmaker with the Waterbury Button Co., with whom he remained two years. The manufacture of cloth buttons was then in its infancy in this country, and Mr. French made some valuable improvements in the manufacture. After leaving the last named concern he engaged with the Lane Manufacturing Co., taking charge of their tool-department, and later advanced to the position of superintendent, which he held for twelve years. In 1891 he was placed in charge of the claim department of his city. In 1892 he became connected with the Waterbury Horse Railway Co. and had considerable to do with the amendment of their charter.

which changed the name to "Electric Co." and permitted them to extend the line to Naugatuck. After this work was finished Mr. French accepted a position with the Connecticut Indemnity Association and had charge of their renewal department in New York City, retaining his residence, however, in Waterbury. After four years with this company he engaged with the Monarch Manufacturing Co., of Waterbury, which later changed its name to the Consolidated Engine Stop Co., and has for several years been representative and salesman of this concern in the United States.

Mr. French in politics has always been a Republican, and he has taken an active part in the work of the party in his city. He represented his ward for twelve consecutive terms (twelve years) as councilman and alderman in the city government. In 1892 he was elected tax collector, and he has filled other positions of honor and trust in Waterbury. In 1860 he entered the military service, joining the Connecticut National Guard, and served continuously until his honorable discharge, in 1871. He is a past noble grand in the I. O. O. F., a member of the Grand Lodge, also of the Royal Arcanum and other lodges and societies.

On Oct. 28, 1857, Mr. French married Anna Maria Taylor, who was born in Waterbury March 13, 1838, and has always lived on Cherry street, in that city. Samuel Taylor, her father, was born in 1812 in Birmingham, England, and came to this country at the age of nineteen to assist in the manufacture of gilt buttons, his work being the burnishing or polishing. He was first employed in Attleboro, Mass., but in 1835 removed to Waterbury, and was almost continuously employed by the Scovill Manufacturing Co. for over fifty years, until his death, in 1893. Mr. Taylor married Harriet H. Price, daughter of Edward Price, of Attleboro, Mass., who came from England to engage in the manufacture of jewelry. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were life-long members of the Methodist Church, and were much respected.

Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. French: (1) Charles Henry, born Jan. 29, 1850; (2) George Taylor, born Jan. 1, 1865, who died March 25, 1870; (3) Edward Rutledge, born Feb. 8, 1871; and (4) Cherrie Morton, born April 8, 1876.

Charles Henry French commenced his education in the schools of Waterbury, and continued his studies at the Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., Yale Medical College, New Haven, and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, where he graduated in the class of 1880. After two years of service on the medical staff of the Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, he commenced the practice of medicine in his native city, Waterbury, and three years later located in Pawtucket, R. I., where he now resides. He is a prominent citizen of that city, is president of the Rhode Island Medical Society, State medical director, on the brigade

staff of the Rhode Island National Guard (with the rank of lieutenant colonel), an associate member of the United States Military Association of Surgeons, trustee of the Providence County Savings Bank, director in the National Bank, a vestryman of St. Paul's Church, and a member of various lodges and clubs. In 1884 Dr. French married Florence S. Wells, daughter of Horace and Lydia Ann Wells, of Waterbury, and three children have been born to them, Horace Wells, Morton Taylor and Dorothy.

Edward Rutledge French attended the local schools and graduated from the Waterbury high school, class of 1888, receiving the highest honors, at the age of seventeen. Two months later he presented himself as candidate for admission to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass., and entered that institution the same year, graduating four years later, in the class of 1892, course of Electrical Engineering, receiving the degree of B. S. He at once accepted the position of assistant manager of the Suburban Electric Co., Elizabeth, N. J., and on the death of the manager was advanced to his position. After five years' service with this company he accepted a position with the American Electric Heating Corporation at their New York office, and later at the main office, Cambridge, Mass., where he now resides. In 1895 he married Miss Josephene W. Nelson, of Stamford, Conn., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Nelson, of that city. They have had one child, Reba, born Nov. 28, 1898.

Cherrie Morton French attended the public schools of her native city, Waterbury, up to the age of fifteen, and continued her education at the Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., St. Margaret's School, Waterbury, and graduated valedictorian of the class of 1896 from the Drew Ladies College, Carmel, N. Y., at the age of twenty, receiving the degree of A. M. She took a post-graduate course at the same college the year following, winning a scholarship for the Woman's College of Baltimore, and is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. At the breaking out of the Spanish-American war, having had previous experience at hospitals, she volunteered her services to the American National Red Cross Society. She was accepted, and went immediately on duty at the Red Cross Hospital, New York, and on July 4, 1898, with others, left New York to join Clara Barton in Cuba, entering the harbor of Santiago the day after its capitulation. Later on she sailed with Gen. Miles on his expedition to Porto Rico, and was present at the shelling and capture of the forts in Guanica harbor, by Lieut. Wainwright, of the "Glocester." She was one of the first ladies to accompany a fleet of war vessels in actual duty and service. She returned to the United States on the U. S. transport "Lampasses," with about one hundred and fifty sick and wounded soldiers of the army bound for the government hospital at Old Point Comfort, Va., and later

was detailed to duty at Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, L. I. Here she was stricken with Spanish malarial fever and taken to Bellevue Hospital, New York, and later to her home in Waterbury, Conn. She recovered from this illness, and is now on the staff of nurses at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City.

Miss French received much praise and honor for her heroic work during the war. She was presented with a valuable token by the ladies of Auxiliary No. 3, New York Red Cross Society, accompanied by a letter from Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, which read:

NEW YORK, Jan. 14, 1899.

DEAR MISS FRENCH:

I have been instructed by the ladies of the board of managers of Auxiliary No. 3 to send you the enclosed ring as a token of their appreciation of the faithful and most satisfactory work you have accomplished for the said Auxiliary this summer. The ladies also herewith tender you their thanks and feel they are much indebted to you for your aid in so worthily fulfilling the purpose for which this Auxiliary was formed.

I am yours very sincerely,

[Signed] ELIZABETH MILLS REID,
Secretary Auxiliary No. 3, New York.

Upon the return of Miss French to her home in Waterbury the citizens, through the mayor and board of aldermen, presented her with a very beautiful and valuable gold and diamond-studded badge of honor especially prepared for her. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and distributed many articles of comfort sent her by that society during her stay in Porto Rico.

PLINY HITCHCOCK (deceased) was one of the honored citizens and leading farmers of Cheshire, and a representative of one of the pioneer families of New Haven county.

The first to settle here was John Hitchcock, who took up his residence in the town of Wallingford about 1675. To him and his wife Abigail came nine children, namely: Mary, born Dec. 10, 1676; Nathaniel, born April 18, 1679, who died May 12, 1710; Margery, born Sept. 9, 1681; Elizabeth, born April 8, 1684; John, born Oct. 18, 1685, who was married Nov. 21, 1712, to Marlon Munson; Mathias, born May 26, 1688, who is mentioned below; Hannah, born Jan. 6, 1690; Damaris, born June 11, 1693; and Benjamin, born March 24, 1696, who married Elizabeth Ives.

Mathias Hitchcock, son of John, spent his entire life in Wallingford, and his remains were interred there. He was married in the year 1710 to Thankful Andrews, and they had thirteen children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Mathias, June 10, 1711 (who died April 7, 1726); Nathaniel, Oct. 15, 1712 (who died young); Valentine, Feb. 14, 1715; Oliver, Nov. 14, 1716; Jason, Aug. 16, 1718; William, Oct. 16, 1720; Thankful, March 29, 1725; Mathias, Feb. 11, 1727; Ebenezer, Sept. 14, 1728; Tabitha, Feb. 26, 1730; Nathaniel, May 7, 1733; and Enos and Hannah, twins, April 27, 1735.

Jason Hitchcock, son of Mathias, was also a life long resident of Wallingford and a farmer by occupation. He married Lydia Cook, Sept. 20, 1743, and to them were born seven children: William, June 26, 1744; Thomas, Dec. 20, 1746; Lemuel, Dec. 20, 1749; Jason, July 12, 1752 (died in infancy); Jason (2), Oct. 10, 1755; Ichabod, Dec. 18, 1756; and Thankful, March 20, 1761.

Ichabod Hitchcock, son of Jason, and father of our subject, was born in Wallingford, and from there removed to Cheshire, where he spent his last days. During his entire life he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was twice married, his first wife being Lurinda Cook, by whom he had five children, namely: Pliny, our subject; Sarilla, wife of George Stevens, of Burton, Ohio; Jason; Hannah, wife of T. L. Gaylord; and Lucinda, wife of Richard Beach, of Burton, Ohio. By the second marriage there was one child, Abigail, who married and went South.

During his boyhood Pliny Hitchcock pursued his studies in the public schools of Cheshire and the Cheshire Academy, and also learned the stonemason's trade, which he followed during the greater part of his life. He was born June 30, 1791, and always made his home in Cheshire, where he owned two farms near Cheshire Centre, in the southern part of the town, aggregating 100 acres. To the improvement and cultivation of these he devoted a part of his time. He was a worthy member of the Congregational Church, and in politics was a supporter of the Whig and Republican parties. He was domestic in his tastes, temperate in his habits and a good Christian man, one who commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, in either business or social life. He died upon his farm March 13, 1864, and was buried in Cheshire cemetery.

Mr. Hitchcock married Miss Sally Bradley, a native of Cheshire, born Jan. 18, 1793, a daughter of Reuben and Roxanna (Frisbie) Bradley. She, too, was a member of the Congregational Church, and a most estimable lady. She died on the home farm, Jan. 13, 1874, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband. In their family were the following children: (1) Jason Cook, the eldest, is deceased. (2) Lydia (deceased) engaged in school teaching and later married Levi Munson, by whom she had one child, Marv, now deceased. (3) Roxanna is one of the best-known women in Cheshire, where she was successfully engaged in dressmaking and the millinery business for a number of years. She is well-read and refined, and presides with gracious dignity over a beautiful home in Cheshire, planned by herself. (4) Sarah was also a school teacher, and is now the widow of Norman Steele, of Waterbury. (5) Lucinda married Samuel Cook, and both are now deceased. (6) Jason died in infancy. (7) John Augustus is engaged in mercantile business in Liverpool, England. (8) Ann



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Amelia, who in early life engaged in school teaching, and (9) Cornelia A. both reside with their sister Roxanna, in Cheshire. The family is well-known and very highly respected in the community where its members have so long made their home.

STILLMAN BASSETT DOOLITTLE, a successful farmer of Pond Hill, Wallingford, was born on the old family homestead on Pond Hill Nov. 15, 1841.

Abraham Doolittle, our subject's emigrant ancestor, was the progenitor of all who bear the name in this country. He and his brother John were in Massachusetts at a very early day. John died childless. Abraham Doolittle was in New Haven before 1642, and was the owner of a house. In 1644 he took the freeman's oath, and was made the chief executive officer (or sheriff) of the county. He was chosen by the people of New Haven as one of the committee to superintend the affairs of the new settlement, then (1609) just commenced at the village. The name of the village was changed to Wallingford, and it was incorporated May 12, 1670, by an act of the General Court, then sitting at Hartford. Abraham Doolittle was one of the first to settle in the place, and was there some two or three years before the incorporation. He died Aug. 11, 1690, aged seventy.

Abraham Doolittle (2), son of Abraham, was born Feb. 12, 1649, and died in 1732, aged eighty-three years.

Samuel Doolittle (1), son of Abraham (2), was born March 14, 1698.

Samuel Doolittle (2), son of Samuel (1), was born Feb. 28, 1725.

Samuel Doolittle (3), son of Samuel (2), was born April 11, 1749.

Chauncey Doolittle, Sr., son of Samuel (3), was born in 1777 in Wallingford, and died May 17, 1833, in his fifty-sixth year. He was a wagon-maker by trade, had a shop at Pond Hill, and supplied the surrounding country for a wide extent with his wares. His trade included joiner work, and he also farmed his estate, continuing in the active performance of his duties until his death. Mr. Doolittle was well known, and no man was more highly respected. His political convictions made him a Democrat, and he was one of the pillars of the M. E. Church in Wallingford.

Chauncey Doolittle, Jr., son of Chauncey, Sr., was born July 2, 1810, at Pond Hill, and lived out his exemplary life in this quiet village, dying Feb. 15, 1854. Like his father, he was a member of the Democratic party. He worked as an apprentice until he became of age (1831), and was subsequently employed at his trade by Jared Mansfield, in North Haven, until about the time of his marriage, when he returned to the old homestead. On Dec. 28, 1834, he married Betsey Bassett, of North Haven, daughter of Joel and Betsey Bassett, and they became the

parents of three children: Jannette, born Oct. 17, 1836, died Jan. 1, 1837. Stillman Bassett is our subject. Sophronia, born July 2, 1844, died July 11, 1860. Mrs. Doolittle made her home with her only son until her death, on June 1, 1894, when she was aged eighty years, eleven days.

As a loving and unselfish mother, as a Christian woman and a kind sympathizing friend, she set an example worthy of record. Her religious connection was with the Congregational Church.

Stillman Bassett Doolittle was educated in the common schools, and grew to manhood on the farm, to which he has devoted the greater portion of his time during many years. Agriculture interests him, and he has found a general line of farming quite profitable. He has also been quite successful in breeding good cattle from poor stock.

The death of his mother was a severe blow to Mr. Doolittle, as, beyond everything, he was a devoted son. Her last years were made comfortable through his loving care. Probably there is no more highly esteemed citizen in his part of Wallingford than Stillman Bassett Doolittle.

WALTER GOODRICH BISHOP, one of the honorable and meritorious citizens of the town of Guilford, where he has long conducted a fine farm, was born in Meriden, New Haven county, June 26, 1827, and is a descendant of one of the oldest families in the State. Benjamin Bishop, his grandfather, was a native of North Haven, where he lived and died. He owned a gristmill and was engaged in farming.

Martin Bishop, father of Walter G., was born in North Haven. He was very largely self-educated, and became a good mathematician. At the age of fourteen Mr. Bishop entered a factory in Meriden, and was employed by Squire Yale, learning the tinner's trade, at which he worked for a number of years, being for many years employed as a journeyman tinner. He made pocket lanterns, and was the first in this country to manufacture lanterns for policemen's use. Later in life he moved to Stony Creek, where he kept a boarding house and continued the manufacture of lanterns. There he died and was buried. He was a man of active spirit and progressive ideas. He contracted for and built one mile of the New Haven & Hartford Railroad. In religion he was a member of the Baptist Church, and in politics a Democrat. In Meriden he married Salvina E. Bradley, a daughter of James Bradley, and a native of Meriden. Their children were: Walter G.; Sarah H., who died young; Nathaniel H., a resident of Stony Creek; and Frances, who died in early womanhood. Mrs. Salvina E. Bishop died at Stony Creek. She had been a member of the Baptist Church at Meriden for many years.

Walter Goodrich Bishop attended the district school and later the high school. He remained on the farm with his father until he was fifteen years

old, and his first employment away from home was with Coles & Stephens, under whom he learned monument stonecutting. While still in his teens he entered the Parker foundry and learned the molder's trade thoroughly, working there sixteen years. After some months' employment in Hartford he returned to Meriden and worked two years for the Isabel Curtis Co. From Meriden he went to the town of Orange, where he bought a farm once owned by Deacon Pardee, and cultivated same for seven years, selling at the end of that time and coming to Guilford, where he bought the Charles Fowler farm. This place consisted of twenty-four acres, and Mr. Bishop has since purchased two other farms, aggregating in all 162 acres. He also bought 100 acres which he sold. He has made extensive improvements on his place, and is engaged in general and dairy farming, doing a very successful business. He is president of the Dexter L. Bishop Co., and by his energy and enterprise has won a good position in commercial circles.

Walter G. Bishop was married in Meriden to Dorcas J. Hungerford, by whom he had one child, Sarah H., now deceased. His first wife dying, Mr. Bishop married Nancy M. Leete, a daughter of the late Rufus N. Leete, and a native of Leete Island, and to this union came three children: Dexter L. is an ice and lumber dealer in Meriden; he married Esther Johnson. Burton W., a farmer in Guilford, married Lillian R. Remington. Grace S., a graduate of the Guilford high school, was a bookkeeper for her brother Dexter, but now resides at home. Mrs. Nancy M. Bishop died in 1886, and Mr. Bishop married her sister Ellen M.

In politics Mr. Bishop was originally a Democrat, but is now a Republican. He belongs to the Baptist Church at Meriden, but attends the First Congregational Church of Guilford. Socially he holds membership in Center Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F., Meriden, of which he is past grand.

WILLIAM M. TYLER is one of the most successful and progressive agriculturists on Bucks Hill, Waterbury. He devotes considerable attention to fruit growing and dairy farming, and has made his special field of industry an eminent success.

A native of New Haven county, Mr. Tyler was born in the town of Middlebury Jan. 30, 1837, and is descended from one of its old and highly respected families, founded here by three brothers, James, Josiah and Daniel Tyler, who came from Branford, Conn., and located in what is now known as Tylers-town, Middlebury. There they married and reared families. They were land owners and farmers. Their remains were interred in the old cemetery of Middlebury.

Daniel Tyler, Jr., son of the Daniel previously mentioned, was a large land owner and farmer in Middlebury, as well as one of the leading citizens, taking quite a prominent part in public affairs. He

was a Whig in politics, represented the town in the State Legislature and held many local offices. He was a member of the church. His death occurred upon his farm in Middlebury, and his remains were interred in the old cemetery there. He married Miss Sally, daughter of Asabel Bronson, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and to them were born eight children, namely: Asabel, father of our subject; Daniel; Lucius; Mary, wife of Samuel Bloss; James; William O.; Eli; and Sally, who died at the age of three years.

Asabel Tyler was born on the old homestead at Tylers-town, where he grew to manhood, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. In 1843 he removed to Woodbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., where he engaged in farming and stock dealing until 1864, when he located in Oakville, same county. In 1871 he came to Bucks Hill, New Haven county, later removed to Plymouth, Conn., and from there to Lebanon, Mo., where he spent two years. At the end of that time he returned to Waterbury, Conn., and he passed the remaining years of his life on Bucks Hill, where he died; he was buried in Woodbury cemetery. Mr. Tyler was a well-to-do farmer, owning considerable property. He was liberal in his religious views, attended the Congregational Church, and in politics was first a Democrat and later a Republican. He married Amy Amalga Morris, of Woodbury, by whom he had two children: William M., our subject; and Jennette, wife of Nathan Burton. Mrs. Tyler died in her native town and was buried there. She was a consistent member of the Congregational Church. For his second wife Asabel Tyler married Virginia Shea, who was of French descent.

During his boyhood William M. Tyler attended the district schools of Woodbury and Roxbury, and completed his education in the high schools of Woodbury and Waterbury. He remained at home until twenty-two years of age, when he settled on Bunker Hill, Waterbury, and he was one of the first men of that section to engage in the dairy business. In 1860 he removed to Bucks Hill, locating on the Col. Welton farm, a tract of 140 acres, which he has greatly improved. He is still extensively engaged in the dairy business, and is one of the largest peach growers in the Naugatuck Valley, having over thirty-five acres of land devoted to peaches. He also buys and sells produce, and in all his undertakings has been remarkably successful. Besides his property in this county he owns land in Missouri and other parts of the West.

On Jan. 4, 1871, in Plymouth, Conn., Mr. Tyler was united in marriage with Miss Ida J. Painter, a native of that place, daughter of Capt. Edward and Clarinda (Palmer) Painter, and granddaughter of Thomas Painter and John Palmer. She was educated in the high school of East Hampton, Mass. Mrs. Tyler has many noble traits of character. She has been an invalid for several years, but bears her sufferings with patience and Christian fortitude.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler have two children: Bessie Clarinda, who graduated from the Waterbury high school and has successfully engaged in teaching for four years; and Robert William, who is engaged in peach growing. He married Inza Gertrude Phillips. The father and daughter are members of Mad River Grange, in which he has served as master, and she as organist. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler hold membership in St. John's Episcopal Church of Waterbury. In politics he is an independent Democrat. As a public-spirited, progressive citizen, he takes a deep and commendable interest in all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit.

WILLIAM EDWIN WELD, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the town of Guilford, is a native of that locality, born Aug. 30, 1815, and is descended from one of the earliest and best families of New England.

Rev. Thomas Weld and his brother Joseph were the first of the name in America. The former came from England to these shores on the ship "William Francis," landing at Boston, June 5, 1632. His brother Joseph arriving a year later, and both resided in Roxbury, Mass., the former becoming minister of a church there.

Daniel Weld, supposed to be a son or grandson of one of the above brothers, was born in Roxbury, and there grew to manhood, afterward removing of Long Meadow, Mass., thence to Durham, Conn., where he passed the rest of his days. He married Mary Warren, a sister of Gen. Joseph Warren, who fell at the battle of Bunker Hill, and two children were born to them: Daniel, who married Elizabeth Starr; and Joseph.

(II) Joseph Weld, the first of the name in Guilford, was born in Durham, Conn., in 1727; was educated and served his apprenticeship in Boston, Mass., and was a weaver by occupation. Removing to Guilford, he there carried on an extensive business, and there died April 28, 1806, at a very advanced age, his remains being interred in Guilford cemetery. On Oct. 31, 1759, he married Lucy Fowler, who was born in Guilford Feb. 19, 1735, a daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Starr) Fowler, and died Sept. 5, 1800. Their children were as follows: Lucy, born July 29, 1760, died June 8, 1778; Beulah, born Sept. 6, 1762, died Sept. 12, 1847; Ann, born July 12, 1764, died Oct. 4, 1848, married Nathaniel Wilcox; Joseph, born July 26, 1766, married Sarah Parmelee; Edmund, a sketch of whom follows; William, born May 27, 1771, married Clarissa Gillet, and removed to Paris, N. Y.; Sarah, born April 7, 1773, died Jan. 12, 1857; and Daniel, born Sept. 23, 1776, died July 30, 1825, married Submit Rossiter.

(III) Edmund Weld, grandfather of William E., was born Dec. 11, 1768, in Guilford, where he passed his entire life, dying there Nov. 3, 1838, highly respected by all. He had considerable talent as a singer, and for many years, from the age of

seventeen, led the choir in the church at Guilford. On Dec. 1, 1790, in Guilford, he married Charlotte Stone, who was born in 1770, a daughter of Benjamin Stone, and died Jan. 20, 1810. For his second wife Edmund Weld wedded, June 1, 1812, Mercey Nettleton, born Dec. 3, 1781, who died July 8, 1864. Children by first wife: George, sketch of whom follows; Charlotte, born Jan. 22, 1793, died May 28, 1886, married Robert Fowler; Lucy Ann, born Nov. 15, 1794, died Aug. 16, 1797; Mary Adcock, born Sept. 20, 1795; James William, born June 17, 1798, married Eleanor B. Coates; Richard, born June 30, 1800, died Aug. 8, 1852, married Sarah Walker; Henry, born July 9, 1802, married Elizabeth Ward; Harvey Stone, born July 29, 1804, died March 20, 1885, married Elizabeth Greenleaf; Lucy Ann, born Aug. 23, 1806, died in June, 1852, married John Coats; Mary, born March 23, 1809, died Oct. 14, 1828. Children by second wife: John, born Sept. 25, 1813, died June 6, 1887; Betsey, born May 8, 1815, married Charles R. Wheden; Edmund, born Aug. 5, 1817, died Dec. 8, 1881, married Betsey Isabell; Samuel, born Sept. 30, 1818, died in 1850, in California; Lydia Maria, born Dec. 23, 1819, married Jared Buell; Alfred Washington, born March 3, 1823, married Sarah Morgan; and Daniel, born April 12, 1825, died Nov. 8, 1859, married Melinda C. Connor.

(IV) George Weld, father of William E., was born June 8, 1791, in North Guilford, where he received a district school education, and learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. Later in life he removed with his family to Sag Harbor, L. I., there continuing his trade several years, then returning to Guilford, where he passed his later years, dying in March, 1876; his remains were interred in Guilford western cemetery. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and of the choir, being a singer of no mean reputation. In politics he was a Democrat, though no office seeker. He was a temperate man, an industrious, loyal citizen, a kind husband and loving parent, and lived an industrious, upright life.

In Guilford, in 1813, George Weld married Mabel Fowler, who was born in that town May 9, 1791, a daughter of William and Olive (Cran) Fowler, and died Dec. 21, 1821. For his second wife he wedded Mabel Loper, born Sept. 5, 1788, who died Nov. 4, 1869. His children: George Leander, born March 12, 1814; William Edwin, a sketch of whom follows; Clarissa Olive, born June 5, 1818, died Dec. 1, 1886; and Frederick Monzo, born Feb. 1, 1820. William E. is the only survivor.

(V) William Edwin Weld, whose name introduces these lines, received in the vicinity of his place of birth a common-school education, which was of necessity somewhat limited, as at the early age of ten years he had to commence supporting himself. Until he was fifteen years old he worked on a farm for his board and clothes, and then removed with his

father and rest of the family to Sag Harbor, where he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. During this time he made a whaling voyage to the South Atlantic and return; but not caring for a seafaring life he continued at his trade in Sag Harbor till once more making his home in Guilford, his birthplace. There he commenced business as a carpenter and joiner, and for over fifty years was engaged in building and dealing in lumber, becoming one of Guilford's self-made successful men. For the past few years he has, for the benefit of his health, been living on and cultivating a small farm. He still, however, makes his home in Guilford, where he built and owns a fine residence, equipped with all modern improvements. A lifelong Democrat, Mr. Weld cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson; for several years was selectman of Guilford, also Burgess of the borough; in religious faith he is a member and vestryman of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Weld is noted far and near for his honest and honorable dealing in both public and private life, and is justly classified among Guilford's best citizens.

On Sept. 23, 1838, in the town of Guilford, William E. Weld was married to Myrta M. Holcomb, born Dec. 29, 1820, a daughter of Medad Holcomb, and children as follows came to them: (1) Jane Clarissa ("Jennie"), born Aug. 21, 1841, married Charles W. Shelton, of Windsor, Conn., and later became the wife of Henry Merriam, who died in 1897. One child was born to the first marriage, Lillian Jennie, who married Frederick T. Dudley, and has two children, Shelton Weld and Mildred F. (2) William Edwin, born Aug. 23, 1843, is superintendent of the Boston Buckboard Carriage Co., New Haven; he married Imogene Dorman; they have no children. (3) Julia Augusta, born Sept. 19, 1860, died Oct. 28, 1860.

THE HOLCOMB FAMILY, of which Mrs. Weld is a member, is one of the oldest in America. Thomas Holcomb, the founder of the New England branch, came from England with the early settlers, and located first in Dorchester, Mass., later in Windsor, Conn., where he died. Nathaniel Holcomb, grandfather of Mrs. Weld, was a native of Granville, Mass., and there married Jennie Adkins; they had two children: Medad, sketch of whom follows; and Geneva, who married Walter Stevens, and died in August, 1862.

Medad Holcomb, father of Mrs. Weld, was born July 27, 1781, in Granville, Mass., whence he came to North Guilford, and here on Dec. 31, 1800, he married Betsey Stevens, who was born in 1777 and died Dec. 9, 1803. For his second wife he married, Dec. 10, 1804, Betsey Benton, born Oct. 25, 1781, died March 12, 1815. For his third wife he married, Aug. 10, 1815, Myrta M. Fowler, born June 26, 1798, who died Aug. 3, 1821. For his fourth wife he married, Dec. 6, 1821, Nancy Parnel Dudley, born April 29, 1797, who died Sept. 26, 1845. His fifth wife was Harriet Leete. Children

born to Medad Holcomb: Betsey, born May 9, 1802, married Asa Montgomery; Polly, born Nov. 29, 1803, married Larius Bartholomew; Elledini, born Sept. 18, 1805, married Thomas Evans; Frederick, born Jan. 31, 1807, married Mary Rogers, and died June 11, 1886; Louise, born Oct. 19, 1809, married Jesse Crane, and died June 3, 1843; Henry, born Oct. 18, 1811, died Feb. 25, 1842; Appollas, born in July, 1813, died July 22, 1813; Sophia, born Feb. 4, 1817, married William C. Dudley; William Ward, born Oct. 18, 1818, married Julia A. Wheadon; Myrta M., born Dec. 29, 1820, married William E. Weld; Lorenzo Dow, born Nov. 5, 1823, died Feb. 26, 1826; Mary Ann, born April 29, 1826, died Dec. 22, 1826; Medad, born Sept. 29, 1828, married Lavina Sherwood; Mary Barker, born Oct. 11, 1831, died Dec. 11, 1831; Helen, born Sept. 19, 1834, died March 13, 1836; Helen M., born July 18, 1838, married Samuel H. Cruttenberg; and Cecelia, born May 12, 1842, married William Cornell. There were no children by the fifth marriage.

DANIEL L. CHIPMAN, now living in quiet retirement in Waterbury, was born in that town Nov. 10, 1821. Samuel Chipman, father of our subject, was born July 16, 1780, in Wallingford, this county, where his father was engaged as a tailor. The latter reared a family of four children, viz.: Samuel; John, who was a farmer and harness-maker in Cornwall, Conn., and lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years; Joseph, who lived in Fairhaven; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Grannis.

Samuel Chipman was reared to manhood on a farm in Wallingford. On Dec. 27, 1802, he married Nancy Potter, who was born in Hamden, New Haven Co., Conn., September 14, 1784. To this union came eleven children, in the following order: Samuel D., born Dec. 29, 1803, became a farmer and died in Waterbury, April 29, 1881; Sherman B., born June 13, 1806, died Jan. 16, 1860; Lyman, born Nov. 9, 1808, was a hatter in Newtown, and died June 27, 1874; William, born Aug. 13, 1811, was a farmer of Cheshire, where he died; George E., born Feb. 9, 1813, was a cabinetmaker, and died in New York State in February, 1898; Joseph, born July 6, 1815, was first a tailor, and later became a farmer, and died in Waterbury, Sept. 25, 1884; Timothy T., born April 3, 1818, died in South America; Ransom, born Nov. 13, 1819, was a tailor and mechanic in Waterbury, and died Oct. 31, 1884; Daniel L. (the subject of this sketch); Elizabeth M., born April 2, 1824, married John Whitnev, and died in New Haven June 12, 1892; and Martha A., born Feb. 5, 1826, died March 4, 1831.

Daniel L. Chipman grew to maturity on a farm. In his earlier manhood, however, he for many years drove an omnibus through Waterbury, and on retiring from that calling, about twelve years ago, took up his home about half a mile from his birthplace, the place comprising about seventy acres just outside the city limits of Waterbury.



Daniel L. Chipman



On Oct. 1, 1876, Daniel L. Chipman wedded Laura A. Morehouse, who was born in Washington, Conn., and who died, after a pleasant companionship of nearly twenty years, June 24, 1895. On Oct. 12, 1896, Mr. Chipman chose for his second wife Sarah V. Worrall, who was born in Litchfield, this State, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Chipman) Worrall, the former a native of England, who became farmer of Litchfield; the latter was a native of Cornwall, Conn., and a daughter of John Chipman, uncle of the subject of this sketch.

Daniel L. Chipman, like his father before him, has been a life-long Democrat. In religious belief he was reared a Methodist. He is now passing the remaining years of his life in the companionship of his estimable wife, surrounded by friends innumerable, enjoying the fruits of his early labors, and at peace with all the world.

OSBORNE. Through all, saving the first decade and a half, of the century just closed, the name introducing this sketch has been one of prominence in mercantile and industrial life in the town of Derby and of Ansonia, as well as in the social and religious life of those communities. Here have figured a number of the immediate descendants of Capt. Stephen Osborne, among them his son, the late John White Osborne, and in turn his son, Major Wilbur F. Osborne, the latter for years the president of the Osborne & Cheeseman Co., and at this time president and assistant treasurer of the Union Fabric Co., both of Ansonia, as well as being interested in various enterprises.

Capt. Stephen Osborne, of New Haven, with his wife and family, the wife formerly being Apama Gorham, a granddaughter of Capt. George Gorham, came to Derby to live in 1817. Both Capt. Osborne and Capt. Gorham were patriots and saw active service in the war of the Revolution. A Capt. Stephen Osborne is referred to in the records of Connecticut men in the Revolution as being of Wallingford, and was commissioned a lieutenant on July 26, 1777, promoted captain May 1, 1778; while Capt. George Gorham is given as being, in 1779, in the company commanded by Abner Robinson, and in Samuel McClellan's regiment. Capt. Gorham was one of the men who assisted in stretching the famous iron chain across the Hudson to obstruct the British from going up the river.

Both long before and after the Revolution Derby was the scene of much shipbuilding which was the greatest industry of the town. One Thomas Wheeler, of Stratford, who settled on Birmingham Point in 1657, was probably the first engaged there in such industry. After some six years he was succeeded by Alexander Bryan, a merchant, and the latter later by the Hawkenses, and from 1712 to 1720 it was a prominent trading point. Another busy shipyard was, in early days, at the Cove where were built vessels called Boston Coasters. Some distance below figured the Leavenworths, who built

the old bridge in 1798. At what was styled the Red House were built by Capt. Edmund & Sons, Gideon and Edmund Leavenworth, many vessels, schooners and sloops. Gideon Leavenworth was another of the patriots of the Revolution. He was in command of a company of infantry in 1777, and was himself wounded in the battle of White Plains. Packets were built up the Naugatuck river earlier than 1797, opposite the "old Parsons place." Soon after that date Capt. George Gorham built and launched a schooner from near the present Naugatuck and Derby stations. Capt. Gorham built many vessels below the Point of Rocks now known as Hallock's old ship-yard. Sea-captains and sea-faring men, too, were numerous about Derby, some of whom sailed to all points of the world. One George Gorham was a sea captain.

Capt. Stephen Osborne, at his death, left an estate which in those days was considered quite valuable, but the trustee of the estate invested the money in the Derby Bank which failed, and the family were left without means. The son, John White Osborne, who was born June 26, 1810, in New Haven, came with the family to Derby in 1817, and early learned the shoemaker's trade, receiving for his services his board and \$25 per year. On the completion of his trade he accepted a position with George W. Blakeman, then a grocer and dry goods merchant on the east side of the river. He remained with Mr. Blakeman for a number of years when at the latter's suggestion and with his assistance young Osborne, in 1843, opened a grocery store, on the west side of the river in Birmingham, and at a point where now stand the buildings of the Ousatonic Water Co. (corner Main and Water streets). In about 1845 he formed a partnership with George W. Cheeseman and they moved into the "stone store," built by Daniel Judson in 1836. These gentlemen transacted a large business, operating two stores (the other in Waterbury) until 1850. In 1858 the firm also engaged in the manufacture of hoop skirts, and in the following year removed the business of this industry to Ansonia, still retaining for a time the Birmingham store. The formation of the business firm in the middle forties, of Osborne & Cheeseman, was the beginning of a business connection, which for so many years was a great factor in the manufacturing interests of Ansonia and Shelton.

In 1866 the Osborne & Cheeseman Co. was organized as a joint stock corporation, with a capital of \$120,000. Before its organization and under the original firm, in 1861, was built the main factory, on the site of the burned Ansonia Clock Works. Subsequently the building was enlarged, and the line of manufacture largely increased to include web goods, suspenders and wire woven tape for skirts. A shop for metallic goods was also run. On the organization of the company John W. Osborne was made president; Charles Durand, secretary, and George W. Cheeseman, treasurer. Mr. Osborne

remained the executive head of the company until his retirement from active business in the early seventies. He had led an active, busy and successful business life.

In his early life, prior to merchandising, Mr. Osborne had engaged to some extent in school-teaching in Derby Neck, which point later for many years was the home of the family, and where the son, Major Wilbur F. Osborne, continues his residence. Mr. Osborne had no taste for public life, and held but one political office in his life time. He was once elected a grand juror but refused to qualify until on a Sunday during divine services at Church, a man more or less intoxicated took from his pocket a bottle of whiskey, and began pouring the contents over the congregation. Mr. Osborne qualified to prosecute this man. When quite a young man Mr. Osborne was confirmed in the Episcopal Church, but soon thereafter became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and ever afterward remained a consistent and active Christian. His life was an example to all men—one ever upright and honest, free from malice and always full of kindness for everyone. His life was a tower of strength and a blessing to many who, upon turning from sin, found the new life seemingly hard and the cross heavy to bear. His disposition was such that care rested upon him lightly, and from the time he became a member of the church to the day of his death he gathered strength and courage from all vicissitudes. He was one of the leaders of the church, ever high in its councils. He at one time led the choir and for many years directed the music, was almost continually steward and a member of the official body, and for a long period was superintendent of the Sunday-school. He often discoursed to the congregation and his talks were full of light. All through his long life in the church he was the comforter and adviser of all—the one sought and the one turned to in time of need. The effect of his life in the church was the same on the outside upon all with whom he came in contact. He was a man among men. He had his opinions in temporal as well as in spiritual affairs, and when they differed from the opinions of others it had not the sting of malice and spite. His opinions were always respected. He died with friends innumerable and without an enemy. Always full of energy and life he was active to the end, his more than four score years falling lightly upon him. His death occurred March 6, 1895.

Mr. Osborne was married three times, first to Susan H. Durand, of Derby; second to Mary Douglas, of New York; and third to Miss Eliza Hill, of Reading, Penn. His children, all born of the first marriage, were Wilbur F.; Fannie W., born in 1836, married Isaac D. Drew, and died April 11, 1884; Harriet J., born in 1844, died in 1860; and Helen V., born Jan. 15, 1848, married E. H. Krehbiel, and died May 10, 1894.

Mrs. Susan H. (Durand) Osborne, the mother

of these children, born in 1816, and died in 1859, was the daughter of the late Samuel Durand, and a descendant in the fifth generation from Dr. John Durand, who was early at Stratford, Conn., marrying there Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Bryan, and granddaughter of Alexander Bryan. Dr. Durand settled in Derby about 1685. From this ancestor Mrs. Susan H. (Durand) Osborne's line of descent was through Joseph, Noah and Samuel Durand.

(II) Joseph Durand, son of Dr. John, born Dec. 20, 1709, married April 25, 1734, Ann Tomlinson. She died Feb. 14, 1778, and he passed away Aug. 6, 1792.

(III) Noah Durand, son of Joseph, born May 12, 1740, married Abigail, daughter of Caleb Tomlinson, and lived on Great Neck, and there died April 12, 1818. His widow died Nov. 2, 1831.

(IV) Samuel Durand, son of Noah, born July 13, 1783, married (first) Susan Hawkins, (second) her sister Sally Hawkins, and (third) Nancy Beers, of Trumbull, Conn., and (fourth) Nancy Brown, of New Bedford. Mr. Durand was a farmer on Bare Plains. He died in February, 1852. His children were: Charles, Sarah, Susan H. (Mrs. Osborne) and Samuel.

MAJOR WILBUR F. OSBORNE, son of John W., is a native of Derby, and has thus far in life made that town his home; his business life, however, since the formation of Ansonia, has been in the latter town. He has grown up in the business enterprises established by his father, and from boyhood taken an active and prominent part in planning and developing the business out of which since have come a number of branches, as well as having engaged in various other enterprises. A few years subsequent to his father's retirement from the presidency of the Osborne & Cheeseman Co. he became the executive head of the concern. In 1882, as an offshoot of the above named company, there was incorporated the S. O. & C. Co., which has since been engaged in manufacturing eyelets and eyeletting machinery, and also metal goods. Some years later, in 1887, the Union Fabric Company was incorporated, to cover steel and other wires for use in skirts, bustles, etc. Of this company, Major Osborne was made president, a position he still holds. He is also president of the Schneller Stay Works, of Ansonia, and treasurer of the Connecticut Clasp Co., of Bridgeport. The Major was one of the original incorporators of the S. O. & C. Co., of Ansonia, and of the Derby Silver Co., of Shelton, now a branch of the International Silver Co. He is one of the prominent manufacturers of the Naugatuck Valley, and is recognized as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, both in Ansonia and in Derby. He is president of the Derby Neck Free Library.

Major Osborne served three years and seven months in the Civil war, having enlisted in April, 1861, from the Wesleyan University, first, in the

three months service, and later in the first regiment that was sworn into the United States service for the entire Civil war. He received promotion to sergeant, second and first lieutenant, and captain of artillery; was artillery instructor of the 2d Connecticut Artillery; inspector general of defences at Washington, South of the Potomac; ordnance officer; acting quarter master, etc.

AUGUSTUS I. GOODRICH, who is now living in Waterbury, comes of an old and honored American family of English extraction.

Luther Goodrich, grandfather of our subject, born July 16, 1776, in East Haddam, Conn., was a sea captain. He was a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M., of East Haddam. He married Sarah Danforth (who died in 1861), and by her had a family of four children: Sarah and Miranda both died at the age of twenty-five years; George was the father of our subject; Hepsey P. married William Dorrance, lived in Andover, Conn., and died at the age of sixty-two years.

George Goodrich was born in East Haddam, Sept. 8, 1805, and died Dec. 29, 1879. He received his education in Rocky Hill, Conn. He learned the trade of cabinetmaker in Hartford, from there proceeding to Bristol, where he worked in a clock-case factory until 1878, at that time moving to Waterbury, where he passed the rest of his days. He married Charlotte L. Ives, who was born in Bristol, a daughter of Ira and Cynthia (Shaler) Ives; her father was a Captain in the Revolutionary war. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George Goodrich, viz.: Miss Almira M., living in Waterbury; Augustus I., our subject; and George L. and Samuel R., mechanics, who reside in Bristol. The mother died in 1848. The father was a lifelong Whig and Republican, and in religious faith both he and his wife were Congregationalists.

Augustus I. Goodrich was born Sept. 16, 1833, in Bristol, and there attended the common school and academy. At the age of twenty-three, in the year 1856, he came to Waterbury, where he has resided ever since, having been continuously in the employ of the Waterbury Clock Co. until May, 1890, since when he has lived retired. For many years he was superintendent of the works, and during his long service of over forty years he proved himself honest, capable and industrious, leaving with a record second to none in the company's employ.

On Jan. 22, 1861, Mr. Goodrich married Helen I. Corbett, who was born in Rome, N. Y., daughter of Samuel and Rachel Corbett, the former a representative of an old Boston (Mass.) family, and the latter of an old Maine family. Two children have been born to this union: Frederic S. and Charles G., both very talented young men.

Frederic S. Goodrich, M. A., professor of Greek in Albion (Mich.) College, was born in Waterbury Sept. 9, 1865, and there received his early education, later attending Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham,

Mass., from which he graduated in the class of 1885, taking the commencement oratorical prize. For a year he was engaged in newspaper work, after which he continued his studies at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., and was graduated in the class of 1890. During his course he took prizes in Latin, Greek and English literature, and led the class in general scholarship. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Psi Upsilon fraternities. After graduation he spent a year abroad, studying in the University of Berlin, and in the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. He visited points of interest in Egypt, Palestine and Asia Minor, and on his return he taught Greek for a year in Wesleyan University, and in 1892 was appointed to the professorship of Greek in Albion College, where he has since remained. Prof. Goodrich is regarded as an authority in his chosen field, and is also well-known as a lecturer on various topics. In 1894, under his management, the students of the Greek department at Albion College gave a highly successful production of Sophocles' "Oedipus Tyrannus," and in 1900 "Iphigenia among the Taurians," both in the original Greek. Prof. Goodrich received the degree of M. A. from the University of Michigan in 1898. The Professor is an ordained minister of the M. E. Church, and is a member of the Detroit Conference. On Jan. 3, 1893, he married Mary M. Harrison, of Waterbury, an accomplished art student, and they have two children, Frederic H. and Helen R. Mr. Goodrich is a Freemason and Odd Fellow. In 1900 he was the nominee for governor of Michigan on the Prohibition ticket.

Charles G. Goodrich, Ph.B., was born Sept. 19, 1869, in Waterbury, received his early education in that city, and after attending the Waterbury high school went to Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., where he entered the College Preparatory and Music departments. Even thus early his merit was recognized by his appointment as organist of the Memorial M. E. Church, taking the place of the musical instructor of the Academy. He was graduated with honors in the class of 1889, of which class he was elected permanent president. In the fall of 1889 he entered Wesleyan University (Middletown, Conn.) and prepared himself for teaching modern languages, taking special honors in this department. He also won the Sney scholarship prize, given for general excellence of work. He was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity, and was graduated in 1893 among the first in his class, being chosen to membership in Phi Beta Kappa in spite of the fact that much of his time had been devoted to the music of the First M. E. Church of Middletown, where he was organist and director of a large chorus choir. He was also organist of the University chapel. At the end of his course he was appointed assistant librarian of the University, and took a post-graduate course in his specialties. In the summer of 1894 he went to Germany and stud-

ied languages and music in Berlin. He returned to take charge of the Department of Modern Languages at Albion College (Albion, Mich.), during the year's leave of absence of the head of the department. At the end of this year he returned to Europe for further study at the celebrated University of Bonn, studying and traveling in France and Italy. On his return to America he was elected head of the Modern Language Department of Harry Hillman Academy, Wilkesbarre, Pa., a large college preparatory school with an enviable reputation for its high standard of scholarship. This position he held, as well as that of organist and choir leader of the First M. E. Church of the city, one of the most important musical appointments in the State, until Sept. 10, 1901, when he resigned to take the Professorship of Romance Languages at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, where he now resides. He is also a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., of Waterbury, Conn. On Aug. 25, 1897, he was married to Annie Y. Shortle, B. A., of Provincetown, Mass., a graduate of Wesleyan Academy (Wilbraham, Mass.) and of Wellesley College (Wellesley, Mass.), class of 1897, where she not only completed with high honor the course in Liberal Arts, but also the course in the Art of Painting.

Mrs. Augustus I. Goodrich, a graduate of the State Normal School at Framingham, Mass., and later a student at Allen's English and Classical School, at West Newton, Mass., was in 1859 and 1860 a teacher in the public schools of Waterbury. She has always been closely identified with church work, and for several years has been president of the King's Daughters of Waterbury. It may be truly added here that it was mainly through her efforts and teachings that her sons took up study so assiduously, and have thereby reached the enviable literary positions they now hold.

Augustus I. Goodrich is a Republican in his political proclivities, and for a number of years he served in the common council; represented the First Ward of the city in the aldermanic board six years; was police commissioner ten years; and was one of the commissioners when the police station was created. In 1863 he joined the State militia, was elected lieutenant, later captain of Company A, 2d Regiment Conn. N. G., in which capacity he served seven years, when he was succeeded by Major F. A. Spencer. He was also elected lieutenant colonel, but declined the honor. For a number of years he was connected with the Center school district, was chairman of its committee in 1890, and re-elected to the office for two years in 1898. Socially he is affiliated with Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., at Waterbury, and is a past master and trustee. In religious faith he is a member of the M. E. Church. He is a man of high character, one whose well-spent life is worthy of emulation, is very popular, and wields considerable influence in his locality.

CHARLES JOSEPH PIERPONT (deceased) was a prominent and influential citizen of East Farms, Waterbury, and a worthy representative of an honored old family of New Haven county. Of French descent, he traced his ancestry back to Robert Ale Pierpont, or Robert of the Stone Bridge, who accompanied William the Conqueror to England. One of his descendants, who also bore the name of Robert, was created Earl of Kingstone in 1628. He had two brothers, one of whom was William, the father of James Pierpont, who was the first of the family to come to America, and who had two sons, John and Robert. The former located in Roxbury, Mass., and married Thankful Stowe, and among their children was James Pierpont, born Jan. 4, 1659, who was graduated at Harvard College in 1681, and on July 2, 1684, was ordained pastor of the Center Church of New Haven. On Oct. 27, 1691, James Pierpont married Abigail, daughter of Rev. John Davenport. She died Feb. 3, 1692, and on May 30, 1694, he was again married, his second union being with Sarah, granddaughter of Gov. Haynes. Her death occurred Oct. 27, 1696, and he married for his third wife, on July 6, 1698, Mary Hooker, granddaughter of Rev. Thomas Hooker, of Hartford.

Ezra Pierpont, grandfather of our subject, was the first of the family to locate in this section. He wedded Mary Blakeslee, a native of North Haven, and a daughter of Isaac Blakeslee. She died Sept. 28, 1827, and he departed this life Jan. 7, 1842. They had five children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Chloe, Aug. 15, 1783; Luther, Feb. 8, 1785; Seabury, March 13, 1787; Austin, May 19, 1791; and Lucy, July 26, 1793.

Austin Pierpont, our subject's father, was a land owner and farmer at East Farms, Waterbury, where he spent the greater part of his life, and is buried in the East Farms cemetery. He was killed by lightning. On Feb. 20, 1812, he married Sally Beecher, daughter of Enos Beecher, and to them came nine children: Enos Austin, born March 24, 1813, died Jan. 9, 1814; Enos Augustus was born Jan. 8, 1815; Ezra Alonzo was born Dec. 1, 1817; Sarah Minerva, born March 2, 1820, died Sept. 24, 1840; Nancy Jennette, born March 24, 1822, died Dec. 28, 1825; Charles Joseph, our subject, is next in order of birth; Emily Jennette, born June 15, 1830, married A. J. Beers; William Seabury was born June 23, 1833; Ellen Maria was born June 10, 1840.

Charles J. Pierpont was born at East Farms March 11, 1825, and was reared on the home farm, acquiring his education in the schools of Waterbury. On reaching manhood he engaged in farming on his own account, and also became a successful butcher and stock dealer. Upright and honorable in all things, he was widely and favorably known, and had the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact, either in business or in social life. He held membership in the Episcopal Church, and



Charles J Pierpont



was identified with the Democratic party, but never sought political preferment. He died on his farm March 27, 1884, and was buried in the East Farms cemetery, a part of which land he had given to the town for burial purposes.

In the town of Waterbury Mr. Pierpont was married, April 20, 1846, to Miss Mary A. Warner, and to them were born six children, namely: (1) Charles J. and (2) Austin B. are both represented elsewhere. (3) Ellen C. is the wife of George W. Conner, of Westside Hill. (4) Wilson L. is a dairy farmer of East Farms. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married Annie E. Merrill, a daughter of Nathan Merrill, and she died in 1898, the mother of eight children, George, Edith, Albert, Richard (deceased), Joseph, Charles, Nathan and Harold. On April 9, 1901, he married Mrs. Anna E. Hall. (5) Elmer M. is a grocer of Waterbury. (6) Mary A. is the wife of Charles S. Miller, of Waterbury.

Like her husband, Mrs. Pierpont is held in high regard by all who know her. Her father, Jared Warner, a farmer by occupation, was born Oct. 16, 1785, son of Mark Warner, a Revolutionary soldier. In August, 1803, he wedded Mary Bronson, who was born May 3, 1785, a daughter of Levi Bronson. They had four children: Amanda, born Nov. 19, 1804, married Wesley Bronson; Levinus Bronson was born Aug. 12, 1808; Olive Caroline, born Nov. 1, 1810, married James Converse; and Mary Ann, born Dec. 8, 1828, married Charles J. Pierpont, our subject.

GEORGE LINSLEY, a retired carpenter and cabinet maker, is spending his last days in Branford in the peace and quiet to which his long and useful life well entitles him. Mr. Linsley was born in that borough May 29, 1829, son of Elias and Mary (Bradley) Linsley. Elias Linsley was born Aug. 28, 1803, in North Branford, a son of Daniel and Polly P. (Jones) Linsley, and became a cabinet maker and undertaker. For sixty years he was in business in Branford, where he left a good competence and the legacy of a good name. There were three children in his family: George, Henry David, and J. Atwood.

Daniel Linsley died Dec. 30, 1813, at the age of forty-eight. His wife died in September, 1847, at the age of seventy-four. To them were born the following children: Betsy, who married Samuel Page; Benjamin D., who married Elvira Whitney; Abigail; Harvey J., who first married Laura Clark and later Mary Somers; Jeremy, who married Phebe Page, and (second) Sarah Beach; Sylvia; Elias; Polly Parnell; Charles; Hezekiah, who married Mariam Gillette, and after her death, wedded Maria Doolittle; and Daniel. Israel Linsley, Jr., the father of Daniel, married Hannah Winthrop. He was a son of Israel and Priscilla (Wheaton) Linsley, and grandson of Jonathan and Dorcas

(Phipper or Phipenny) Linsley, and great grandson of John Linsley, who came from England and settled in Branford in 1646.

Mr. Linsley's maternal grandfather, Timothy Bradley, of Branford, married Irene Gordon, a daughter of Alexander Gordon, who was a sailor and came of a Scottish family. His great-grandparents were Timothy and Sarah (Goodsell) Bradley. He lived in Branford where Seth Thomas Bradley now has his home.

George Linsley was reared in Branford, where he obtained a common-school education. Early in life he learned the cabinet maker's trade, under his father's instruction, and followed same for nine years. Desiring to see more of the world he went to sea as a common sailor, and for a year was engaged in visiting American and West Indian ports. On his return he worked at the carpenter's trade, in New Haven, and presently began contracting and building. For forty years he was one of the most reliable and aggressive business men of Branford, having the construction of the principal buildings, churches, private houses and store buildings as well. Time has tried his work, and his honest construction and the sound material employed are demonstrated in the passing of the years. Our subject was one of the incorporators of the Branford Savings Bank. He is actively interested in everything affecting the welfare of the town, and for eighteen months had charge of the Blackstone Library.

Mr. Linsley was married April 30, 1855, to Miss Ellen F., a daughter of Henry N. and Almira (Tuttle) DeWolf, of New Britain, and a granddaughter of John and Desire (Noyes) DeWolf, and a great-granddaughter of that Paul Noyes who furnished \$60,000 of leather equipments for the Revolutionary war, for which it is said he was never paid. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Linsley was Manning Tuttle, of North Haven, who married Beda Barnes. Mr. and Mrs. Linsley have one daughter, Isadora A. Mr. Linsley belongs to Widows Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., and to Harmony Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican.

JACOB HENRY GARRIGUS, one of the prosperous and respected farmers and worthy citizens of the town of Wolcott, is a native of the State of New Jersey, born March 25, 1838, in Morristown, Morris county. He comes of an old Pennsylvania and New Jersey branch of the family, which is of French Huguenot origin.

The first of the family in this country was David Garrigus, who came to America as an exile from France during the religious persecutions in that country. He settled in Philadelphia, Pa., and died leaving a large family, most of whom had adopted the Quaker faith. Jacob Garrigus, son of David, settled in Hanover township, Morris Co., N. J., where he became a land owner and farmer. He had a family of nine children, four of whom—

David, Isaac, Jacob and John—participated in the Revolutionary war, John being present with Washington at the surrender of Cornwallis.

John Garrigus, son of Jacob, above mentioned, was born in Hanover township, Morris Co., N. J., and followed farming there. He married Elizabeth Shipman, of the same locality, and had children: John, Isaac, Samuel, Mary, Ruth and Lydia.

Isaac Garrigus, son of John and father of Jacob H., was born in 1798, in Hanover township, Morris Co., N. J., and was there reared and educated. His occupation was that of a smelter and charcoal burner, and he became a well-to-do man, dying in comparatively good circumstances. He passed away in August, 1865, in his native township, a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a Whig in politics. In 1822 Mr. Garrigus married Sarah Sheppard, daughter of John Sheppard, and they had a family of fourteen children, as follows: Mary Ann (deceased) married George Griswold; David, of Waterville, Conn., married Arminda L. Birch; Euphemia K. married John Mesler; Harriet died young; Phebe married John Totton; Isaac Newton (deceased) married Caroline M. Twiss; Lewis, of Waterbury, Conn., married (first) Lizzie Parsons, and (second) Eunice Welton; Cyrus (deceased) married Harriet M. Douglass; Jacob Henry is the subject of these lines; Elizabeth Sarah married Jacob Vanslike; Charlotte married James Johnson; Horace, of Waterville, Conn., married Maria Dailey; Ellen Janette married Homer H. Welton, of Waterville, Conn.; Aaron S. is a resident of Morristown, N. J. The mother of these died in 1883, at the home of her son, Jacob Henry; she was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Jacob Henry Garrigus, whose name introduces these lines, received a liberal education in the schools of his native township, and those at Greenwich, R. I., also attending Providence Conference Seminary, with the intention of studying for the ministry. The breaking out of the Civil war, however, interrupted his plan, and, in September, 1861, he enlisted in Company E (Capt. Martin B. Smith), 8th Conn. V. I. On July 1, 1862, he was promoted to corporal, and later to sergeant. On Feb. 9, 1864, he veteranized, and served until December, 1865, when he was mustered out. He participated in several general engagements, besides minor battles, and skirmishes, and was also on detached service, recruiting and drafting. He was Military Post Master of Lynchburg, Va., for two months, also teacher in Freedman Schools at the same place for three months. Returning to the pursuits of peace, he settled in the town of Wolcott, where he has since resided, working at the joiner's trade, and also in agricultural pursuits. His home had previously been in Waterbury, and he has built several dwellings there.

On Dec. 24, 1865, Mr. Garrigus married Sophronia Elizabeth Upson, who was born in the town

of Wolcott, a daughter of Lucian and Lois A. (Johnson) Upson, and children as follows have been born to them: (1) Ella A. died in infancy. (2) Walter H., salesman for the Waterbury Lumber Co., married Miss Flora J. Sears, of Waterbury. (3) Fanny Elizabeth married Edwin D. Manwaring. (4) William Leroy, who lives in Waterbury, married Fannie A. Hitchcock. (5) Harry L. married Bertha May Patterson. (6) Bessie B. married Arthur J. Pierpont. (7) Annie Belle and (8) Minnie Belle (twins) are students in the State Agricultural College. (9) Jessie Adele is attending high school in Waterbury. The mother of this interesting family is a lady of refinement and education, and prior to her marriage taught school several terms. Mr. Garrigus is a Republican in politics. He has served in various offices of honor and trust, in 1889 representing the town of Wolcott in the State Legislature; has been justice of the peace, health officer and registrar of voters. Socially he is a member of Wadhams Post, No. 49, G. A. R., and Mad River Grange, of which he was chaplain several terms. In religious faith he is identified with the M. E. Church of Waterbury.

The Upson family, of which Mrs. Garrigus is a worthy and highly esteemed member, was one of the early settled families of New Haven county, Conn. Thomas Upson, the first of the name in New England, located for a time in Hartford, thence removing to Farmington, becoming one of the early settlers there. In 1646 he married Elizabeth Fuller, and their children were: Thomas, who died at Saybrook; Stephen; Mary; Hannah; and Elizabeth, who died July 20, 1655. The father of these passed away July 19, 1655, and his widow married Edmund Scott. Of these children, Stephen, deceased in 1735, married Dec. 27, 1682, Mary, daughter of John Lee, of Farmington; she died Sept. 15, 1715, the mother of children as follows: Mary, born in 1683, married Richard Wilton; Stephen, born Sept. 30, 1686; Elizabeth, born Feb. 14, 1689, married Thomas Bronson; Thomas, a sketch of whom follows; Hannah, born March 16, 1695, married (first) Thomas Richards, and (second) John Bronson; Tabitha, born March 11, 1698, married John Scoville; John, born Dec. 13, 1702; and Thankful, born March 14, 1706, married James Blakeslee. The father of these removed to Waterbury, Dec. 20, 1679 (prior to his marriage), and it was there he reared his family. He served as surveyor, also on the school committee and as grand juror; was deputy to the General Court three times: May, 1710, October, 1712, and October, 1720, and was sergeant from 1715 to 1720; he had a seat among the veterans in the new meeting-house.

Thomas Upson, son of Stephen, was born March 1, 1692, in Waterbury, whence he moved, in 1732, to South Farmington, afterward to Southington (now a part of Wolcott), and there died Sept. 29, 1761, his wife passing away July 13, 1750. He

married Rachel Judd, daughter of Thomas Judd, and children as follows came to them: Thomas, born Dec. 20, 1719; John and Mary (twins), Jan. 21, 1721, (of whom John died in 1741, and Mary married Josiah Newell, of Southington); Josiah, Jan. 28, 1726; Asa, Nov. 30, 1728; Timothy, Oct. 8, 1731; Amos, March 17, 1734; Samuel, March 8, 1737; and Freeman, July 24, 1739 (died, 1750).

Capt. Samuel Upson, born March 8, 1737, married Ruth Cowles April 5, 1759, and settled in what is now the town of Wolcott, where he was interested in the turnpike. He died Feb. 25, 1816, the father of the following named children: May, born Feb. —, 1760, married Joseph Minor; Archibald, born April 26, 1761, who died in 1782; Isaac, born Dec. 22, 1763; Obed, born Jan. 2, 1767; Harvey, born Nov. 11, 1769; Samuel and Ruth (twins), born Aug. 16, 1772 (Ruth married Joseph Byington); Jerusha, born June 27, 1775, who died in 1779; Manly, born March 12, 1777; and Betsey, born Aug. 10, 1779, who married Lyman Higgins.

Deacon Harvey Upson, born Nov. 11, 1769, married Nov. 28, 1796, Rachel Wheeler, who was born Aug. 25, 1775. He was a deacon of the church for twenty-five years, and was a good man, faithful and sincere, in all the relations of life. He held the rank of captain in the State militia. The children born to him and his wife Rachel were: Samuel Wheeler, born Oct. 8, 1798; Herry, Nov. 16, 1800; Marshall, Feb. 22, 1803; Lois Melissa, Aug. 27, 1805 (married Lucas Sutliff); Marcus, Aug. 20, 1807; Harvey Woodward, Nov. 22, 1810; and Lucian and Lucius (twins), Feb. 13, 1815.

Lucian Upson, the father of Mrs. Jacob H. Garrigus, was engaged in farming all his life, on the family homestead situated in the southern part of the town of Wolcott. He served fourteen months during the Civil war in Company E, 8th Conn. V. I., and was discharged on account of disability. He married Lois A. Johnson, who was born in Wolcott, a daughter of Levi and Ruth (Judd) Johnson, the former of whom was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, although but a lad of fifteen summers at the time he enlisted. Mr. Upson died in 1895, and his widow died in August, 1900, at the age of eighty-two years, at the home of Mr. Garrigus. She was the only real "Daughter of the Revolution" in the Naugatuck Valley, and was the recipient of many handsome presents at the hands of the D. A. R. Children born to Lucian and Lois A. Upson as follows: Leroy, Jan. 14, 1840; Sophronia E., Jan. 30, 1842 (married Jacob Henry Garrigus); and Luella, Nov. 13, 1853. The last named was married Oct. 29, 1874, to James A. Todd, now of LaGrange, Ill., and died in Kansas.

CHARLES A. THOMPSON, for many years a leading and representative agriculturist of Woodbridge, belongs to quite an old and highly respected family of New Haven county. His great-grandfather, Timothy Thompson, was probably a native

of East Haven. On Aug. 1, 1750, he married Esther Perkins, who died April 23, 1803, and he departed this life Nov. 28, 1807. Their children were Sarah, Samuel, Desire, Esther, John, Hulda, Timothy and Abram. Of these, John Thompson, the grandfather of our subject, was born April 25, 1753, and became a successful farmer of East Haven, where he spent his entire life. He was married, in 1783, to Dorcas Andrus.

George Thompson, our subject's father, was born in East Haven, Feb. 15, 1786, and died Oct. 4, 1849. He was, for those early days, an extensive farmer of East Haven, where he passed his entire life. His political support was given the Whig party and he took quite an active and influential part in public affairs, serving as selectman, assessor and in various minor offices. He married Susan Bradley, a daughter of Leverett and Esther Bradley, both natives of East Haven. She was born Sept. 2, 1791, and died Dec. 12, 1862. Our subject is the youngest child, and the only one now living in a family of five children born of this union: Horace, born May 6, 1812, was a farmer and shoemaker, and died May 20, 1892; Grace Ann, born June 15, 1814, died June 22, 1873; Edward B., born Jan. 15, 1817, died Oct. 13, 1884; and Maria, born March 10, 1820, died Jan. 23, 1884.

Charles A. Thompson, whose name introduces this review, was born in East Haven, March 23, 1825, and was given good school privileges, attending the public schools and also the academy at Fair Haven. In Woodbridge he was united in marriage with Miss Grace A. Manville, a daughter of Col. Lyman and Hannah (Ball) Manville, the former a native of Middlebury, the latter of Woodbridge. She is one of a family of eight children, two sons and six daughters, all of whom are still living. The first members of the Manville family of whom we have record were born in France. Four brothers, John, Frank, Adarean and Simeon Manville, emigrated to America at an early day and located in Connecticut. Simeon, who was the grandfather of Mrs. Thompson, came in his advanced years to Westville, where he owned property, and where he died in 1825. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have three children: (1) George M., born March 25, 1850, is a farmer of New Haven; he married Emma L. Morris, who died Sept. 6, 1886, and has three children, Edward C., Louis W. and Emma. (2) Neva Elwood and (3) Bertha H., twins, were born Oct. 18, 1861; the former is now the wife of A. H. Buckingham, and has four children, Grace M., Dwight M., Marion and Gladys. Bertha H. is the wife of Newton J. Peck, a prosperous young farmer of Woodbridge, and has two children, Ralph M., and James B.

In his early life Mr. Thompson engaged in farming in East Haven, and from there moved to Woodbridge, locating on the old farm where his wife was born and reared. His entire active life

has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and in his labors he has met with well merited success. However, he has recently sold his farm, and now makes his home at Morris Cove, New Haven. Mr. Thompson attends the Congregational Church, of which his wife is a member, and at one time was a member of the Sons of Temperance, but has never united with any secret order. In politics he was originally a Whig, and on the dissolution of that party became a staunch Republican. While a resident of East Haven he served as assessor and selectman, but has never cared for the honors and emoluments of public office, preferring to devote his entire time to his business interests.

ALMON EDWIN CHANDLER, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a leading farmer of Prospect, was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1830. His father, John W. Chandler, was a native of Connecticut, but after his marriage removed to Canandaigua, N. Y., where he engaged in farming until 1832, and then came to New Haven county, Conn., locating in the town of Cheshire, where he followed the same pursuit for some time. Later he came to Prospect and purchased a small farm, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. During the Civil war, although past the age of those subject to military service, he enlisted in Company E, 6th Conn. V. I., and participated in several battles. While in South Carolina, he was taken with small-pox and confined in a hospital there for some time, after which he returned to his home in Prospect. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, but was never an office seeker. In Cheshire, he married Miss Laura S. Doolittle, a native of that town and a daughter of Obed Doolittle, a carpenter and joiner by trade, and to them were born six children: Moses, a farmer of Prospect; Sidney, who died in Yalesville; Almon Edwin, our subject; Marcus, deceased; Betsey, wife of Frank Matthews; and one who died in infancy. The parents both died in Prospect and were buried in the cemetery there.

The district schools of Cheshire afforded Almon E. Chandler his only opportunity for obtaining an education, and his knowledge of farm work was obtained on the home place. On leaving the parental roof at the age of twenty years, he went to Yalesville, where he worked in the spoon factory for one year, and during the following five years he was employed in a similar establishment in Prospect, after which he worked in a ferrule shop for five years. At the end of that period he went to Geneva, Ohio, where he worked at ferrule making for six months, and then returned to Prospect, locating on the farm which has since been his home, and to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his energies.

During the dark days of the Civil war, Mr. Chandler offered his services to his country, enlisting at Cheshire, Aug. 8, 1862, in Co. A, 20th Conn.

V. I., under Capt. Gilford and Col. Ross. While at Pleasant Valley, he was sent with others to get timber with which to build huts for camp, and he was severely injured in his spine, so that afterward he was unfit for duty. After months in the hospital, he returned home, but has ever since been an invalid.

Mr. Chandler has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Julia Ann Matthews, of Prospect, where she died and was buried. She left one child, William, now a farmer of Prospect. In 1856, at Newtown, Conn., Mr. Chandler married Martha Morse, a native of Prospect, a daughter of Lent Morse and granddaughter of Lent Morse, Sr. Mortimer, the only child born of this union, is now deceased. Mr. Chandler has always affiliated with the Republican party, and both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Congregational Church, and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them.

JOHN B. POPE has the distinction of having won the proud American title of a self-made man. Many of the leading enterprises and business interests of Oxford bear the impress of his individuality, and in all his undertakings he has been remarkably successful. His great determination and energy have enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path, and to work his way steadily upward to prosperity. He is known among his fellow townsmen for his reliability in all trade transactions, and he justly merits their confidence and regard.

Mr. Pope was born in the town of Roxbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., July 13, 1842, and is a great-grandson of Thomas Pope, who came from England and settled near Stratford, Conn. His son, John Pope, married a Lovland. He was a farmer by occupation, and he served as a soldier in the war of 1812. John Pope died when his son, Nehemiah, our subject's father, was but three years old, and the latter afterward lived with an uncle.

Nehemiah Pope was born in the town of Oxford. At an early age he went to Danbury, Conn., where he worked at the tailor's trade until sixteen, and from there went to Orange, this State, where he was employed on the farm of Benjamin Clark for five years. He next worked on a farm in Washington, Conn., and while there he married Miss Eliza A. Parker, a native of that place. He continued his residence in Washington, engaged in farming, until 1863, when he removed to Michigan, locating near Kalamazoo, where he purchased a tract of wild land. At the end of a year and a half, however, he returned to Washington, having met with business reverses and suffering from ill health. There he worked on a farm by the month, to secure the money necessary to bring his wife and six children back to Connecticut. Soon after their return he came to Oxford, where he died in 1883, aged seventy-nine years, his wife in 1885, aged eighty-two. In their



John B Pope



family were the following children: Elizabeth, wife of William T. Bassett, of Hartford; Frederick B., a wagon manufacturer of Birmingham; Julius J., deceased; Clara, who married Stephen Gunn, of Milford, Conn., and died in 1808; George S., a farmer of Middlebury, Conn.; Benjamin C., a carpenter of Oxford; and John B., our subject.

John B. Pope was brought to Oxford the year of his birth, and on the home farm passed his boyhood and youth, and was provided with a good common-school education. He remained with his parents until his marriage, although at the age of nineteen years he commenced work as a farm hand. On Aug. 7, 1865, he married Jane M. Nichols, and to them have been born eleven children, all living, namely: Libbie, now the wife of Arthur D. Hubbell; John H., a farmer in Woodbury, who married Edith Tucker, and has four children, Russell, Albert, Elton and Ethel; William B.; Albert; Jennie L., wife of Charles H. Wheeler, who has had three children, John D., Florence and one that died in infancy; Alice May, who married Benwell Wilmont, clerk in the National Bank at Naugatuck, and has one child, Dayton; Lewis; Sadie; Edith; Charlie; and Abbie.

After his marriage Mr. Pope located on a farm which he had previously purchased, and resided there for two years. He then bought the Sheldon Bristol Farm, which he sold two years later, and next operated a farm on shares for ten years. At the end of that period he went to Naugatuck, Conn., where he was extensively engaged in the dairy business for two years, and then purchased what is known as the Robert Wheeler farm, a tract of 175 acres in the town of Oxford, upon which he has since made his home. In 1893 he also purchased another farm of 125 acres in the same town, and in 1897 bought a farm of 150 acres in the towns of Watertown and Woodbury. A few years after locating at his present home Mr. Pope again embarked in the dairy business, which he has since carried on in connection with his other business. He has always been interested in buying and selling horses and cattle, and there are few men in that business better known than he. For the past thirty years he has also engaged in the lumber business, and for six years has operated a steam sawmill and engaged in manufacturing charcoal. He is one of the most active and progressive business men of the town, and generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

The Democratic party finds in Mr. Pope a staunch supporter of its principles, though he is not strictly partisan, giving his support to the man he considers best qualified to advance the interests of the town, county or State. He has been honored with public office, having served as a member of the State Legislature in 1881 and 1882; selectman of Oxford—second selectman in 1879, 1887 and 1888; and in 1884, and again in 1889, was elected first selectman, in which office he is still retained, having been re-

elected in 1901. He has also been a member of the board of relief. Fraternally he holds membership in the A. O. U. W.

MICHAEL DWYER was one of Ansonia's leading business men, and the best known Irish-American resident of that city. He located there in the fall of 1853, and at the time of his death had been in active business there longer than any other man with one exception. From a village of a few frame houses he saw the place grow to a city of 13,000 inhabitants, and he could recall the time when a one-horse team supplied the families with coal. In the material development of the city his own enterprise and sagacity have been recognized factors, he having erected a number of houses for sale or rent, and as a member of the board of burgesses he did much toward shaping municipal policies for several years.

Mr. Dwyer was born in 1837 in the parish of Glenroe, County Limerick, Ireland, son of Patrick and Hanora (Lenihan) Dwyer. His father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in Ireland at an advanced age, and the mother died in August, 1877. This worthy couple had a large family of children, as follows, six surviving: Catherine, Mrs. David Lenihan; Mary, Mrs. Houlihan, who made her home with our subject since the death of her husband in 1880; Michael, our subject; John, a resident of New Haven, where he is engaged in business; Patrick, in the employ of J. B. Gardner's Sons; Thomas, who lived with our subject; and Hanora, widow of Edward Maum. All of these children came to America in 1853.

Michael Dwyer's education was begun in the National Schools of Ireland. After coming to this country he made his home in Ansonia, with the exception of one year, which he passed in Westport, working in a cotton mill. After one year's employment in the cotton mill, in the shop now occupied by the Phelps & Bartholomew Clock Co., he apprenticed himself to learn the brass molding trade in the Carter foundry, which is now the shop of F. L. Gavlord Co. Being ambitious and thrifty he saved his money, and at the end of thirteen years' hard work there, he purchased, in 1862, a lot at the corner of Main and Central streets, where he took up his residence and established the liquor business which he carried on up to the time of his death. He was a model of integrity in all his dealings. From 1862 he bought and sold real estate extensively, and at his demise he owned six houses on the "Square" (four of which he built), besides property in other parts of the city. He also owned a business block at the corner of Main and Railroad streets, with stores below and offices above, and was one of the largest individual tax payers of the city. He was a charter member of the Board of Trade, and one of its directors, and was re-elected at the annual meeting in December, 1900, for a term of three years.

In politics Mr. Dwyer was a Democrat, but he voted for the best man in local politics. He was honored repeatedly by his fellow citizens with election to office. In 1893, when Ansonia became a city, he was appointed a member of the board of assessors, in which he served until his death. For years he was one of the jurymen selected from the city, being first chosen in 1881. Under the old borough government he was for several years a member of the board of burgesses. He was much interested in educational matters, and was always present at the graduation exercises of the high school. In religious faith he was a Catholic, and his family is prominently identified with the Church in Ansonia. In his death, which occurred April 4, 1901, the city lost a man widely known and respected for his sterling qualities, and one to whom a needy man never went in vain. He was much beloved by people of all classes, being a man of good judgment, whose opinions always carried much weight.

In 1872 Mr. Dwyer married Miss Mary Splann, a native of Ireland, and daughter of Cornelius Splann. Of eleven children born to them, seven are living, as follows: Patrick J., M. D., is a physician in Waterbury; John C., M. D., is now house surgeon at the Maternity Hospital at Baltimore; Michael Francis attended school at Fordham, N. Y., South Orange, N. J., and later at New Haven, and is now in Brown University, Providence; Margaret and Elsie are attending the high school in Ansonia; Edward Thomas is in grammar school; and Josephine in the primary public school.

Michael Francis Dwyer, mentioned above, served during the Spanish-American war as a private in "Yale Battery" A. This battery was so called because of its being made up almost entirely of Yale graduates; a few outsiders were admitted at the last in order to recruit its full strength. This was a mounted light battery, armed with six 12-pounders; six horses to a gun. The following speaks for itself:

Michael F. Dwyer, private of Battery A, First Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, was enrolled on the eighteenth day of May, 1898 (May 18, 1898) to serve two years (2 years) or during the war. Was discharged by reason of muster out of organization at New Haven, Connecticut, October 25, 1898.

BARLOW S. HONCE.

Capt. 1st Conn. Vol. Artillery, Commanding the Battery. Countersigned:

M. W. CROFTON,

1st Lieut., 1st Infy., Mustering Officer.

EARL SMITH was born in Oxford, New Haven county, Aug. 8, 1829, and is a son of Abraham Smith, who is supposed to have been born at the same place as his son, and died in the city of New York. Concerning Moses Smith, the grandfather of Earl, nothing definite is now known by the family.

Abraham Smith spent his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, and learned the tanning and shoe-

making trades, which he carried on in conjunction with farming. He married Emily Candee, who was born in Oxford, and was a daughter of Moses Candee, a farmer. She died in June, 1833. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born four children: Burritt A., Charlotte M., Earl and Jerome C. Burritt A. was a graduate of Yale, and became a Congregational minister, holding pastorates in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Illinois; he died in Worcester, Mass. Charlotte M. married William Baldwin, of New Haven, where she died. Jerome C. became a physician, had a fine practice in the city of New York, and died in Germantown, Pa. Abraham Smith was a Whig, and on the dissolution of that party joined the ranks of the Republicans. In religion both Mr. Smith and his wife were members of the Congregational Church.

Earl Smith attended an academy in Massachusetts, and finished his schooling at the age of nineteen. He began life for himself as a worker in a factory, and held positions in Woodbury, Naugatuck and West Haven. In 1855 he came to Waterbury, and entered the employ of the Waterbury Buckle Co., and in 1865 was put in charge of the business; in 1895 he was elected president and is still acting in that capacity.

In 1850 Earl Smith married Ellen Scott, daughter of Jonathan Scott, and they became the parents of four children, Alice L., Archer J., Nellie G. and Mabel. Nellie and Mabel are deceased. Alice married George L. Swift, of Waterbury. Archer J. is secretary and treasurer of the American Mills Co., of which Mr. Smith is president, as he is of the Smith & Griggs Co., of Waterbury. Archer J. Smith married Miss Susan Maltby, a daughter of Douglass J. Maltby, of Waterbury. Earl Smith is a man of character and standing. In religion he is a member of the First Church.

A. BRENNAN. The career of Mr. Brennan is full of interest, and the story of his life is replete with instruction and encouragement for younger generations. He has seen the sun rise and set on the sixty-eighth anniversary of his birth, and while clear in mind and vigorous in body he awaits the close of life in the calm confidence which is born of an earnest religious faith and the memory of long years well spent.

Mr. Brennan is a son of William and Mary (Lackey) Brennan, and was born Dec. 15, 1833, in County Kildare, Ireland, of which his parents were also natives, and where his father was a peasant farmer. William Brennan was born Dec. 15, 1801. Our subject crossed the water in 1854, and his father came to Naugatuck, Conn., in 1864, working for two years as a foundryman, and dying there April 18, 1866. Eight years afterward, in 1874, his widow passed away. Andrew was one of a family of ten children, four of whom died in infancy, the others being Margaret, who married James McDermott, of Naugatuck; Julia, the wife of John

Brennan, of the same town; William, a journeyman molder of recognized skill; Patrick, a foreman in the Malleable Iron Works, of Naugatuck; and Bartholomew, a valued member of the police force of Springfield, Ohio.

The first year after coming to America Andrew Brennan spent in Stanhope, N. J., working upon a railroad, and in 1855 he came to Hamden, Conn., where he entered upon an apprenticeship to the iron molder's trade in the works at that time known as the Hamden Foundry. On June 7, 1857, he began work as a journeyman in Union City, and for exactly twenty years continued in the employ of the same concern, quitting the establishment June 7, 1877. On Jan. 1, 1880, he organized the Union City Coal Co., with Peter Scadden, of Waterbury, and the City Lumber & Coal Co., of Waterbury. About six months afterward he bought out Mr. Scadden, and in 1888 he bought out the City Lumber & Coal Co. In 1888 he reorganized the company with the following officers: Andrew Brennan, president; Thomas W. Ahern, treasurer and secretary. In 1894 his son William was made treasurer and general manager, and held that position until his death, Aug. 16, 1900, when Andrew C. Brennan was made general manager and treasurer of the company. Mr. Brennan also deals largely in real estate, and owns much valuable property in Waterbury. In politics he is independent of parties. In religious faith he is a Catholic, and he and his family attend St. Frances Church of Naugatuck.

Mr. Brennan married, May 16, 1858, Elizabeth Martin, who was born in Kings County, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Brennan have been blessed with ten children: William (deceased), Ellen, Andrew C., Mary, Elizabeth (1), Elizabeth (2), Catherine, Margaret, Francis and Florence. Three of the daughters married residents of Naugatuck, Ellen being the wife of Thomas W. Ahern, and Mary the wife of Patrick Daly; Elizabeth (2) is the widow of Edward P. Noonan, a merchant, who died Dec. 7, 1901. Andrew C. is general manager and treasurer of the City Lumber & Coal Co. The four younger children live at home. Francis is the manager of a bottling works in Naugatuck.

CHARLES ELLSWORTH EVARTS. Prominently identified with the horticultural and agricultural interests of New Haven county is the firm of C. E. Evarts & Son, of which Charles E. Evarts is the senior partner. He is a man of standing in the community, and one of its most respected citizens.

Charles E. Evarts was born in Guilford, this county, Aug. 27, 1839, and his ancestors were among the oldest settlers of that historic town. Abraham Evarts, his grandfather, was a native of Guilford, where he became a large land owner and well-known farmer, in the Nut Plains District, and there he lived a busy and useful life, and reared a family which has reflected

credit upon the name. Jason Evarts, his son, was born in the Nut Plains District, where he grew to manhood on a farm, and he also spent the greater part of his life in his native place, removing in advanced age to the town of Branford. He spent his last days, in Yalesville, at the home of our subject. His death occurred in 1888, and his remains lie in the old Branford cemetery. During early life he had been a pronounced Whig, later adopting Republican principles. He was a leading member of the Congregational Church. Jason Evarts married in Killingworth Rosette Hull, the daughter of Aaron Hull, one of the old settlers of Killingworth, and to this union were born: Charles E., subject of this sketch; Horatio; Joel; Sarah, who married Edwin Clark; Reuben, deceased; and Frances, who married Stephen Terhune. The beloved mother of this family died at her home in Branford.

Charles E. Evarts grew up in the village of Guilford, and attended the district school. While still a lad he removed to Killingworth and worked with his uncle, Ellsworth Hull, for eight years. He then returned to Guilford, and occupied the succeeding year upon the farm. His next employment was teaming, in the town of Madison, and from there he made a trip to Illinois and farmed for himself two years in Cook county. On his return East he took up his residence in Clinton, Conn., for a brief season, going from there to Meriden, where he found profitable employment in the sash and blind factory, and later with Stephen Parker, at coffee mill manufacturing.

When the Civil war broke out Mr. Evarts was one of the gallant men who immediately responded to the call for help, and enlisted in April, 1861, in Meriden, joining Company E. (Capt. Bixbee) 1st Regiment, and served through the three months' term of that enlistment, taking part in the battle of Bull Run and other engagements. In October, 1861, he testified to his patriotism by re-enlisting, joining the 1st Connecticut Light Battery, under Capt. Rockwell, and for two years served faithfully in the Department of the South. The third enlistment of this brave and loyal soldier was in the 1st Connecticut Light Battery, and he continued to serve to the close of the war, being mustered out at its termination at Richmond, Va. He returned home after four years and three months given to the service of his country.

One among the many defenders of his country, bearing the marks of war and exposure, Mr. Evarts returned to Connecticut and turned again to peaceful pursuits. Until 1866 no suitable opening presented itself, but in that year he removed to the town of Branford and started in the butcher business, which was a successful venture. He was thus occupied six years, and in 1872, desiring a larger field, he removed to New Haven, and there conducted the same business for two years more. For two years after leaving New Haven he was in Meri-

den, employed as carpenter and joiner. Thence going to Branford, he remained six months, and then went to Mt. Carmel, in the town of Hamden, as foreman of the annealing department of the carriage works of the Woodruff Co. This position he held two and one-half years, and remained in Mt. Carmel six years, the latter part of that period engaged at his trade of carpenter and joiner. Removing to Seymour, Conn., he worked there for a short time at his trade, but in 1887 he came to the town of Wallingford and located near Yalesville, determined to return to agricultural life. Here he purchased a valuable tract of land, consisting of 160 acres, known as the Watson farm, and immediately entered the business of market gardening and fruit growing, becoming so prosperous in this line that his name is already known all over the county and wherever horticultural or agricultural topics are discussed. In his son Wesley Mr. Evarts has a most efficient assistant, and he is now a partner in the firm. In 1891 this firm engaged in peach culture, and they now own seventeen acres in peach trees, which yield enormously, and in which Mr. Evarts sees a reward for his labor and scientific study of this branch of horticulture.

In 1863 Mr. Evarts was married in Guilford, to Miss Emma J. Resing, who died June 17, 1874, in New Haven, leaving four children: Sarah, who married Elmer E. Holmes; Nellie, of Massachusetts; Alice Gertrude; and Charles, of Meriden. The second marriage of Mr. Evarts was to Mary E. Rhodes, a native of Indiana, who passed out of life in 1895, a good and worthy woman. Her children number four, three of whom survive: Wesley, Ruby and Effie. The first named is a partner in the firm of C. E. Evarts & Son, proprietors of the Highland Farm, fruit growers and market gardeners, and is one of the enterprising and progressive young men of this community, possessing natural mechanical talent which he has displayed in the construction of several wagons, and bids fair to give him future prominence.

In politics Mr. Evarts is a Republican, but no office seeker. His business interests and his domestic life have engrossed his time, leaving little leisure for public life, and no doubt he feels that enough of his life has already been given to public service. As a man and as a citizen he enjoys the esteem of the community.

WALTER HAMLIN HOLMES, M. D., whose death at Waterbury, Nov. 27, 1868, removed one of the city's most useful professional men and ripe scholars, was born June 23, 1854, in Calais, Maine, son of Job Holmes, M. D., a physician of creditable standing in the eastern part of that state.

Dr. Holmes was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1875, ranking third in his class, and being rated as one of the most able men in college. He devoted a great part of his time to literature, and educated himself to such a degree that he was able

to repeat long quotations from Greek and Latin authors, and from famous authors in other tongues. After leaving college he spent one year in Calais with Dr. C. E. Swan, who had been a partner of his father. Young Holmes was so well fitted for the study of medicine that he entered the second-year class of the Harvard Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1879. From 1878 to 1880 he was connected with the Boston City Hospital, for six months as "medical externe," and for one year as "surgical interne" and house surgeon. He was one of the leading men in his class at the Harvard Medical School, and was graduated with distinguished honors, securing coveted prizes and displaying ability far beyond his years. He came to Waterbury in March, 1880, and in November of the same year formed a partnership with Dr. Gideon L. Platt, whose daughter he subsequently married. Dr. Holmes at once assumed a high place in the community, at first having much to do with the practice of Dr. Platt, but gradually acquiring a large clientele of his own, and becoming one of the leading physicians of Waterbury.

The Doctor's interest in literature did not become absorbed in his professional work, as the following little anecdote will show: He had secured a valuable copy of a work by Lucian, a celebrated Greek satirist and humorist who flourished about 120 to 200 A. D. He was an ardent Greek and Latin scholar, reading the latter language as easily as English, and as his beloved Lucian was printed with alternate pages of Latin and Greek, he used to cover the Latin pages with a paper, in order that he would study it out for himself in the Greek rather than have recourse to the easier Latin. Once, when reading this Lucian, he came across a passage so ambiguous in form that he felt he was unable to translate it satisfactorily. He consulted a local scholar, who was obliged to admit his inability to help him, but referred him to a prominent Greek instructor at Yale. Dr. Holmes wrote to the latter, and received a reply stating that the passage referred to was rendered obscure by a typographical error, and at the same time giving the correct reading, which was identical with that of the Doctor's, before he had sought assistance. His elation at the explanation may be easily imagined. Later the same Yale instructor made inquiries concerning his correspondent to find whether he was a young man in search of an instructorship, and was very much astonished to find that he was a very busy physician, who found his recreation in the study of dead languages. Intellectually he was one of the ablest of men, and in addition to his phenomenal memory he possessed to a remarkable degree the ability to grasp instantly and to solve accurately difficult problems. To these qualities was added a wealth of imaginative power which would have enabled him, had he devoted himself to literature, to have created a name which would have been known wherever the English language is read.



Walter H. Holmes



On April 6, 1881, Dr. Holmes was married to Medora Caroline, only daughter of the late Dr. Gideon L. Platt, of Waterbury, who survives him. Dr. Holmes' health began to fail in 1892, and in 1894 he was compelled to give up his practice. He died Nov. 27, 1898, a sacrifice to his profession, his death resulting from blood poisoning by inoculation through a pricked finger during an operation on a patient. Dr. Holmes' charities were many and unobtrusive. He freely gave his services and very often substantial offerings to the poor, and many a Waterbury family can testify as to his goodness in this respect. It is related of him that he kept in his office a supply of just the things that poor people might need in time of illness. He knew in such cases that every penny counted, and he often loaned the necessities of the needy. Occasionally his faith in human nature was rudely shocked, and at such times his distress was acute. He was honest to a fault, and expected others to be. While in college he was a member of the D. K. E. Greek Letter Society. He was a member of the Waterbury Club, and of various medical societies. On philosophical and theological subjects he was an independent thinker, but throughout all intellectual vicissitudes remained faithful to the Unitarian faith—the faith of his childhood.

In the course of his remarks in the payment of the last sad rites to his friend and parishioner, Dr. Anderson said:

Dr. Holmes was a man worth knowing, a man whose friendship was well worth cultivating. To those who met him casually, or in the range of his practice as a physician, he may not have seemed so, but he was an exceptional man. His commanding stature represented a man towering above the average in regard to mental characteristics and moral qualities. A man who is large physically challenges the admiration of the best people, provided he is large in other ways, and all who knew Dr. Holmes recognized this quality of largeness in him. Here was a man of broad and rich nature, through whom the bounty of God and the world flowed easily for nourishment and comfort. He was especially interesting to us as a man of intellect! In these days the successful pursuit of a profession necessitates almost exclusive devotion to professional routine, and this involves a narrowing process—so that the average lawyer is simply a lawyer, the clergyman, simply a clergyman, and the physician, simply a physician. To be a thorough-going and busy practitioner and at the same time a broad and rounded and cultured man is by no means easy. It indicates early training on a broad basis; it indicates dominating tastes larger than the limits of a profession; it indicates fullness of manhood. It indicated all this in Dr. Holmes. There is nothing to suggest that he was not in love with the profession of medicine; but he seemed to view that profession in its relations to science as a whole, yes, and in its relations to scholarship as a whole. He certainly possessed a scientific cast of mind, but he was not in the least conscious of that conflict between science and letters of which some have had so much to say. If he had the mind of a scientist, he had the tastes of a scholar. And so, for a few bright years, we had before us (not very common in this busy community) the spectacle of a man who combined in himself the utilitarian and the scholarly qualities, and showed us that it is possible, even yet, to do one's daily work well and earn an honest living, and at the same time be loyal to the intellectual and artistic

ideals of earlier days. In thinking of Dr. Holmes I find that the mental qualities merge into the spiritual, that his tastes were closely allied to virtues. In attempting an estimate of him, it would be more difficult than in most cases to confine one's self to any one department of his life. I shrink from processes of analysis on such occasions as this—even as I shrink from being analyzed myself—but I do wish to say a word concerning these deeper and more central qualities of our friend's nature. I wish to say that he seemed to me a very genuine and sincere person, that he was exceptionally free from affectation and pretence, that his honesty was not simply commercial, but spiritual. It is not always that a man impresses you with being precisely what he seems to be; but that was true of him. This was not, however, the result of any blunt frankness on his part, such as some men take pride in; it was the product, rather, of a certain transparency of nature, the entire absence of duplicity. The impression of sincerity was not secured by the sacrifice of geniality and sweetness; his kindliness, on the contrary, was a constant and pervasive quality.

I have seldom met with a layman more ready to talk upon religious themes than he was, and his outspoken sincerity did not allow a moment's doubt in regard to the position he occupied. He came to us representing a type of Christian belief which is not common in Connecticut, and when, in an early interview, he told me that he was a Unitarian, he evidently feared that he might grieve me. But he could not think of holding anything back, and we were at once on terms of mutual consideration and amity. He was proud of his faith, as all Unitarians are, and could not hide his contempt for "obscure dogmas," but his attitude was not by any means merely critical; it was receptive and friendly. His was a deeply religious nature, and whatever nourished his deeper life he welcomed, no matter from what source it came, or in what form it was offered him.

After speaking at length in regard to the Doctor's last illness, that tragedy of death in life, Dr. Anderson adds:

To those who were called to look on, whether day by day or at intervals, it must seem a mysterious thing that this noble man—this man of sweetness and charity—should have been led down, as he was, into a "valley of the shadow of death" more dreadful than Bunyan ever saw in vision, and held captive there so many years in fierce conflicts with spirits of evil; and it must seem all the more mysterious when we consider that his life-long training had been such as to leave no place in his normal mental processes for any thought of evil spirits, but rather to bring him face to face with divine benevolence. Let us think of him as swiftly emerging, on that tempestuous Sunday, from all the gloom and discord of these inexplicable years, into the calmness and peace and felicity of those elect souls who "after life's fitful fever" sleep well, and then awake with God.

At the close of his remarks Dr. Anderson repeated Edwin Arnold's beautiful poem, "After Death," a favorite of Dr. Holmes':

He who died at Azan sends
This to comfort faithful friends:

Faithful friends! It lies I know,
Pale and white as cold as snow,
And ye say, "Abdallah's dead!"
Weeping at my feet and head.
I can see your falling tears,
I can hear your cries and prayers
Yet I smile and whisper this:
"I am not that thing you kiss;
Cease your tears and let it lie;
It was mine; it is not I."

'Tis a tent which I am quitting,
 'Tis a garment no more fitting,
 'Tis a cage from which at last
 Like a hawk my soul has passed.
 Love the inmate, not the room;
 The wearer, not the garb; the plume
 Of the falcon, not the bars
 Which kept him from the splendid stars.

Loving friends! be wise and dry
 Straightway every weeping eye;
 What ye lift upon the bier
 Is not worth a wistful tear.
 'Tis an empty seashell, one
 Out of which the pearl is gone.
 The shell is broken, it lies there;
 The pearl, the all, the soul is here.
 'Tis an earthen jar whose lid
 Allah sealed, the while it hid
 That treasure of His treasury.
 A mind which loved him; let it lie!
 Let the shard be earth's once more,
 Since the gold shines in His store!

Farewell friends, yet not farewell,
 Where I am ye too shall dwell.
 I am gone before your face
 A heart-beat's time, a gray ant's pace.
 When ye come where I have stepped
 Ye will marvel why ye wept;
 Ye will know, by true love taught,
 That here is all, and there is naught.

Weep awhile, if ye are fain—
 Sunshine still must follow rain!
 Only, not at death, for death
 (Now I see) is that first breath
 Which our souls draw when we enter
 Life that is of all life center.

Know ye Allah's love is law,
 Viewed from Allah's throne above.
 Be ye firm of trust, and come
 Faithful onward to your home!

He who died at Azan gave
 This to those who made his grave.

LEVI ODELL CHITTENDEN traces his ancestry from William Chittenden, who came from England to New England in 1639, thence in the same year to Guilford, Conn. He was born in Kent, England, and married Joanna, daughter of Dr. Edmund Shaeffer, of Cranbrook, in Kent. A man of ability, he filled many important offices in the Colony.

Thomas Chittenden, son of William, was born in England, married Joanna Jordan, daughter of John Jordan, of Guilford, and died in 1683.

William Chittenden, son of Thomas, was married twice. He died in 1738.

William Chittenden, son of William, born in 1706, married (first) Rachel White, of Middletown, and (second), Sarah Stevens. He died in 1786.

Jared Chittenden, son of William, born in 1734, married (first) Deborah Stone, of Guilford, and (second) Elizabeth Ward, daughter of Samuel Dudley, of Guilford. He lived in North Guilford,

and died there in 1824. His children were all born to his first marriage.

Deacon Levi Chittenden, son of Jared, born May 21, 1762, married Hannah Johnson, of Wallingford. They resided in North Guilford, where he died Nov. 11, 1835, at the age of seventy-three, his wife surviving ten years.

Jared Chauncey Chittenden, son of Deacon Levi, born Aug. 27, 1799, in 1825 married Rowena Barnes, of North Haven, born Nov. 27, 1806. They had six children. Mr. Chittenden resided in North Guilford, and died April 13, 1854, aged fifty-four. He engaged in cabinetmaking all his life, and was considered one of the most capable workmen in his locality. In politics he was a Whig. He was known as an honest and upright man, and although he died in the prime of life had exerted much influence for good in his neighborhood, and was sincerely lamented.

Levi Odell Chittenden, son of Jared Chauncey, was born Sept. 28, 1844, and was but nine years of age when left to face the world deprived of a father's protection. His school days ended when he was ten years old, for at that time he endeavored to provide for himself by working on a farm, and then obtained a situation as clerk in the store of E. M. Fuld, in North Haven, where he remained until he was seventeen. In July, 1862, he came to Guilford and enlisted in Company I, 14th Regiment, under Col. Morris and Capt. I. R. Bronson, and served in the 2d Army Corps until March, 1863, participating in many engagements during that time. The exposure and deprivations of army life brought on troubles which caused his discharge for disability, after a serious illness in hospital at Harper's Ferry and later at Frederick City, Md. Following his return from the war, where he had done his duty as a soldier bravely, Mr. Chittenden entered the employ of R. S. Chittenden, of East River, as clerk in his store, and remained until 1877. Coming back to Guilford he entered a shop, and remained in that position for the succeeding ten years. He then took up the trade of carpenter and joiner, in which he became skillful, and for several years he was considered one of the most reliable men in his line in the neighborhood. His work in this line was put aside when he entered the real estate office of William Sewarts. Later he accepted a position on the Consolidated Railroad, as brakeman on passenger trains on the Shore Line, and continued thus until 1890, when he accepted a position as engineer in the Spencer foundry, where for the past eleven years he has filled with efficiency this position of responsibility. His natural bent has been in this direction, and in such work ability like his is almost indispensable.

On Jan. 20, 1870, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Chittenden to Jeannette E. Hull, daughter of William A. and Mary (Parmelee) Hull, of Guilford. She died in 1888. On March 12, 1890, our subject contracted a second marriage, with Miss

Elizabeth Burr, who was born in Haddam, a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Ladd) Burr, natives of Haddam, and both of old and prominent families of Middlesex county. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Chittenden. Their home is the abode of hospitality and sociability. Mrs. Chittenden is a lady of many accomplishments and high culture, and is highly esteemed in Guilford. Mr. Chittenden is a member of the G. A. R., and past commander of the post in Guilford, and has held all the offices in that organization. In politics he is a Republican. He is assessor of the town and a member of the board of relief, and has taken an important part in all public undertakings. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Chittenden owns much valuable property here, and the finest bowling alley in Guilford belongs to him.

As a soldier our subject won the respect and esteem of his comrades, as an employe of his employers, and as a public official of his fellow citizens, and in every relation of life he has done well his part. Thrown upon his own resources at so tender an age, his success in life only emphasizes what honesty, persistent effort and courage will accomplish.

WILLIAM J. FRANCIS (deceased) was born Oct. 11, 1832, a son of William and Emily (Blakeslee) Francis, and attended the schools in Wallingford, his native town. Growing up on the old homestead, he remained at home until 1866, when he went to Meriden and entered the office of the Adams Express Co. At Meriden he was also employed by the Britannia Co., and he remained in that city until 1875, in which year he came back to North Farms, Wallingford, settling on the farm where his father was born, adjoining the family homestead on which he was reared. There he spent the remainder of his industrious and honorable life, making many substantial improvements on the place, and, investing over \$9,000 in bringing the farm up to modern ideas, soon had one of the most attractive country homes in the town. A general farmer and dairyman, he was a successful manager and a good business man. Simple and unostentatious in his habits, he was devoted to his home and upright in his life. He was a member of the Grange, and much interested in everything that pertained to the progress of farming, and was an enterprising and thoughtful citizen. Mr. Francis died on his farm Dec. 4, 1895, and was buried in the Wallingford cemetery. He was a half brother of John Hall Francis.

LYMAN H. FRANCIS, son of William J., was born Feb. 1, 1865, on the same farm as his father. In due time he attended the local district school. In 1884 he was graduated from the Yale Business College, and began his life work by assisting his father on the farm. A little later he went on the road as a traveling salesman for the Reed Fertil-

izer Co., of New York, and after his father's death he took charge of the family homestead, which consists of 110 acres. He has devoted the land very largely to market gardening, making many improvements to fit the changed line of work. In August, 1898, a great loss befell him in the destruction by fire of six farm buildings and a large crop of hay. Since that time he has built a fine barn, adapted to his business.

Mr. Francis was married, in Glastonbury, Conn., April 11, 1894, to Miss Lucy A. Talcott, a daughter of George and Lucy Ann Talcott, who are both deceased. They have had two children, Walter Lyman and Mildred Lucy. Mr. Francis belongs to Compass Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and with his wife belongs to the Grange; he was instrumental in the organization of the Grange at Kensington. In religion Mrs. Francis is an Episcopalian, and he is not connected with any church, though a man of strong feeling and deep convictions as to the right and the true in daily living. A more complete history of the Francis family appears in connection with the sketch of John Francis, elsewhere.

GEORGE T. BUSHNELL (deceased). The family of Bushnell, whose name is well known throughout the State of Connecticut, is of English descent, and a majority of the members of the branch to which Mr. George T. Bushnell belonged have been agriculturists. Both his parents were born and both lived and died in Saybrook, where he himself was born March 4, 1815.

Taylor P. Bushnell, his father, was a farmer, as well as a tanner and shoemaker. He served with courage and gallantry during the War of 1812, and prior to the formation of the Republican party was a staunch Whig in politics. From 1856 until his death however, he acted with the party of Fremont and Lincoln. He married Fannie Bull, a daughter of John Bull, a prosperous and highly respected farmer of Saybrook, and at once settled upon a farm in the same town. Three children were born of this union—Frederick, Electa A., and George T. The first born son, Frederick, has reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years, and after a life of hard work spent in farming, has ceased active labor to pass the remainder of his years in well-earned, richly-merited rest. Electa A., the only daughter, married Asa H. Rose, a joiner of Saybrook, and died in 1897. Both Taylor P. Bushnell and his wife were devout and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

George T. Bushnell passed his youth very much as did other Connecticut farmers' sons in the first third of the nineteenth century. Work upon the farm alternated with attendance at the district school, and so the years passed until he reached the age of eighteen. He then learned the trade of a turner and wood carver, and in 1836—being then twenty-one years old—removed from Saybrook to Derby. That city was his home for sixty-four

years, and during his long and useful life after reaching his majority, he carried on his business as a turner, and added thereto that of a dealer in real estate. He accumulated a handsome competence and retired from business, devoting himself to the loaning and investment of his capital. Though long passed the limit of three-score years and ten, which was allotted to man by the Psalmist "through reason of strength," he was hale and well preserved up to the time of his death, Sept. 14, 1900. Like his father, he was a Whig in early life and later a Republican. After 1838 he was actively and prominently identified with the growth and work of the Congregational Church in Derby. He held various offices in the First Church of that city, and was a deacon for more than a quarter of a century. In recognition of his long and faithful service in that capacity, no less than in acknowledgment of his self-sacrificing labor in and liberal contributions to the cause of Evangelical religion, he was made an honorary member of the Board of Deacons, a distinction all the more valuable because so rarely conferred. Deacon Bushnell attributed his long life and the fact that his mental faculties remained unimpaired, to his regular, abstemious mode of life. He always championed the cause of temperance in the highest and most comprehensive sense of that term, and he himself was a living illustration of the soundness of his plea. The closing years of his life were passed in that serene peace befitting an octogenarian who looked back upon the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

In 1838 Deacon Bushnell was married to Mary, daughter of Truman Gilbert, of Derby. The wife of his youth remained by his side to the last, to comfort, to cheer and to sustain. Hand-in-hand they had descended the western slope of life's hill, with pleasant memories and unfaltering faith. One child blessed their union: George F., who is engaged in the real estate business in Bridgeport.

CHANCY W. JUDD, now retired, is almost a life-long resident of Waterbury, where he was born June 27, 1824, of good old Connecticut stock, and he is a highly respected citizen.

Stephen Judd, grandfather of our subject, was born in Wallingford, Conn., and died in Waterbury, in 1820. He served in the Revolutionary army, and was wounded in the knee. William R., his son and the father of our subject, was born in Waterbury, May 9, 1802, and died Dec. 30, 1875. He learned the trade of shoemaker, but never followed it, preferring that of stone mason, which very nearly was his life vocation. On Dec. 2, 1821, he married Anna Brown, who was born in Waterbury, Aug. 8, 1801, a daughter of Curtis Brown, a farmer of Waterbury. She died in New Haven, Conn., Feb. 24, 1878, the mother of two children: Chancy W. and Miss Henrietta, the latter of whom was born Dec. 12, 1832, in New York State, and is making her home with her brother in Waterbury.

The father was first a Whig, later a Republican, and in religious faith he and his wife were Baptists.

Chancy W. Judd, our subject, was two years old when his parents removed to Montgomery county, N. Y., and was twelve when he returned with them to Waterbury, and consequently received his education in both cities. At the age of fifteen he commenced work in the Scovill Rolling Mills, Waterbury, learning the trade of brass roller, and was employed there the greater part of the time for the long period of forty-seven years, or until 1885, since when he has lived retired. He has lived on Hill street for four or five years more than half a century, and has not married. In politics he is a Republican, and for four years he served his city on the police force. He and his sister attend the services of the Congregational Church.

CHARLES COUPLAND, whose death occurred at his home in Seymour April 25, 1901, was for twenty years one of the leading citizens of that town, identified with the Tingué Manufacturing Co., and for fifteen years its treasurer and the manager of the company's works at this point. He was one of the most ingenious and practical manufacturers in the Naugatuck Valley.

Mr. Coupland was born at Huddersfield, in Yorkshire, England, April 11, 1841, son of Robert and Mary Coupland, and was the second of a family of nine children. His father was a small woolen manufacturer, but thoroughly skilled in his occupation, and was considered an ingenious man. He soon needed the services of his son, and when Charles was but seven years of age he was placed at work in the factory, where he labored in the daytime, acquiring what education he received by attendance at night schools. But he learned in the twelve years that included his apprenticeship in his father's factory what proved of immense practical benefit to him, every detail and all the intricacies and fine points pertaining to the manufacture of woolen goods. Having obtained his mechanical knowledge he became, at the age of nineteen years, dissatisfied with the prospects in life, and in 1860 resolved to cast his lot in America. With others he emigrated to this country, and soon found work in the Windemere mills, at Rockville, Conn. After working a short time as a second man in the carding room he was given charge of the department, and from that time all his service was in supervisory positions. In 1865 he went to Philadelphia, Pa., where he was given charge of the carding and spinning of the Baltic Mills. He thence went to Union Village, Conn., where he owned and operated a custom woolen mill for several years. A year later he removed to Burrville, Conn., where he also engaged in business on his own account, in the manufacture of woolen flecks, using a machine invented by himself, which very successfully performed that operation, doing as much work as five of the ma-



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chines previously used. In 1869 he sold out and went to Templeton, Mass., to take charge of the well-known Otter River blanket mills, and went from there to the woolen mills of Berry & Stanton, at Woodville, R. I., each move bringing an advance in position and salary, and increasing his knowledge of manufacturing.

In 1871 Mr. Coupland became the manager and part owner of the mill at Thomaston, Conn., operated by the Plymouth Woolen Co., where he remained until the mill was burned down, in the fall of 1873. The corporation now determined to build a worsted mill, and Mr. Coupland was urged to prepare himself to take charge of it. His experience had been confined to woolen goods, whose manufacture differed from worsted goods, and this necessitated new instruction, which was difficult to obtain, as every mill kept a close guard of its secret process. Determined to find an entrance into some mill, even if he would have to do ordinary labor, Mr. Coupland came to Seymour, where he applied for a place in the Kalmia Mills, at that time run for the manufacture of worsted various by Scheppers Brothers, of Philadelphia, with Emil Martines as superintendent. He was told the only place vacant was that of engineer, and if he was competent he could take that. He knew but little of the work of an engineer, but accepted the place at \$3 per day, and by diligent attention to his work soon succeeded in giving good satisfaction. He remained nine months, and in that period learned all he wanted to know about worsted. In the meantime the death of Lucius P. Porter, of the Plymouth Co., had disarranged the plans of the corporation, which decided not to rebuild. Mr. Coupland now sought a new field of labor, and applied to A. T. Stewart for the position of general superintendent of his numerous woolen mills, receiving the appointment, at a very large salary, in the fall of 1874. He entered upon his new duty to the great surprise of his acquaintances at Seymour, who could not imagine how a man who had been so recently a workman in an engine room in their midst could possibly fill that place. When Mr. Coupland took charge of the Stewart interests but four of the thirteen woolen mills in four different States were running, but soon every mill was profitably operated, giving employment to over 10,000 people. In this service he remained six years.

In 1880, while still in the employ of A. T. Stewart, Mr. Coupland invented a new and exceedingly speedy way to weave mohair pile goods, which he determined to utilize in a factory of his own, with the aid of interested capital. At this time he was introduced to John H. Tingue, a wealthy dry-goods merchant of New York, who consented to embark with him in this new enterprise. Mr. Coupland agreeing to devise, construct and place in operation all the necessary machinery, Mr. Tingue to see that there was no lack of capital. Looking about for a suitable site for the factory, they came to Seymour

and bought the Kalmia, or old Eagle Silk Mill, in 1880, and the work of building the machinery was begun by Mr. Coupland. From that time until his death he was the genius which inspired and successfully directed the Tingue Manufacturing Co. at Seymour. The corporation was formed in 1881, and the same year the work of manufacturing plush goods was begun. The process was a radical departure from all former methods, and not only was this the pioneer mill in America in this line of industry, but for five years the sole occupant of this especial field.

Of this mill and its operations the *American Machinist* said in 1885:

I had the pleasure, a few weeks ago, of looking through the plush manufactory at Seymour, Connecticut, through the courtesy of the president of the company, Mr. J. H. Tingue, and under the guidance of Mr. Coupland, the superintendent, whose inventive turn of mind, backed up by his indomitable perseverance and exceptional executive ability, has accomplished wonders in the last four years. Indeed, to pass through the different departments, as I did, and listen to the explanations of differences between the methods and machinery employed by the Tingue Company, and those employed by manufacturers of similar goods, both here and in foreign countries, with the advantages claimed both in quantity and quality of production, and be told that the machinery had been invented, designed and built by themselves, while to the question, "How long has it taken?" came the answer, "Four years," was to me a genuine surprise. To the enterprise, perseverance, inventive and mechanical ability which have left their imprint all through this truly model establishment I feel that I have no words in which to pay a fitting tribute. Through the successful establishment of this industry—the manufacture of mohair plush—is opened up a new and profitable industry in the raising of the Angora goat, which has already been found to be a sure source of profit in some parts of the Southern States, where sheep raising has proved a failure. The beautiful silky fleeces of these animals, with a fiber of six or seven to nine or ten inches long—and in extreme cases, I am told, it is found eighteen inches in length—are by the ingenious machinery of the Tingue Company carried from one stage of manufacture to another till two sheets of plush in one, joined by the pile of each, await the services of the ingenious splitting machine of Mr. Coupland, who, with the inspiration of American air for the past score of years, could not be satisfied with the old way in use abroad of weaving over wires, which, by withdrawing, cut the pile and separate the two sheets, but has invented a machine the office of which is to split in the most accurate manner, and in an entirely automatic way, any width or length of plush goods. Not only is the operation of splitting performed automatically, but the knives which do the work are automatically ground while working, and so kept sharp. Enough might be said of this place to fill a volume, but, wishing to be careful not to violate any confidence, I have simply to say I am truly grateful, while I feel—and I think every American citizen should—that many thanks are due to these pioneers in an industry which promises to become one of the greatest importance, not simply in a manufacturing sense, but to the landowner in a large section of the country.

Subsequently much other labor-saving machinery was added by Mr. Coupland, much of which he invented, and he had thirty patents awarded him for machinery to be used in the manufacture of plush goods. The mill and entire plant superintended by

him was a model of neatness, order, and the adaptation of the best means to obtain the best results, showing that Mr. Coupland also had fine administrative ability as well as inventive talent, which gave him a place among the foremost mill men of the country.

Mr. Coupland was a public-spirited citizen and responded generously to appeals for contributions for the advancement of local enterprises. He especially gave liberally for the public library, and only a couple of weeks before his death, when the editor of the *Record* asked him what would be the charge for the use of the opera house two evenings, for an entertainment for the benefit of the public library, immediately replied, "Nothing if it is for the benefit of the library." He was especially interested in the proposed electric road to Ansonia, which he believed would be for the good of the public. He was the leader in the formation of the Tingue Manufacturing Co., which for twenty years has carried on the manufacture of plush goods here, one of the leading industries of the place. The political affiliations of Mr. Coupland were with the Democratic party, but in no sense was he a partisan. He was a prominent Freemason and belonged to the Order of Elks.

At a special meeting of the directors of the Tingue Manufacturing Co., held in Seymour on Saturday, April 27, 1901, the following minute concerning the death of Mr. Coupland was adopted and passed:

The directors of this company have learned with deep regret and sorrow of the death of their fellow director, Charles Coupland, which occurred at his home in Seymour on the 25th day of April, 1901.

Mr. Coupland has been connected with this company since its organization in 1881. From its beginning he has been one of its directors and the superintendent of its manufacturing business. Since 1885 he has been its treasurer and the general manager of its affairs in Seymour. He from the first, has given to its service his time and his talents unstintedly, and his experience and technical skill and ability in all that pertained to the business of manufacturing have been of great value to the corporation. In his death the corporation loses a valuable and faithful servant whom it can ill spare at this time; and we, his fellow directors, have lost a friend and trusted adviser whose genial presence at our meetings we shall greatly miss.

We tender to his family our warmest sympathy in their sorrow over this sudden and sad bereavement.

We direct that this minute shall be entered upon our records as a brief memorial of our sense of loss in the death of Mr. Coupland; and that a copy thereof be published in the newspapers and sent to his family.

On July 14, 1890, Mr. Coupland was married to Mrs. Ada M. Jewett, daughter of George and Eunice (West) Gates, of Norwich, Conn., and widow of Dr. Thomas B. Jewett, of Derby. By her first marriage Mrs. Coupland had one child, Thomas E. Mr. Coupland had one daughter, Isabelle M., now the wife of Dr. G. Wilmot, of New Haven, by a previous marriage. Mr. Coupland's greatest pleasure was in fine horses, of which he owned several.

DELOS HOTCHKISS (deceased), who during life was one of the most prominent agriculturists and highly respected citizens of Cheshire, was born on a farm in that town in 1802, and was descended from one of the oldest and best families of New Haven county.

Josephus Hotchkiss, his father, was a native of the town of Prospect, and when a young man came to Cheshire, where he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. His remains were interred in Cheshire cemetery. He married Sarah Benham, and to them were born the following children: Benona, who died in Kentucky; Lois, wife of Alfred Blakeslee; Sarah, wife of Willis Larabee; Delos, our subject; Mary, wife of William Hotchkiss; and Emma, wife of Joseph Doolittle. All are now deceased.

During his boyhood Delos Hotchkiss attended the district schools and learned the trade of shoemaking, which he followed for many years. During the winter season he would travel through the South, making shoes, going with a number of others employed by a Mr. Hall, of Winsted. Subsequently he purchased a farm of 100 acres in Cheshire, near the Southington line, and devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. He made many useful and valuable improvements upon his place, including the erection of a fine residence and good barn and other outbuildings. Upon his place was the largest apple tree in the state. It was very old, and during a storm a few years ago was blown down.

In September, 1827, Mr. Hotchkiss was married, in Cheshire, to Miss Philocia Moss, their wedding taking place at the residence of the bride's parents. She was born in Cheshire Dec. 24, 1807, a daughter of Thomas Doolittle and Ruth (Hale) Moss, and belongs to old and honored families of this county, including the Moss, Doolittle and Hale families. She is a very intelligent woman, and although the second oldest lady in Cheshire still possesses all her faculties, and is an interesting conversationalist. She is very charitable and benevolent, giving liberally of her means to the poor and needy; she has also contributed largely to the children's home in Mt. Carmel, to the high school in Cheshire, and to similar enterprises. She is a good Christian, a member of the Congregational Church, a kind neighbor and a loving wife and mother. Mary Philocia, the only child of our subject and his wife, makes her home with her mother in Cheshire, and is caring for her in her declining years.

Mr. Hotchkiss was an industrious, hard-working man, upright and honorable in his dealings, and temperate in his habits. The only society with which he was ever connected was a temperance organization. He was a God-fearing man, and an earnest and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in early life. Later he joined the Wesleyan Methodists, because of their Abolition sentiments. In his last years he was an Adventist. He was a

staunch Abolitionist, much opposed to slavery, and supported first the Whig and later the Republican parties. He possessed all the requirements which go to the making of a good citizen, and in his death the community realized that it had lost one of its best and most useful members. He died upon his farm Oct. 16, 1890, honored and respected by all who knew him, and was laid to rest in the Cheshire cemetery.

WILLIAM BRYAN, for many years owner and manager of the "Montowese House," a popular summer resort at Indian Neck, was born in Branford July 16, 1826, a son of William and Irene (Bradley) Bryan.

Our subject's father was born in 1796, on board an English man-o'-war the "Diana," and was a son of James Bryan, who was an officer in the English navy, and was at the battle of Trafalgar; he was a lieutenant under Lord Beresford. For bravery in that engagement he was made a captain, and he was subsequently appointed governor of Santa Cruz, West Indies. William Bryan, Sr., at the age of twelve years came to Bath, Maine. Serving in the War of 1812, he took part in the battle of Lundy's Lane, and was under Perry when he won the remarkable victory on Lake Erie. At the close of the war he settled in New Haven, where he was later an officer on the first steamboat plying between that city and New York. He was pilot for a number of years, and in 1819 settled in Branford. From that point Mr. Bryan engaged in coastwise trading along the Atlantic shore. He married Irene Bradley, a daughter of Timothy and Irene (Gordon) Bradley, and a granddaughter of Timothy and Sarah (Goodsell) Bradley. Her mother's parents were Capt. Alexander and Irene Gordon. The children of William and Irene (Bradley) Bryan were: Nancy, who was twice married, first to John Morton, second to Malachi Linsley; James; William; Harriet, who married Charles Barker; Bradley; Alden P.; and William. William Bryan, Sr., died in 1887.

William Bryan, whose name introduces this article, was born in Branford, where he has always resided. In 1851 he went to California, where he was engaged in mining for two years. Returning to Connecticut he bought a vessel and engaged in the coast trade between New York and Branford from 1854 to 1860. In 1863 he became proprietor of the "Totoket House," in Branford, where he continued for three years. In 1866 Mr. Bryan put up the "Montowese House," at Indian Neck, one of the most pleasantly situated summer hotels on the Connecticut coast, and one of the best patronized along the coast. In the management of this he has been very successful, and has built up a name for himself as a landlord that does him credit.

Mr. Bryan was married in 1848 to Miss Lydia A., daughter of Timothy Wells Palmer, of North Branford, and they have three children, Scott M.,

Nancy E. and William A. William A. Bryan is the manager of the "Kenilworth Inn," at Biltmore, Asheville, N. C., and of his father's hotel, "The Montowese," at Indian Neck.

Mr. Bryan belongs to the Masonic Fraternity, being a charter member of Widows Sons Lodge, F. & A. M., at Branford. In religion he is a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat, but holds strongly to the gold standard. With a wide experience in the world, he has made a multitude of friends, all over the country, who have pleasant memories of the hospitality he has so cordially extended to them.

DWIGHT L. SMITH, for over thirty years superintendent of the factory of the Waterbury Buckle Co., is one of the most respected residents of Waterbury, where he has been especially active in religious and benevolent enterprises.

Mr. Smith was born in Waterbury March 4, 1839, son of Lyman P. Smith, who was born in the town of Prospect, and died in 1846, at the age of thirty-five. When a young man Lyman P. Smith worked in Waterbury, and later in the cotton mill at Quassebaug Lake, in Middlebury. Marilla Sanford, his wife, was born in Wolcott, Conn., daughter of Truman and Anna (Curtis) Sanford, also of Wolcott, the former of whom was a cooper by trade. Mrs. Smith died in Waterbury, where she and her husband reared their family of three children: Dwight L., our subject; Rhoda A., who married Wallace E. Peck, and lives in Waterbury; and Sarah J., who married Franklin H. Wheeler, of Middlebury.

Dwight L. Smith was reared in Waterbury, where he attended the district school on East Main street. For three years subsequently he studied at Middlebury, and he finished his literary training at the academy at Waterbury Center, when he was sixteen years old. The first work he did for himself was in the factory of the Hotchkiss & Merriman Manufacturing Co., where he was engaged at making suspender buckles. Upon the formation of the Waterbury Buckle Co., in 1855, he entered the employ of the new firm, and has practically never left them. For more than thirty years he has been superintendent of the factory. During his connection with the Buckle Co. he has seen it grow from a small industry, giving employment to less than fifty hands, to one of the leading concerns in this line in the country, employing over five hundred people. He has taken out numerous patents, most of them in connection with his line of business, and his inventions have had an important part in the success which has been attained by the Buckle Co., under the wise and conservative management of Earl Smith, who has been for so many years general manager of the concern.

On Dec. 24, 1862, Mr. Smith married Miss Helen M. Latta, who was born in Thompsonville, Conn., daughter of James and Jane (Kenyon)

Latta; her father was from Scotland. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born three children: Howard, Albert D. and Idella M., of whom Howard died when only two years old. Albert D. is secretary of the Springfield Knitting Co., at Springfield, Mass.; he married Minnie J. Baker, daughter of Augustus and Susan Baker. Idella M. is single.

Mr. Smith is a Republican politically. In church affairs he is a pronounced Baptist, and for many years has acted as superintendent of the Sunday-school and as a deacon of that church. Albert D. Smith is superintendent of a Sunday-school in Springfield. Dwight L. Smith is actively associated with the Y. M. C. A., and has been since its establishment in Waterbury; he was its president for three years. Mr. Smith organized a mission at Hopeville, and was superintendent of its Sunday-school for many years. Through his zeal and wisdom many country missions have been founded. He is vice-president of the Boys' Club of Waterbury.

SAMUEL ROOT, of Waterbury, although born in Susquehanna county, Pa., April 11, 1833, descends from one of the oldest of Connecticut's Puritan families, and traces his pedigree in the State to 1640, when John Root came from England and made Farmington his place of settlement. He married Frances Kilbourne, and died in 1684, while his wife survived until 1697. Their children were named as follows: John, Samuel, Thomas, Mary, Stephen, Susannah, Joseph and Caleb. Thomas Root, a brother of John, had come to America in 1637, and settled at Hartford; another Thomas Root settled in Salem, Mass., about the same time, but the relationship between them is not known.

Caleb Root, son of John, married Elizabeth Salomon for his first wife, and a Miss Gillette for his second, and died in 1712. His children were Mary, Caleb, Thomas, Elizabeth and Samuel.

Samuel Root, son of Caleb, married Elizabeth Prindle, and came to Waterbury, where he died in 1778. His children were named Mercy, Samuel, Enos, Joseph, Elijah and Solomon.

Enos Root, son of Samuel, was born in Waterbury March 26, 1753. He married Martha Roberts, lived in Waterbury, then in Bristol, but returned to Waterbury, where he died in August, 1820, and his wife on Oct. 24, 1824. Their children were Moses, Samuel, Levia, Chaucey, Elias and Enos P.

Enos P. Root, son of Enos, was born in Waterbury Nov. 30, 1792. In 1816 he married Maria Downs, a daughter of John Downs, of Waterbury, and they became the parents of seven children, viz.: Charlotte, Albert A., Anson A., Mary M., Samuel, Willard E. and Jane. Of this, the immediate family, Charlotte (now deceased) became the wife of Theron Beech, and for her second husband married Rev. Mr. Baldwin; Albert A. went to Pennsylvania, followed his trade of carpenter and joiner, and there passed the remainder of his life; Anson A. is a re-

tired merchant of Woodbury; Mary M. is the deceased wife of Rev. W. P. Gibson, of the Congregational Church; Samuel is mentioned below; Willard E., a mechanic, died young; and Jane (deceased) was married to Rev. Richard Crittenden, a Congregational clergyman. Enos P. Root, the father of this family, who was a contractor and builder, passed many years in the Keystone State, closing his days in Springville, Susquehanna Co., Pa., dying Nov. 7, 1852. In politics he was first a Whig, and on the disintegration of that party became a Republican.

Samuel Root, whose pedigree has been given in the foregoing, lived in Springville, Pa., until sixteen years of age, and there received his education. He then came to Waterville, a suburb of Waterbury, and worked in a cutlery factory until 1853, when he went to California, via the Isthmus, with \$600 in his pocket. After one year he returned with \$1, and felt himself fortunate in securing work in a cutlery factory in Naugatuck, where he remained two years. He was next employed for three years by the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., at Bridgeport; and then, after six months in a woolen factory in Norfolk, Conn., he went to work on his own account, selling cutlery and plated ware on the road for eight years. He then purchased a cutlery shop on the outskirts of Middlebury, and manufactured cutlery, including pocket ware, for twenty-one years, but has now practically retired, employing his time in looking after his real-estate interests.

Mr. Root has been twice married. On Dec. 2, 1863, he wedded H. Vienna Fenn, a daughter of Harris and Jane E. Fenn. One son blessed this union, Linford E., born Nov. 22, 1868, who is now a lawyer of considerable prominence, and the present clerk of the district court. The wife and mother passed away Nov. 7, 1887. On Jan. 8, 1889, Mr. Root married Mrs. Mary Root, widow of Frank Root, a son of Anson A. Root, brother of our subject. By her first marriage Mrs. Root is the mother of one son, Clifford Anson, born Jan. 19, 1884, and now a student in the Military Academy at Peekskill, N. Y. By his second marriage Samuel Root has become the father of three children, viz.: Herbert S., born Oct. 17, 1889; Barbara S., born Sept. 19, 1890; and James H., born April 1, 1893, all of whom are in school.

Mrs. Mary Root is a daughter of James and Caroline (Capewell) Stone, the former a native of Woodbury, Conn., and the latter of New York City. Sheldon Stone, father of James, was a carpenter, and of English extraction, and George Capewell, father of Mrs. Caroline Stone, was one of three brothers—Mark, George and Joseph—who came from Birmingham, England.

In politics Samuel Root is a Republican, and has served one year as a member of the common council, and for some time on the board of compensation. Fraternally he is a Freemason, affiliating with Harmony Lodge, No. 44, Waterbury, and he is also a



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member of the Waterbury Club. Mrs. Root is a member of the Episcopal Church, which Mr. Root also attends. No family in Waterbury is more highly esteemed for personal merits.

JOSEPH E. AND ELI T. DUDLEY, of Guilford, are lineal descendants of (V) Nathaniel Dudley, a farmer of Clapboard Hill District, Guilford, who was the fourth son of (IV) Caleb Dudley ((III) Caleb, (II) Joseph, (I) William) and Hannah (Stone), as set forth in the genealogy of the Dudley family, given elsewhere.

(V) Nathaniel Dudley was born Oct. 3, 1745, and died Feb. 21, 1826. He married, March 12, 1777, Mary Hart, born Aug. 17, 1751, and died Feb. 6, 1841, aged eighty-nine, the daughter of Thomas Hart (Rev. John, Thomas, Stephen) and Concurrency Bartlett (Ebenezer, Daniel, George). He lived with his father in a house built by his grandfather, Caleb Dudley, probably about 1700. He had four children: (1) Nathaniel, born Nov. 15, 1777, died Sept. 7, 1795, unmarried. (2) Lois, born July 11, 1779, died Sept. 9, 1860, unmarried. (3) John, a sketch of whom follows. (4) Eunice, born Feb. 26, 1784, married May 25, 1807, George Bushnell, of Saybrook, and died Dec. 15, 1825.

(VI) John Dudley, a farmer of Clapboard Hill District, son of Nathaniel and Mary (Hart) Dudley, lived in the house with his father. He was born Jan. 25, 1782, married Jan. 24, 1805, Sarah Lee, born Dec. 30, 1780, died Dec. 27, 1849, daughter of Elon and Deborah (Johnson) Lee. They had five children: (1) Hooker, born Oct. 1, 1806, died Aug. 21, 1879; on Oct. 16, 1831, he married Mary Evarts, who was born May 22, 1806, daughter of Nathaniel Evarts and Julia (Parmelee), of Nutplains District, and died Feb. 20, 1895. (2) Elon, born May 1, 1808, died April 8, 1883, at Angelica, New York; married Dec. 21, 1831, Fanny S. Latham, born June 1, 1812. (3) John (father of Joseph E. and Eli T.), sketch of whom appears later. (4) Horace, born March 16, 1812, died June 12, 1885; married April 30, 1837, Hannah Amanda Dudley, born April 10, 1816, died Oct. 4, 1899, daughter of Timothy Dudley and Hannah (Bartlett). (5) Ruth, born June 4, 1814, died May 5, 1895; married Nov. 28, 1838, John Norton, born Sept. 19, 1802, died Oct. 17, 1839, son of Eber Norton and Mabel (Evarts). They had one son, Deacon John William, born Oct. 19, 1839.

AMOS DUDLEY, born Nov. 3, 1747, was the youngest son of Caleb and Hannah (Stone) Dudley. He was a farmer, and lived at Clapboard Hill in a house which stood just east of the home of Joseph E. Dudley. He married Feb. 27, 1771, Mary Evarts, daughter of Eleazer Evarts (Samuel, Judah, John) and Hannah (Scranton). She died Aug. 23, 1797. They had six children. He married (second) July 15, 1799, Deborah (Johnson), widow of Elon Lee. They had one child.

Children of Amos and Mary (Evarts) Dudley:

(1) Amos, sketch of whom follows. (2) Timothy, sketch of whom follows. (3) Mary, born Oct. 16, 1778, died Oct. 1, 1840, unmarried. (4) William, born Sept. 17, 1780, died July 16, 1845; married Feb. 8, 1808, Deborah Lee, daughter of Elon Lee and Deborah (Johnson). (5) Russell, born Oct. 24, 1787, died in 1854; he went to Richmond, Va.; married Jan. 18, 1813, Mary Baldwin. (6) Daniel, born in 1792, died Dec. 31, 1846, unmarried. By his second wife, Deborah, Amos Dudley had one child, (7) Betsey, born in December, 1800, who married Jan. 1, 1821, William Chittenden, born May 5, 1797, died Aug. 1, 1880, son of Amos Chittenden and Jerusha (Graves). They had five children—Betsey Eliza, born March 2, 1822, married Sidney A. Dowd. Amos, born Aug. 4, 1824, married Harriet Case. Mary, born July 9, 1827, married David D. Carter. Lydia, born Jan. 30, 1831, died Dec. 7, 1854, unmarried. Catherine, born Aug. 1, 1835, married Joseph L. Scranton.

(VI) Amos Dudley, born Dec. 31, 1771, son of Amos and Mary (Evarts) Dudley, married (first) April 18, 1798, Anna Shelley, who died July 16, 1801, aged thirty-one. They had two children: (1) Henry, sketch of whom follows. (2) Jonathan, born Nov. 8, 1800, died Jan. 27, 1860; married Feb. 13, 1823, Eliza Holmes, who died Feb. 18, 1856.

(VII) Henry Dudley, born March 9, 1799, died Nov. 12, 1862. He was the eldest son of Amos Dudley (Amos, Caleb, Caleb, Joseph, William) and his first wife, Anna (Shelley). He built and lived in the house east of Charles A. Dudley's, now the home of Joseph Grosvenour. He married May 14, 1823, Vesta Bradley, who died Jan. 18, 1882. They had four children: (1) Anna M., born April 15, 1824, married George Shelley, who was killed by lightning Sept. 20, 1856. (2) Deborah, born Sept. 1, 1831, died April 7, 1840. (3) Henry Bradley, born March 9, 1834, married June 20, 1864, Clarissa Evarts. (4) Louisa Deborah, born June 6, 1843, died Nov. 22, 1879; she married April 9, 1862, Edmund J. Field, born Jan. 9, 1840, who fell at Antietam, Sept. 18, 1862.

(VI) Timothy Dudley, born Dec. 16, 1775, died Aug. 27, 1819. He married April 24, 1809, Hannah Bartlett, daughter of Joseph Bartlett (Joseph, Abraham, George) and Sarah (Cruttenden). They had four children: (1) Justin, born April 2, 1810, died April 3, 1888, unmarried. (2) Mary Ann, born Feb. 7, 1813, died April 1, 1900, unmarried. (3) Hannah Amanda, born April 10, 1816, died Oct. 4, 1890; married April 30, 1837, Horace Dudley (John, Nathaniel). (4) Sarah, born April 17, 1819, married Dec. 9, 1840, John Dudley (John, Nathaniel).

(VII) John Dudley, son of (VI) John and Sarah (Lee) Dudley, born Dec. 20, 1809, received a liberal education, and was a prosperous agriculturist following general farming all his life on the homestead. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and served in several local offices, such as

selectman, assessor, etc. In religious faith he was a member of the Congregational Church of Guilford. He died July 1, 1893, and was interred in Alderbrook cemetery, Guilford.

On Dec. 9, 1840, in Guilford, John Dudley married Sarah Dudley, born April 17, 1819, daughter of Timothy Dudley and Hannah (Bartlett). Mrs. Dudley is yet living, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, and is much respected and beloved for her many Christian virtues. She is the mother of children as follows: Eunice Amelia, born June 6, 1842, who died Oct. 20, 1842; Joseph Edward and Eli Timothy, sketches of whom follow; Fanny Amelia, born Nov. 26, 1848, living at home; Lewis Richard, born Nov. 19, 1854, who married Aug. 24, 1880, Nora Serviss, and lives in West Salem, La-Crosse Co., Wisconsin.

(VIII) JOSEPH E. DUDLEY was born Dec. 30, 1843, at Dudleytown, Guilford, received a liberal district-school education, and since his father's death has been operating the homestead. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious faith a Congregationalist. He is unmarried, filially caring for his mother in her old age.

(VIII) ELI TIMOTHY DUDLEY, born on the old homestead April 17, 1846, received a good common school education, and took up the occupation of his forefathers. At the age of twenty-three years he commenced farming on the L. Dudley place, at Guilford, near the homestead, where he made many improvements, remaining there twenty-five years. In 1864 he removed to the George Dudley place, on Clapboard Hill, and has since been engaged in farming there. He still owns the property at Guilford. Like all the Dudley family he is a pronounced Republican. In religious connection he is a member of the First Congregational Church.

On May 5, 1866, in Guilford, Eli T. Dudley married Caroline M. Wilcox, who was born Feb. 27, 1847, daughter of Alfred Nelson and Caroline A. (Munger) Wilcox, the former of whom was a carpenter and builder by occupation; during the Civil war he served as sergeant of Company G, 14th Conn. V. I. A brief record of the two children of Eli T. and Caroline M. (Wilcox) Dudley is as follows: (1) William Alfred, born Sept. 13, 1874, is farming near his father's homestead. He married Louva Redfield, of Madison, and has one child, Carrie Redfield. (2) Amy Louisa, born Jan. 23, 1878, resides at home. The entire Dudley family rank among the most prominent and progressive of New Haven county, and well merit the esteem and respect of the community.

JOHN R. PLATT, a prominent and successful agriculturist of Prospect, is a veteran of the Civil war, and bears an honorable record for brave service in the cause of freedom and union. In the paths of peace he has also won an enviable reputation because of the sterling qualities which go to the making of a good citizen.

Mr. Platt was born, March 13, 1824, in the town where he still lives, and belongs to one of the best-known and oldest families of New Haven county. Richard Platt, the first of the name to come to the New World, was born in Hertfordshire, England, and was a son of Joseph Platt, who spent his entire life in that country. On his emigration to America, in 1639, Richard Platt located in Milford, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there in 1684. His son, Josiah Platt, was born and baptized in Milford, Nov. 15, 1645, and on reaching manhood engaged in farming there until his death, which occurred Jan. 1, 1724. On Dec. 2, 1669, in Milford, he married Sarah Canfield, who lived and died in that town. Their son, Joseph Platt, was baptized June 15, 1693, and passed his entire life in Milford. He was married, Jan. 16, 1720, to Mehitable Fenn, who also died in Milford. Their son, Joseph, was born in Milford Nov. 3, 1724, and died there Aug. 30, 1806. By occupation he was a farmer. He married Hannah Buckingham, a relative of Governor Buckingham. Benjamin Platt, son of Joseph, Jr., and grandfather of our subject, was born in 1756, and married Abigail Green. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war under Capt. Charles Smith, in Gen. Waterbury's brigade, and participated in the battle of Danbury. He was made lame for life during his service.

Benjamin Platt, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in 1782, and when a young man came to Prospect, where he continued to make his home throughout life, spending his last years with his children. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Clark, of East Hampton, Mass., and was buried in Prospect cemetery. He was a successful man, an earnest member of the Congregational Church, and quite prominent and influential. For three terms he represented his town in the State Legislature, also served as selectman and assessor, and filled other local offices. On Jan. 22, 1800, he married Miss Nancy Bristol, a daughter of Nathan and Anna (Lambert) Bristol. She died in 1862, and was also laid to rest in Prospect cemetery. To them were born twelve children, namely: Mark, deceased; Mary Ann, wife of Jason Clark, of East Hampton, Mass.; Benjamin, deceased; Nancy, deceased wife of Hugh Kilso; Henry, who died in infancy; Adelia, wife of Luther Morse; Henry, Harris and William, all deceased; Jane; John R., our subject; and Augusta, wife of Henry Stephens.

Reared upon the home farm, John R. Platt acquired his education in the district schools of that locality, and on leaving the parental roof, at the age of seventeen, he worked in a clock shop at Plymouth for a short time, after which he took up the carpenter's trade and followed it until after the Civil war broke out. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted in August, 1862, for three years, in Company A, 20th Conn. V. I., under Col. Ross and Capt.

Timothy Gilford. His command was assigned to the 12th Army Corps. He participated in the battle of Gettysburg, and was with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea and all through the Atlanta campaign, taking part in various battles. For meritorious service on field of battle he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, and when the war ended and his services were no longer needed he was honorably discharged. He was in the grand review at Washington, D. C., and was mustered out in New Haven. Returning to Prospect, he purchased the Hughes farm of eighty-seven acres, upon which he has made many substantial improvements, and where he has since successfully engaged in general farming and fruit growing.

In 1852 Mr. Platt was united in marriage with Miss Augusta Carrington, of Baltimore, Md., a daughter of Nehemiah Carrington, a West India merchant, and to them were born two children: Arthur, who died at the age of three and a half years; and Charles, who died at the age of eight years. The wife and mother died in Prospect, and was laid to rest in the cemetery there. On March 29, 1893, Mr. Platt married Elizabeth Hotchkiss, a native of Prospect, a daughter of Harry and Sarah (Hoppin) Hotchkiss, and a granddaughter of Gideon Hotchkiss. Mr. and Mrs. Platt are members of the Congregational Church, and are highly esteemed by all who know them. He is a prominent member of Prospect Grange, and politically has always affiliated with the Republican party. In 1884 he represented the town in the State Legislature, was selectman a number of years, and also filled the office of assessor, and of constable forty years. His official duties were always discharged in a most commendable and satisfactory manner.

JONAH C. PLATT. An honorable ambition, sustained by practical ability and unyielding energy, is a passport to success and the biographies of our leading citizens furnish many interesting illustrations of the rule. It is a pleasure to present to our readers such a forceful example as is conveyed in the following sketch of one of the well-known residents of Ansonia.

Mr. Platt was born Nov. 30, 1832, in Milford, this county, and comes of good New England stock. Fiske Platt, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Milford, Conn., and the greater portion of his life was spent there, engaged in farming. Through his grandmother, whose maiden name was Sarah Newton, our subject is descended from the Newton family.

Newton Platt, our subject's father, was born and reared in Milford, and engaged in farming there. His death occurred at his homestead at the age of seventy years. He was prominent in local affairs, holding various offices, and he and his wife were active members of the first Congregational Church. His wife, Anna Clark, who died at the

age of sixty-four, was born in Milford, the daughter of Abraham Clark, a well-known agriculturist, and her mother, Mehitable Peck, was also a native of Milford. Newton and Anna Platt had the following children: Sarah, Mrs. Clark, a widow residing in Orange, this county; Henry N. a resident of Milford; Adelia C., who married John C. Merwin, of Orange (both deceased); Charlotte Ann, who married David N. Clark, of Milford, and died Oct. 10, 1866 (he afterward married her sister Leonora); Jonah C., our subject; George F.; Abram C.; and Leonora, Mrs. Clark.

At the age of sixteen Jonah C. Platt left home to learn the carpenters' trade at Ansonia, and on completing his apprenticeship he followed the trade as a journeyman for about four years. Later he was employed for some time as foreman in the same shop in which he had learned the business, but he then became interested in raising garden seeds, continuing about eight years. The next three years were spent as foreman for his old employer, and for four years he was engaged in mercantile business in a store near his present home, but he then formed a partnership with Frederick Lines in the carpenters' trade, under the firm name of F. A. Lines & Co. They carried on a large business for a number of years, keeping several workmen employed, and they built many of the important buildings in Ansonia and vicinity. Mr. Platt finally sold his interest but did not retire from business entirely, his extensive real estate holdings requiring his attention. He and his wife formerly owned a large tract of land which was sold in building lots, and they still own six houses and a store, all in one block. In the development of other business interests of the city Mr. Platt has taken an active part and he has been a director in the Ansonia Savings Bank since its incorporation, and is now vice-president; he was one of the incorporators of that institution. At the present time he is the only incorporator who is still on the board of directors. Mr. Platt is also a member of George Washington Lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M. at Ansonia. Politically he is a Republican, and his fellow townsmen have called him to numerous official positions. In 1884-5 he was in the Legislature, and he has served ten years, 1889-1898 on the board of selectmen. For two years he was first selectman, and from 1894 to the present time he has served as assessor of Ansonia, under four mayors. In 1884 and 1885 he was tax collector of the town, then a portion of the town of Derby, and in 1886, 1887 and 1888 he was again appointed to that office.

In 1856 Mr. Platt married Miss Ellen L. Hodge, who was born in the house adjoining their present residence. She was one of three children of Benjamin Hodge, and is now the only survivor of the family. Her father was a highly respected citizen of the town and was engaged for many years in raising garden seeds. Mr. and Mrs. Platt have had five children, of whom three are living: (1) An-

nie married Edward T. Vance, a druggist of Ansonia, and has two children, Clyde (who has attended Worcester Academy, and is now a student of Yale College) and Helen. (2) Frederick Newton died when two years old. (3) Alfred C., a druggist, who died at the age of twenty-four, married Miss Frances P. Lambert, and had one daughter, Allie C. (4) Ellen C. married Rev. William H. I. Houghton, an Episcopalian clergyman, now deceased. They had two children, Edna P. and William H. (5) Franklin B. is secretary of the Ansonia Electrical Co. He married Miss Carrie Nettleton, and has one son, Franklin Newton. Mrs. Platt is a communicant of the Episcopal Church, and one of the active workers in the vicinity.

SERENO BARTHOLOMEW, one of the prominent citizens of Wallingford and an active and useful member of the Congregational Church, is the subject of this biography. Mr. Bartholomew was born in the old family homestead on Oct. 27, 1818, a son of Samuel and Sylvia (Howd) Bartholomew. Samuel Bartholomew had but a primitive education and followed agricultural pursuits all his days. Owning a farm of fifty acres, he continued to improve it, and he was noted for his industry and energy, and as an example of temperate Christian living was worthy of emulation.

Deacon Sereno Bartholomew attended school in East Farms and North Durham, worked on his father's farm, and also assisted on other farms, until he was eighteen years old, at which time he took charge of the homestead, where he has remained, with the exception of two years, which were spent in the factory of Hall & Elton, learning the trade of silver plating. Mr. Bartholomew was one of the first in this section to experiment successfully in tobacco raising, but now he devotes a small part of his 200 acres to the growing of fine peaches.

Perhaps Mr. Bartholomew is better known within the Congregational Church than in any other place in the community, as, for thirty-one years, he has held the office of deacon in that body, with dignity and efficiency. At the age of twenty-two, when in the strength of young manhood, he joined the church to which he has been devoted during a long and useful life.

On Sept. 27, 1847, in Middlebury, Conn., Sereno Bartholomew was united in marriage with Sarah A. Benham, who died in 1886. The children born of this union were: Catherine, born in 1848, died in 1865; and Franklyn M., born in 1855, married Harriet E. Tibbals (who was born in Durham, daughter of David and Nancy (Strong) Tibbals), and died in 1897. Franklyn M. Bartholomew grew up on the farm, was educated at a district school until, at the age of seventeen, he spent two school years at a private school. He was well known throughout Connecticut as being prominent in Grange circles, and he was instrumental in procuring the Grange storehouse located

at the Air Line depot; and in 1886 he was chosen purchasing agent for the Wallingford Grange, holding the office until he resigned in 1892. The winter of 1892 he spent in the employ of a well-known Boston house, introducing feeds of various kinds, after which he traveled for Mr. Lucien Sanderson, of New Haven, Conn., manufacturer of chemicals and fertilizers, and in 1895 he was appointed by the Governor of Connecticut treasurer of the State Board of Agriculture, which office he held at the time of his death. The death of the son left his aged father to the care of his daughter-in-law, who now ministers to him.

Deacon Sereno Bartholomew can look back over many years of a well-spent life. He has always been interested in public affairs, and his political affiliations are with the Republican party. His high character has won for him the esteem and respect of the entire community.

WILLIAM S. BISHOP, a worthy citizen and representative well-to-do farmer of the town of Madison, comes of a family which has for generations been respected as contributing many useful and substantial citizens to this section. John Bishop, the first of the name of whom we have record, had a son John, who married Susan Goldham.

John Bishop, son of John and Susan (Goldham), born in 1655 in Guilford, Conn., died there Nov. 25, 1731. He was a life-long farmer, and a man of influence in the community. On July 3, 1689, he married Elizabeth Hitchcock, who died March 14, 1712, and on Nov. 18, 1713, he married Mary Johnson, by whom he had thirteen children.

John Bishop, eldest son of John, by the first marriage, was born Aug. 12, 1692, in Guilford, where he grew to manhood. He removed to East Guilford, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying there Jan. 28, 1752. On July 1, 1719, he married Abigail Spinning, born May 7, 1699, died Feb. 22, 1751, and they became the parents of five children: Prudence, born July 28, 1722, died Aug. 2, 1740; Elizabeth, born Dec. 20, 1725, died Sept. 19, 1754; Rachel, born Feb. 23, 1727, died Dec. 1, 1750; John is mentioned below; Abigail, born Oct. 8, 1731, married Dr. Nathaniel Welden.

John Bishop, born April 10, 1729, in East Guilford (now the town of Madison), died there April 3, 1807, and was buried in Madison cemetery. He was well known and highly respected in the community, and was a devout member of the Congregational Church. On Nov. 1, 1753, he married Hannah Hodgkins, born Feb. 16, 1733, died June 9, 1820, and they had a family of five children: Prudence, born Aug. 4, 1754, died Feb. 25, 1834, married Samuel Foster; John, born Sept. 3, 1756, died Sept. 24, 1848, married Irene Bartlett; Lois born in July, 1759, died April 12, 1836, married Molly Ludd; Rachel, born 1761, married William Bailey; William is mentioned below.

William Bishop, born in 1703 in Madison, died



Levens Bartholomew

June 28, 1848, and was laid to rest in the East cemetery in that town. He was a large land owner, and engaged successfully in general farming; was a Whig in politics, and held various local offices; was liberal in religious matters, and an active member of the Ecclesiastical Society. He married Lucy Kelsey, who was born in 1778 in Killingworth, Conn., and died Aug. 31, 1806, and two children came to this union: William Hull, born in 1801, who married Chloe Lee, and died Aug. 20, 1841; and Levi, father of our subject, who is mentioned below. Mr. Bishop married for his second wife Mabel Murray, a native of Guilford, born in 1776, who passed away Dec. 30, 1868, and to this marriage were also born two children: John M., born in 1821, who married Cynthia Hull, and died March 6, 1881; and Lucy Ann, who married Frederick Field, and died Oct. 25, 1881. All this family are buried in the East cemetery in Madison.

Levi Bishop was born in 1802 in the town of Madison, and died there Nov. 25, 1887, his remains being laid to rest in the East cemetery. In his younger days he followed the water, becoming master of a vessel, and also for some time engaged in the produce business, but he finally settled down to the calling of his forefathers, and met with substantial success in his agricultural pursuits. His adaptability to any line of business or circumstances stood him in good stead, and in every capacity, whether public or private, he displayed marked intelligence and ability, as well as integrity and a high sense of duty. Having early received a good practical education, he broadened his views and his knowledge by continued reading, and was well informed on subjects of general interest. He was quite active in public life in his locality. Originally a Whig in political sentiment, he became a Republican on the organization of that party and was quite active in its councils. In religion he was liberal, striving always to live up to the Golden Rule in his relations with his fellow men, and his temperate habits and industrious life won him universal respect.

On Feb. 14, 1828, Mr. Bishop married Miss Polly M. Coe, who was born Oct. 23, 1802, daughter of Thomas and Submit (Griswold) Coe, and four children blessed this union: William S., whose name introduces this sketch; Harriet E., born in 1836; Catherine E., born in October, 1845, died Jan. 27, 1849; and Lucy, wife of John Spencer. Mrs. Bishop died Dec. 6, 1888, at the home of her son, and was laid to rest in the East cemetery.

William S. Bishop was born Dec. 25, 1829, in the town of Madison, grew to manhood on the farm, and acquired his education in the district schools. All his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, for he remained on the home place, caring for his parents in their old age. His tract of seventy acres is well improved and valuable, and in addition to general farming he follows stock-raising and cattle dealing to some extent, by energetic industry win-

ning success in his chosen calling. He is widely and favorably known in his town as an honest, upright citizen, and, like his father, he endeavors to make his daily life, in his intercourse with all, the exemplification of his religious views. A Republican in politics, he is no office seeker, and his influence is given rather to the support of good men than to party.

On Nov. 9, 1851, Mr. Bishop married Miss Rosetta M. Cook, who was born in 1830, daughter of Henry Cook, of Madison, and by her had three children: (1) William L., born July 26, 1859, died in infancy. (2) Catherine A., born Sept. 5, 1861, married James H. Bradley, and they had one child, Cora May; for her second husband she married Almon Johnson, and they have two children, Olive M. and Wealthy R. (3) Lucy Rosetta, born Aug. 14, 1866, was married July 12, 1884, to James McCann, and they have four children, Josephine, LeRoy, William and Raymond. On March 26, 1896, Mr. Bishop wedded for his second wife Mrs. Henrietta (Thomas) Van Wart, widow of Frank Van Wart, of an old Revolutionary family.

JOHN BEATTIE. This in his lifetime well-known quarryman and contractor, late of Leete Island, Guilford, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 18, 1820. John Beattie, his father, was a freeman of that city, and a direct descendant of that noted Beattie family of Eskdale Moor, in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, whose ancestry has been traced back more than six centuries, and whose valor and exploits in peace and war have been celebrated in the story and song of that country by Sir Walter Scott and others. On the paternal side his grandmother was Nancy Armstrong, a descendant of the Johnson family, of Dumfriesshire, also prominent in the affairs of Scotland. The mother of John Beattie was Ann Richardson, a daughter of John and Catherine (Tate) Richardson, both of families belonging to Haddington, Scotland.

In 1830, when John Beattie was ten years old, his parents came to America and settled in Nova Scotia, Canada, where the father carried on his trade of stonemason and contractor. He was contractor in the construction of the masonry work on a canal from Halifax to Pictou. In that locality, on a small farm, the paternal home in this country was established, and there the son was sent to school for a short time; but, his robust nature rebelling against the restraint imposed by sedentary life, he preferred to labor in the fields of his father's farm. In Nova Scotia he attended with profit a few terms the school of an excellent man, Rev. Mr. Morrison, and to these brief periods his school days were limited.

After a few years' residence in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and when John would no longer attend school, his father proposed to indenture him to learn the trade of a shoemaker, and had selected a master for him, whereupon the independent lad gave so emphatic a demonstration against the step that

the plan was summarily abandoned. This opposition was probably the act in life which led him into the vocation in which he for so many years was most successfully engaged. Being now thirteen years old, strong and healthy, with a love for outdoor occupation, his father was persuaded to allow him to learn the trade of stonecutting, which work John took up with great spirit. In the course of a few years the failure of the canal company induced the Beatties to make their home at Newport, R. I., whence the father and John went to New York to work at their trade. A year later they proceeded to Boston, and not long after to Newport, where the father died when John was sixteen years of age. The care of the family, consisting of his mother and four children, the next eldest being ten years of age, now devolved upon John, who, deeply feeling the responsibility placed upon him, entered upon his life work with an earnestness of application that was bound to bring success. In his trade he became very skillful, and was a rapid and thorough workman. During the next four years he was employed at Fort Adams, R. I., having, when he was eighteen years old, his first contract to do work for the United States Government. At the age of twenty years he was appointed foreman mason of the bridge builders on a section of the Boston & Troy railroad, and there for the following two years he had his first experience in overseeing large numbers of men. In 1846 he returned to Fort Adams, where he was appointed master stonecutter by Gen. W. S. Rosecrans, and superintended the preparation of the material used in that fortification until work was suspended by order of Jefferson Davis, at that time Secretary of War. Again, for a year, Mr. Beattie was with the Boston & Troy Railroad Co., in his old capacity. He then went to California as a gold miner, and for two years and two months had the experience of an argonaut without realizing any of the rewards sometimes associated therewith. Returning to the East, poor in purse and with impaired health, his next work was building the stone towers for the suspension bridge across the Kentucky river at Pleasant Valley. His health continuing poor, however, he and his brother William next opened a stonecutter's yard at Newport, in which he worked a year with beneficial results to his health.

In 1855 Mr. Beattie was engaged in building the towers for the great bridge across the Ohio, between Cincinnati and Covington, after which he had an interest in the construction of Section One, of the Brooklyn Water Works, at Jamaica, N. Y. That work being completed, at a loss to him, he spent some time building bridges on the Wabash railroad in Indiana, after which he returned to Jamaica, N. Y., and contracted for the construction of another section of the water works. This job he personally superintended, and to such great advantages that he and his partner cleared \$20,000 in eighteen months. After this he executed many contracts for mason work, in bridges, on railroads, warehouse docks and

lighthouses; built bridges on the Worcester & Nashua railroad, on the Old Colony line, and on the Warren & Fall River railroad; constructed the piers for the bridge at Warehouse Point (using sand bags for coffer dams for the first time in bridge construction in this country) and for the Old Colony dock at Newport, all large public works.

In 1865 Mr. Beattie purchased the Harrison quarry, at Fall River, but after operating it one year left it in charge of his brother William and son John, and opened another quarry at Niantic, Conn. In a few years he disposed of that interest, and in February, 1869, he came to Guilford, where he bought sixteen acres of land at Hoadley's Point, upon which were very fine ledges of excellent granite. During the following season he built several houses upon this tract, doing at the same time the mason work for the Newport & Wickford railroad. On Aug. 22, 1870, he removed permanently to Leete Island, where he continued to make his home until his death, Nov. 18, 1899. Here he developed the large quarry interests until the industry became one of the largest of the kind in the state. His granite lands and real-estate holdings at Leete Island increased to more than 400 acres, and employment was given to from 125 to 600 men, their operations being conducted in a systematic manner, aided by modern appliances. The products were readily transported to many localities by the Shore Line railroad, running through his lands, and by a fleet of vessels owned by him and laden at his docks at Hoadley's Point. The granite of these quarries is of several qualities; blue, pink and white—which are here cut, carved and polished into any desired forms; and a coarse-grained gray, having a carrying capacity of 18,000 pounds to the square inch, which is much used for building purposes. A large quantity was thus supplied for the construction of the roadway of the New York & Harlem railroad, from the river to the Grand Central depot, in New York City. Much of the stone in the Brooklyn suspension bridge in New York was furnished from these quarries.

Mr. Beattie had a thorough, practical knowledge of every department of work carried on by him, and, being possessed of great industry, pluck and executive ability, he prospered in his affairs and earned the distinction of being one of the foremost business men in the eastern part of the country. Of a strong physique, and liberally endowed with many of the distinguished characteristics of the Scottish race, he was a typical son of the "land of the mountain and the flood."

John Beattie was three times married, first, in 1839, to Ann Kelly, a native of Longford, Ireland, who died in 1859, at Newport, R. I. By her he had six children, viz.: Ann, born in 1840, deceased; John, Jr., a sketch of whom follows; Catherine, wife of Robert Evans (both deceased); Francis, a sketch of whom follows; George, deceased in 1887; and Isabella, wife of George Sanborn, of Leete Island. For his second wife our subject

married Mary Harrington, of Fall River, Mass., and three children, yet living, were born of this union: Emma, David H. and Charles, David H. being spoken of more fully elsewhere. For his third wife Mr. Beattie wedded, in 1870, Mary Gay, of Guilford, and three children were born of this union: Elizabeth, who died in 1878; and Peter and Thomas, residing at Hoadley's Point, Leete Island.

JOHN BEATTIE, JR., was born Aug. 29, 1841, at Newport, R. I., and there received a liberal public-school education. At the age of sixteen he became an apprentice to the stonecutter's trade under his father and uncle (William Beattie), and completed his apprenticeship in 1860. In the year 1865 he became foreman of the firm. In the following year he was received into partnership, the firm name being changed to John and William Beattie & Co., and until 1867 he managed the business of the concern. He then bought out the interest of his father, the style of the firm becoming William & John (Jr.) Beattie, which continued until 1869, in which year the partnership was dissolved, the interests being equally divided between William and John, Jr. The latter then conducted his portion of the business until the financial depression of 1873 caused him to abandon it (not being able to realize on his assets) and move to his farm in Westport, with the honorable resolution of paying his creditors "one hundred cents on the dollar" as soon as he was able. At farming he engaged until 1887, during which time he succeeded in accomplishing his desire with his creditors, paying them in full, and also took up the study of electricity. He is the inventor of what is known as "Beattie's battery zinc," which is now in general use, and used entirely on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; he also manufactured "X ray" machines, and invented other electrical devices. In 1890 he was appointed by his father to manage his business for him—both personal property and real-estate—which position of trust he filled with characteristic fidelity and precision, making his home in Fall River until the death of his father, since when, as one of the executors, he has been managing the estate.

In politics Mr. Beattie is a staunch Republican, and has held various offices of honor and trust; in 1870, while a resident of Fall River, Mass., he filled the position of alderman; in 1892 he was elected president of the board of aldermen, and served three years, during which incumbency he had the honor of being the originator and introducer of the Police Commission Bill, and he is known as the "father" of that popular ordinance. Socially he is a Knight Templar, being a member of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, Fall River; is also affiliated with the I. O. O. F., at Fall River, and one of the first members of the K. of P. in that city.

In 1864, at Somerset, Mass., John Beattie, Jr., married Ellen N. Powers, a native of Bedford county, Va., and a daughter of Thomas and Delia Powers. To this union have come three children: John,

a gold and silver plater at Fall River, Mass., who married Lucinda Courtney; Grace, wife of John D. Monroe, of Fall River; and Ernest J., mechanical engineer, married to Elizabeth Tripp.

FRANCIS BEATTIE ("Frank"), superintendent of the Beattie Quarry Co., Leete Island, was born June 26, 1845, in Newport, R. I., and there received his education. At the age of sixteen he commenced to learn the trade of machinist in Providence, R. I., where after three years he enlisted, in 1863, becoming a member of Company E, 2d R. I. V. I. He served until the end of the war, receiving an honorable discharge in 1865. Mr. Beattie took part in several engagements, serving under Gen. Sheridan at Winchester, Cedar Creek, Hatcher's Run and Five Forks, and at the battle of Sailor's Creek, on Lee's retreat from Petersburg, he was wounded by a minie ball. He was present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, Va., and from there went on the pursuit after Johnston, making a march of 110 miles in forty-four hours on short rations.

In Niantic Mr. Beattie learned the trade of a stonecutter and mason. In 1870 he came to Leete Island, Guilford, and for thirty years was superintendent of his father's business there, giving the trust reposed in him the best of care and attention.

In Providence, R. I., in 1868, Francis Beattie was united in marriage with Merriam Caroline McCall, born at Fall River, Mass., daughter of John and Jane McCall, and seven children have graced their union: Annie C., who was educated at the Notre Dame Convent, Waterbury, and is now the wife of Thomas T. Noel, telegraph operator, Leete Island; Carrie Isabelle, educated in the Guilford high school, who was assistant postmaster at Leete Island; Rosie Frances, Mary Elizabeth and John Richard, all of whom were educated in the Guilford high school; and Frank Kelley and Roy Hamilton.

Mr. Beattie is a member of *Paramelee Post*, No. 42, G. A. R., Guilford, in which he has held all the offices, including that of commander; is affiliated with the F. & A. M., St. Alban's Lodge, Guilford; also with Hallock Chapter, and the Order of the Eastern Star, of which latter his wife and daughter Carrie are also members. In politics he is a Republican, and under Harrison's administration served as postmaster at Leete Island. His wife and daughters are members of the Episcopal Church.

GEORGE ISAAC WILLIAMS, a prosperous and successful fruit farmer, dairyman and general farmer of Wallingford, was born in the Pond Hill District of that town Oct. 12, 1838. He is a grandson of Herman Williams, who was a brother of Willoughby Williams, grandfather of Street Williams, of Wallingford. The family history and important data of the Williams ancestry are given in the biography of that gentleman, elsewhere.

Herman Williams was a farmer and land owner of Pond Hill, where he died; he was buried in Center Street cemetery. He married a Miss Hoadley,

and their children were Samuel, Hoadley, William, Elizabeth, Edwin, Isaac, Mary (who married a Mr. Maltby, of Northford), Caroline (who married Harry Fowler, of Guilford), Julia (who married John Bassett, of North Haven), and Elijah. All are now deceased.

William Williams, the father of George Isaac, was born on the farm where he grew to manhood. Farming was his business all his life, and he was a stock dealer as well, his judgment as to the fine points of cattle being regarded as that of an expert. A fine tract of land in Pond Hill passed into his possession, and there he settled, devoting his life to its improvement, and prospering in an active and honorable career. The land where the Wallingford race track is now laid out belonged to him at one time. Mr. Williams died in the home of his son William H., and was buried in the Main Street cemetery. He was a Whig, and later a Republican, and in religion an Episcopalian. He married Abigail Preston, a native of Wallingford, and a daughter of Almon Preston. She died in Northford in 1897, and was buried in the Main Street cemetery. To this union were born the following children: Cornelia Anna, who married Henderson Ives, of North Branford; George Isaac; and William H.

George Isaac Williams was a student in the Pond Hill District school, and grew to manhood on the family homestead. Soon after his marriage he bought the "Munson Farm," which then consisted of 153 acres. It has been enlarged by subsequent purchases until it now comprises 400 acres, in a high state of cultivation, showing the touch of a practical farmer at every point. Mr. Williams carries on both general and stock farming, and operates quite a large dairy; there is also a feed and saw mill on his farm. He is a man awake to every turn, and anxious to keep abreast with the times.

Mr. Williams was married at Northford, to Miss Evelyn Munson, whose father, Julius Munson, was crushed to death by a stampede of cattle. To this marriage came three children: Arthur M., a dairy farmer, who married Emma Harrison; George and Fannie, both at home. Mr. Williams is a Republican, and belongs to the Wallingford Grange and the Agricultural Society. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, which he has served as a vestryman. A good all-round business man, an honorable and upright citizen, he has many friends, and is regarded as one of the leading farmers in Wallingford.

THOMAS A. NELSON, one of the wealthy citizens of New Haven county, who died Jan. 16, 1901, was a native of Scotland, born June 1, 1834, at Perth, on the banks of the Tay.

James Nelson, his father, was a linen manufacturer in Scotland, later carrying on the business more extensively in Belfast, Ireland, where he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1810. He and

his wife Susan had a family of eight children—three sons and five daughters—named respectively: Margaret J., Thomas A., Mary A., George, William, Letitia, Ellen E., and Jennie. Of these, George, who was a soldier in the United States regular army before the Civil war, is now living retired in Chicago, Ill.; William is in the real estate business in the same city; the daughters also survive.

Thomas A. Nelson, the subject of proper of these lines, was seven years old when he moved to the North of Ireland with his parents, and there received his earlier education. At the age of fifteen years (1849) he came to the United States, locating at Georgetown, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he attended school for some time; thence removed, in 1851, to Birmingham, where he commenced to learn the trade of tool-making, though he did not follow it. From Birmingham he proceeded to Charlotteville, Schoharie Co., N. Y., and there prepared for college, but did not enter any college. Returning to Birmingham, he engaged with the Downs & Bassett Mfg. Co., manufacturers of corsets and importers of kid gloves, and continued with that firm for a period of over a quarter of a century, from 1859 to 1884, after which he did not engage in any active business.

In 1865 Thomas A. Nelson married Clara M., youngest daughter of Abram Hubbell, of Ansonia. Mr. Hubbell was born in Fairfield county, Conn., and followed farming as well as carpentry; came to Ansonia in 1855, and associated himself with Anson G. Phelps in the Ansonia Land & Water Co., of which he was general manager up to his death in 1884. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Nelson: Clara H., Susan L. and William A., the last named being secretary and treasurer of the Derby Paper Mill, with which he has been connected some ten years, and of which his father was president three years.

In politics our subject was a staunch Republican, though not active in the workings of the party. Socially he was a member of the F. & A. M., King Hiram Lodge, No. 12, of Derby; was president of the Y. M. C. A. for years; and with his family attended the services of the Congregational Church. They have a beautiful home in Ansonia, called "Forestdale," the residence being one of the most elegant in this section, surrounded as it is with spacious grounds, lawns and winding paths.

SHERMAN B. CHIPMAN, in his lifetime a well-known merchant of Waterbury, was born on the west side of what is now known as the city, June 13, 1806, a son of Samuel Chipman, and a descendant of one of the oldest of New England families. The emigrant ancestor, John Chipman, came from England in 1630, and settled in Massachusetts, where he married a Miss Howland, who was a granddaughter of Gov. Carver.

Samuel Chipman, father of Sherman B., married



S. B. Chipman

Nancy Potter, to which union were born eleven children, as follows: Samuel D., Sherman B., Lyman, William, George E., Joseph, Timothy T., Ransom, Daniel L. (whose biography is given in full on another page), Elizabeth N. and Martha.

Sherman B. Chipman remained on the home farm at Waterbury until old enough to be apprenticed to the cooper's trade, at which he served his full time, and then followed that trade as a journeyman for a number of years. He first married Amy Todd, of Wolcott, Conn., who died leaving no children. For his second wife Mr. Chipman, in 1833, wedded Mary A. Granniss, who was born in Meriden, Conn., Sept. 6, 1816, but who was reared in South Glastonbury. The marriage took place in New Haven, when the fair young bride was but seventeen years of age. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Chipman settled in Waterbury, where he conducted a successful grocery business until his death, which occurred Jan. 16, 1860. Their only child, Harriet E., was born April 28, 1838, and died Feb. 16, 1840.

In politics Mr. Chipman was a Democrat, but was not a man to fritter away his time and energies in party affairs. He preferred to devote his attention to his business, and to the comfort of his home, and at his death he left his wife in well-to-do circumstances. She continues to reside in Waterbury, where she holds a high social position, honored and esteemed by all who know her.

Enos Granniss, father of Mrs. Mary A. Chipman, was born in New Haven county, near the city of that name, a son of Lieut. Enos Granniss, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, whose three children were named Enos, Horace and Palmer. The eldest of these Enos, married Elizabeth Chipman, who was a sister of Samuel Chipman, the father of Sherman B. Chipman. To Enos Granniss and his wife were born six children, in the following order: Enos, who was a clothier in Meriden, in Middletown and later in Wethersfield, but who died in Waterbury; Elizabeth, who was married to David Scranton, of Glastonbury, and died in New Haven; Anna C., deceased wife of Edward Kilbourn; William E., who was an engineer for the New Haven Machine Co., in New Haven, but is now deceased; Mary A., the present Mrs. Chipman; and Eunice M., deceased, wife of Rev. Joseph T. Benton.

SMITH A. ABBOTT comes of ancestors who were for many years engaged in mechanical manufacture of various sorts, and he himself has not been without experience in the same general line. At present he is a prosperous hardware merchant in the city of Derby, where he deservedly enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. He was born in Middlebury, this county, Aug. 6, 1831, the sixth child of Daniel and Sally (Sherman) Abbott. His mother was a daughter of Elijah Sherman, of Woodbury, who belonged to the same branch of the Sherman family as did Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman.

Daniel Abbott, who was also born in Middlebury, cultivated a farm, and in addition to agricultural pursuits manufactured pumps and pipes, as well as edge-tools and hammers. In later life he also engaged in the manufacture of paper at Southbury and Southford. His brain was as tireless as his energy, and he achieved a fair success through pertinacity and courage which would not admit the possibility of failure. He was a Whig in politics, and died in the communion of the Methodist Church. He was the father of a family of eight children, only two of whom were daughters. Margaret S., the elder, was twice married, first to E. T. Abbott (he was not a member of the same branch of the family as herself); after his death she married S. Smith, who is also deceased. Nancy M., the younger daughter and fifth child, became the wife of Charles Warner, of Shelton. The sons of Daniel Abbott were Daniel S., Samuel P., Elijah E., Smith A., Charles K. and John B. Of these Daniel, Samuel and Charles are deceased, the latter having met death through accident when ten years old. Daniel was the successful proprietor of an iron foundry and machine shop at Gananoque, Canada. Elijah and John, who were associated with him in business, still reside there. Samuel P. was an expert rubber manufacturer, and as such was called to England, where he took charge of an extensive plant. Subsequently he went to Scotland, where he died, meeting with an accident in the shop where he was employed.

Smith A. Abbott was a boy of six years when his parents took up their residence in Southford. His school days over, he assisted his father for a time, and then entered the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., before that concern removed its works to Bridgeport. He next formed a partnership with Louis Downs, under the firm name of Downs & Abbott, and engaged in the manufacture of buttons and buckles. After a few years this co-partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Abbott, going to Beacon Falls, secured work as a machinist. Returning to Southford, he filled the same position in his father's employ, and about two years after the latter's death took charge of his business, including the management of the paper-mill, which was then turning out straw paper. In 1866 he disposed of the plant and removed to Derby, in which city he has since resided. To employ his own words, he "took life easy" for a time, but in 1870 bought the hardware and tinware business of Gould Curtis, forming a co-partnership with David Curtis, the brother of Gould. Their relation as partners extended over a period of seventeen years, when Mr. Curtis disposed of his interest in the business and Mr. Abbott admitted his son, Frank D., as a partner, the style of the firm being changed to Abbott & Co.

Mr. Abbott was married in 1853 to Julia B. Downs, who died April 21, 1884. Four children were born to them—Mary C., Frank D., Fannie L.

and Jessie M. The son, as has been said, is his father's partner; he married Lilly Ogden, of Ansonia, Sept. 16, 1884. Mary, the eldest daughter, now deceased, married Alfred Anderson, of Derby. Fannie married George S. Curtis, of the same city, and is deceased. Jessie M. became Mrs. Burton Woodbridge, of the same place. After the death of his first wife Mr. Abbott married Miss Sarah L. Downs, her first cousin; to this union were born no children. He is a Republican in politics, and both himself and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

CHARLES FROST (deceased) was a leading citizen of Mill Plain, Waterbury, and a worthy representative of an old Connecticut family.

Samuel Frost, the first of the name in America, was born in England about 1704, and on coming to this country located in the town of Wallingford, New Haven Co., Conn. He served as a soldier in the French and Indian war. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years, dying at the home of his son David, on Wolcott Mountain, Nov. 14, 1800. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church, and at his funeral four ministers of different denominations—Congregational, Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal—participated in the services. On March 21, 1733, in Wallingford, he married Naomi Fenn, who was born May 10, 1714, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Thorp) Fenn. They had three children: Moses, born Jan. 6, 1734; Naomi, born March 31, 1735, wife of David Coggswell; and David, born Sept. 15, 1743.

David Frost, son of Samuel, was a farmer and land owner on Wolcott Mountain, where he spent his entire life. In religious faith he was a Baptist. He was married Nov. 5, 1762, to Mary Beach, who was born in Wallingford Dec. 20, 1740, a daughter of Joseph and Experience Beach. Mr. Frost died Dec. 15, 1812, his wife on Feb. 5, 1819. In their family were the following children: Jesse, born Oct. 18, 1763, is mentioned below; Enoch, born Jan. 8, 1765, married Anna Culver; David, born March 1, 1767, married Mary Ann Hitchcock; Naomi was born July 1, 1770; Mary, born March 24, 1775, died Sept. 14, 1778; Mary (2), born March 11, 1780, married Ezekiel Smith; Elizabeth married Nathan Barnes.

Jesse Frost, son of David, was drafted at the age of sixteen years for service in the Revolutionary war, and was in the service two years and nine months, being under the immediate command of Gen. Washington for nine months as one of the teamsters carrying the baggage of the general and his staff. After the war he was converted, and became an active and prominent member of the Baptist Church of Waterbury. Feeling himself called upon to preach, he studied for the ministry, and was ordained in 1815. He served as joint pastor of the Baptist Church at Waterbury with Rev. Samuel Porter for many years, and died at that place Oct.

12, 1827. For a time he preached in Southington, Conn., but he never located there. He was married in 1783 to Abigail Culver, daughter of Lieut. Stephen Culver. She died March 7, 1842. They had ten children, namely: James was born March 21, 1784; Esther, born Aug. 29, 1786, married John Smith; Leva, born April 14, 1789, married Benjamin Farrell; Alpheus, born Oct. 3, 1791, was the father of our subject; Jesse Beecher was born March 3, 1794; Electa, born Nov. 16, 1796, died Oct. 16, 1803; Van Julius was born March 3, 1798; Sylvester, born Nov. 19, 1801, died in September, 1803; Electa, born Jan. 9, 1805, married Edmond Tompkins; Abigail, born March 9, 1808, married John Mitchell.

Alpheus Frost, father of our subject, was a farmer and land owner at Mill Plain, and was one of the highly respected and esteemed citizens of that locality. On June 17, 1816, he married Jerusha Williams, daughter of Timothy Williams, and to them were born seven children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Mark Augustus, April 16, 1818; Lydia Maria (wife of Hiram Williams), Feb. 1, 1820; Melissa (wife of T. H. Patton), Jan. 6, 1822; Electa Ann, Feb. 28, 1824; Charles, June 16, 1826; George, June 10, 1829; and Styles, Nov. 7, 1831. The father died in 1834, and was buried in the East Farms cemetery. Four years later his widow married Martin Cook, of Southington, Connecticut.

Charles Frost, our subject, attended the district schools near his boyhood home. He was only eight or nine years of age when his father died, and he started out to make his own way in the world at that early age, working as a farm hand. Subsequently he learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for a number of years, and later engaged in the novelty business as a member of the firm of Frost & Gaylord until their property was destroyed by fire, after which he settled down to farming at Mill Plain, where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in general farming and the dairy business.

On July 13, 1851, Mr. Frost was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ulissa Sperry, a native of Cheshire, and a daughter of Luther and Mary Verona (Holt) Sperry. Her paternal grandparents were Benjamin and Merah (Hall) Sperry, of Cheshire, and her maternal grandparents were Philemon and Abby (Barnes) Holt. To Mr. and Mrs. Frost were born three children, one of whom died in infancy, and the youngest, Ella A., at the age of twelve years. The only survivor is Mary U. They had an adopted daughter, Helen L., now the wife of Warren B. Hitchcock.

Mr. Frost died in Mill Plain May 9, 1897, and was laid to rest in Pine Grove cemetery, Waterbury. He was an earnest member of the Episcopal Church, and highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. Politically he was identified with the Republican party. Fraternally he was a prom-

inent member of Mad River Grange, of which he was treasurer for ten years, and of which his widow is also a member. Mrs. Frost is a most estimable lady.

HENRY HOBART FOWLER, a prominent retired farmer of Branford, is a native of that town, born Sept. 24, 1826, and is descended from a very old New England family.

(I) William Fowler, a native of Birmingham, England, lived in New Haven and Milford, from which latter town he moved to Guilford, and died there Jan. 25, 1660. He and his wife Sarah had four children, William, Sarah, Ambrose and John.

(II) Deacon John Fowler, son of William, married Mary Hubbard, born in 1635. He died Sept. 14, 1676, she on April 13, 1713. Their children were: Abigail, May, Abraham, John, Mehitabel and Elizabeth.

(III) Abraham Fowler, son of Deacon John, was born Aug. 29, 1652, and married Aug. 29, 1677, Elizabeth Bartlett, born in March, 1653. He died Sept. 30, 1719, she on Oct. 4, 1742. Their children: Abigail, Mary, Abraham, Ebenezer, Daniel, Josiah, Caleb and Elizabeth.

(IV) Ebenezer Fowler, son of Abraham, was born in Guilford in 1684, and followed farming, being a large land owner in North Guilford. On May 1, 1718, he married Elizabeth Starr, who was born in Guilford, Nov. 26, 1695. He died Nov. 28, 1768, she on March 26, 1765. Their children: Ebenezer, Nathaniel, Hulda, Caleb, Caleb (2), Elizabeth, Lucy and William.

(V) Ebenezer Fowler, son of Ebenezer, was born in January, 1719, in Guilford, and died Feb. 9, 1800. He was a minute man in the Revolution, and in response to the alarm call went to Boston. On Oct. 19, 1743, he married Desire Bristol, who was born Feb. 6, 1719, and died Oct. 13, 1800. Their children were: Beulah, Ebenezer, William, Nathan, Thomas, Ruth, Caleb, Isaac, James and Oliver.

(VI) Ebenezer Fowler, son of Ebenezer, and grandfather of Henry Hobart, was born in North Guilford April 17, 1747, and followed farming. He was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, and enjoyed a pension. On Nov. 18, 1778, he married (first) Lois Rossiter, born July 13, 1759, who died June 17, 1791. They had children as follows: Benjamin R., Fanny (Mrs. Benton), Ruth (Mrs. Erasmus Dudley), James H. and Ebenezer. On Feb. 18, 1795, he married (second) Mercy Adkins, born in 1764, who died in 1825. She bore him two sons, Ammi and Isaac. Ebenezer Fowler died Jan. 1, 1833.

(VII) Benjamin Rossiter Fowler, son of Ebenezer and Lois (Rossiter) Fowler, and father of Henry Hobart Fowler, was born in North Guilford Sept. 14, 1779. In early manhood he was for six years (1812-1818) keeper of the County House and Jail, New Haven, which was located where the city hall now stands. In 1818 he removed to Branford,

where he engaged in agricultural pursuits during the rest of his days, dying Dec. 23, 1839. He transacted much public business, holding the office of justice of the peace, and various minor positions, and served as pension agent, securing pensions for Revolutionary soldiers. At one time he was deputy sheriff. His political allegiance was given to the Federalist party. Benjamin R. Fowler was twice married, first time, Nov. 28, 1805, to Rachel Fowler, daughter of Stephen and Temperance (Stevens) Fowler. To this union were born two children that grew to maturity, George R. and Randolph. Mr. Fowler married (second) June 6, 1816, Peggy daughter of Mason and Hannah (Harrison) Hobart, of Branford, and two children, James H. and Henry H., came of this marriage. The mother of these was born Dec. 12, 1781, and died March 24, 1881.

(VIII) James H. Fowler, retired carriage maker, was born in Branford, Conn., May 3, 1820 and attended the common schools and academy of the place. At the age of sixteen he commenced an apprenticeship at the carriage making business in New Haven, serving five years, and then for ten years conducted a wagon shop of his own in Branford. Later, also for ten years, he ran a sloop between Branford and Long Island, since when he has been living retired. He has been twice married, first time, in 1842, to Sophia, daughter of William and Esther Church, of Middletown, Conn., and four children were born to them: Louisa (Mrs. N. Newell), William H., Herbert and Charles. He married (second) Emily, daughter of George W. and Marie (Cook) Johnson, of Wallingford, Conn. His children are all now deceased except William H., who lives in Denver Colo. William H. married Ellen Smith, and has five children: Mary S., Clara, William H., Jr., Fred and Charles. James H. Fowler and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican.

(VIII) Henry H. Fowler, the subject proper of this memoir, received a liberal education at the common schools of Branford. He made farming his life work up to 1895, when he retired from that occupation. An active Republican politically, he has held various municipal offices, all of which he has filled, or is filling, with his well-known ability and judgment. He has in his possession a family heirloom in the shape of a writing desk or escritoire, which is said to have been made some time in the fourteenth century, and which has been handed down from generation to generation.

Mason Hobart, maternal grandfather of our subject, was born Nov. 1, 1752, at Stonington, Conn., a son of Abijah (of New London) and Mary (Bartholomew) Hobart, the former of whom was born in Stonington, Conn., in 1703, and died in 1791; the latter, who was born in Branford, died at the age of eighty-eight years. Mason Hobart, a Revolutionary pensioner, was a merchant, shipbuilder and owner of vessels, and possessed a large tract

of land in Branford. He served in the Revolution, and received a pension for his services. On Nov. 28, 1776, he married Hannah Harrison, who was born in 1757, a daughter of Isaac and Rebecca Harrison, of Branford. Mason Hobart died March 27, 1841, and his wife passed away in 1794.

ALFRED HUGHES. New Haven county has been the home and scene of labor of many men who have not only led lives that should serve as an example to those who come after them, but who have also been of important service to their town and county through various avenues of usefulness. Among them may be named Alfred Hughes, who passed away Oct. 18, 1899, after a life of industry, and rich in those rare possessions which only a high character can give.

Mr. Hughes was born Nov. 14, 1822, in what is now the town of New Haven, but at that time formed a part of East Haven. The Hughes family of East Haven is descended from Henry Freeman Hughes, whose posterity have been substantial men and women and useful citizens in this and other communities in which their lots have been cast. He had a brother, Bodwell Hughes, who, however, has no descendants in East Haven; his only son died in 1815. Our subject was in the fourth generation from Henry Freeman Hughes, who was born in 1723 in Wales, and was impressed as a seaman in the English navy. On account of his dislike for the service he deserted his ship, and about 1748 appeared in East Haven, Conn., under the name of Henry Freeman; he was reported to have come from Newburyport. His name was Henry Hughes, but to avoid detection and capture he assumed that of Freeman in remembrance of his escape, and Freeman has ever since been a common name in the family. On July 19, 1749, Mr. Hughes married Lydia Tuttle, who was born in 1722, daughter of Noah and Rachel (Hoadley) Tuttle, and a member of one of the oldest and most influential families in Connecticut. Mr. Tuttle was a large land owner in East Haven, and Mr. Hughes by his marriage came into possession of considerable property. He was industrious and prosperous, but finally was overcome with misfortune. He was a farmer and ferryman, and though his house was not a tavern he always afforded entertainment for those who desired accommodations. He also kept staple groceries and provisions on hand for his own use and for those who did not want to go to New Haven for them. He was a strict Episcopalian, very firm and settled in his belief. At that time, just preceding and during the Revolution, when the ground which separated Puritan and Churchman was contested inch by inch, it took courage and decision to be a Churchman. His wife was a Puritan, but she united with his church, and their children were all brought up in that faith. Mr. Hughes died in 1791, and Mrs. Hughes in 1794.

(II) Daniel Hughes, son of Henry Freeman, the

settler, was born June 17, 1759, in East Haven, and married (first) Lucy Grammis, born in 1761, in New Haven. She died June 25, 1791, and on Dec. 25, 1795, he married (second) Sarah Atwater, who was born April 26, 1756, in Cheshire, Conn., and died Jan. 14, 1817. On April 5, 1818, he married (third), in East Haven, Rachel Shailor, born in Bristol, Conn., in 1773, who died March 20, 1844. Daniel Hughes received a practical education in the common schools, and took up farming, in which he met with marked success; occasionally he engaged in other lines of business. He was a remarkable man in many respects, and a type of the primitive New Englander. Throughout life he continued to reside in the neighborhood of his birth. He possessed good common sense and was a strong practical reasoner, and clung to his belief with firmness. He was an acute observer and a man of quick perception. Simple in his tastes and habits, he was very active in both body and mind, and until his death kept up the habit of rising between three and four o'clock in the morning and retiring at sunset. He never would ride and never would have a horse on his farm, believing in walking. He never used spectacles, and read without them with perfect ease. Mr. Hughes was dignified in his personal appearance. Always kind, generous and hospitable, his home was open to all, and those who came were welcome. Blessed with abundance, he cheerfully gave to the deserving who had less than he, and he was widely known and beloved. In politics he was a Whig, but had not much taste for party affairs. He early united with the Episcopal Church, and was strongly attached to its teachings, being a very prominent member to the day of his death, Nov. 8, 1842.

(III) Aaron Atwater Hughes, son of Daniel, born Jan. 20, 1707, in East Haven, was a lifelong resident of that town, where he died July 14, 1833. On Jan. 20, 1822, he married Lydia Caroline Tuttle, who was born Oct. 25, 1798, and died May 30, 1892. She was a daughter of Josiah Tuttle, and granddaughter of Joseph Tuttle, who was a volunteer minute-man in the Revolutionary war, and did coast patrol duty at old Black Rock Fort, now Fort Hale. He and his son Josiah, who joined the Revolutionary army at the age of sixteen, were both taken prisoners by the English at that place, July 5, 1779. The British officers took possession of his house, which they destroyed with considerable other property. Aaron A. Hughes inherited the prominent family traits of character to a marked degree, having been warm hearted and open handed, genial, kind and hospitable to all. He was gifted with a high order of ability. Mrs. Hughes was a woman educated in advance of her time, and her mental store was constantly enriched by continual reading, with keen perception, clear and strong reasoning. Hers were those sterling qualities of mind and heart which enabled her to guide her children in all the essentials of usefulness and integrity, a duty which



Alfred Hughes,

devolved upon her by her early widowhood. She always kept abreast of the times, in all current events, and retained her faculties in a remarkable degree to the last. Her birthday Scriptural proverb was truly fulfilled: "Strength and honor are her clothing. She shall rejoice in time to come." Alfred Hughes, our subject, was the older in a family of two children, the other being Sarah Eva.

Miss Sarah E. Hughes was educated in the schools of New Haven and the Academy at Westfield, Mass., and in 1853 commenced teaching in a school which she attended. Later she taught in private boarding schools for a few years, and then became connected with the public schools of New Haven, being principal's assistant at the Wooster school two years, and principal of the Dixwell avenue school for nineteen consecutive years, making twenty-one years of continued service in New Haven. Miss Hughes was a very popular and thorough educator, and met with most excellent success. She is now living with our subject's widow on the old home farm. One writer speaks thus of her life and work: "Miss Hughes has not only maintained herself by a successful prosecution of a business to which she has devoted her energies, but has surrounded herself with the comforts of a home which it is her delight also to make, in her generous and hospitable way, the home of those whom she loves and respects. Her childhood was characterized by the early development of a bright and inquiring intellect which instinctively thirsted for knowledge. This literary turn of mind, together with an ardent love of study, ultimately led her to resolve to qualify herself for the honorable position of a teacher. With this view, after spending several years in the best schools in New Haven, she entered the academy at Westfield, Mass., under the charge of William C. Goldwaite, where she spent two years in the study of the higher branches of education. Upon her graduation from this institution, she commenced her career as a teacher in the same, and remained as pupil and teacher three years and a half. At the expiration of this period a flattering offer was extended to her to become a teacher in a boarding school in Louisa Court House, Va., which after mature consideration she concluded to accept. This position she continued to fill, with the entire acceptance of her employers, from September, 1854, until July, 1857, when, upon the failure of her health, she was compelled to resign and return to her friends in Connecticut. Here, in consequence of ill health, she remained until 1860, when an offer was made her of another position in a boarding school in Saratoga, N. Y., where she remained for one year, when, finding that the climate did not agree with her, she was obliged to relinquish the engagement and return to her home. After an interval of rest, she next accepted the position of principal's assistant in the Wooster public school in New Haven, which she retained for the period of two years. Her next field of labor was the Dixwell school—another of the

public schools of New Haven—which she entered in 1864. After the rational and energetic discharge of the duties of the subordinate positions in this institution she was ultimately promoted to become the principal, which position she held, to her credit, as well as to the entire satisfaction of the board of education, until 1883.

"In 1851 the attention of Miss Hughes was drawn to the subject of religion, and at a subsequent period, in the rite of confirmation, she made a profession of her faith in Christ, and was admitted to the Holy Communion in St. James Church, Fair Haven, of which parish she has continued to be a faithful and exemplary member ever since. In manners and address Miss Hughes is courteous and agreeable; and as a teacher she has been eminently successful."

At the age of seventeen years Alfred Hughes began life for himself, taking charge of the farm where his widow now resides—the homestead of his father, located about a half mile east of Tomlinson's bridge. To its cultivation and improvement he devoted his time and energies throughout life, and was numbered among the best and most successful agriculturists of the community, at the time of his death owning quite a large and valuable estate. He was a man of decided preferences and strong prejudices, but full of forbearance and considerate charity for those who held opposite views. Although tenacious of his opinions and firm in his purposes, he was a "man of strict integrity, sound judgment and good business capacity. He was a man of tender sympathies, which were easily aroused, and led him to the performance of kindly acts to neighbors, friends and strangers. Plain and unpretending in his habits and address, he commended himself to all as the friend of the unfortunate and helpless, but was the enemy of idleness and vagrancy. A faithful advocate and liberal patron of all practical improvements for the moral and intellectual benefit of the community, he enjoyed in a high degree the confidence of his neighbors and townsmen, among whom his sound judgment and faithful execution of all projects which commended themselves to his favor is proverbial. An industrious, honest and substantial man, as a son, brother, husband and father, he was faithful, considerate, affectionate, indulgent and tender."

Alfred Hughes was married in New Haven, Nov. 4, 1861, to Miss Mary Ann Rowe, who was born in East Haven, Dec. 20, 1839, a daughter of Robert and Abbie Rowe; her father was a native of Falmouth, England; her mother was born in Norwich, Conn., a descendant of a Story who was one of the very early settlers of Massachusetts, and soon after moved to Norwich, Conn. To Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were born three children, namely: Caroline Tuttle graduated from the New Haven high school and the State Normal, and for a number of years taught in the New Haven public schools; she is at present teaching in a young la-

dies' seminary at Springfield, Mass. Normand Atwater married Clara L. Pierce, and has one child, Marion. Alfred Burdette is a graduate of Yale College, class of 1895, and Yale Law School, 1897, and is a practicing lawyer of New Haven.

Socially Mr. Hughes was a member of Harmony Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New Haven, for forty-three years. He always took an active and commendable interest in public affairs; served as selectman of East Haven in 1857 and other years; and in various other offices. After his section of the town was set aside and added to New Haven he was elected selectman of the latter, in 1888. He was public-spirited and enterprising, and was also very charitable, the poor and the needy always finding in him a friend. During the winter he would load his wagon with vegetables and produce of all kinds, which he would distribute among the poor of his vicinity. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness his duties were performed with the greatest care, and during a long life his personal honor and integrity were without blemish.

SHELTON TRUMAN HITCHCOCK. The Hitchcock family of which the gentleman, whose name here appears, is an honored member, is an old settled one in New Milford.

In the spring of 1635, when twenty-five years old, Mathias Hitchcock came from England to Boston on the bark "Susan and Ellen," and from there removed to Watertown, Conn., where in July, 1636, he secured twenty-three acres of land in the Great dividends, which he afterward sold to D. Patrick. In 1639 his name appears on the records of New Haven as one of the signers of the fundamental agreement made on the fourth day of the fourth month (then called June), 1639. According to "Hitchcock Genealogy" he had a brother, Edward, who also was one of the five purchasers of "South End Neck" (now East Haven), where they dwelt after 1651. He (Mathias) died in the New Haven Colony Nov. 14, 1660, his widow in 1676. Their children were: Eliakim married March 4, 1666, Sarah Merrick, daughter of Thomas Merrick; Nathaniel married Jan. 18, 1670, Elizabeth Morse, a daughter of John; John; a sketch of whom follows; Elizabeth, born June 4, 1651, in New Haven, married January, 1672, Anthony Howel, of Branford, Conn. (for her second husband she wedded John Nash).

John Hitchcock, son of Mathias, was born in the New Haven Colony, there grew to manhood, and removed thence to what is now Wallingford, Conn., where he was one of the original proprietors, and owned a large tract of land. He died there July 6, 1716. He was twice married, first on Jan. 18, 1670, to Abigail Merriman, who was born April 18, 1654, a daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Merriman; for his second wife he married April 18, 1677, a daughter of Samuel Cook. John Hitchcock's children were as follows: A daughter, born Oct. 1, 1672,

died young; Abigail, born April 10, 1694, married Jacob Johnson; Mary, born Dec. 10, 1676, married Benjamin Beach; Nathaniel, born April 18, 1679, married Sarah Jennings; Margery, born Sept. 9, 1681, married Joseph Munson; Elizabeth, born April 18, 1684, supposed to have married Daniel Lines; John, born Oct. 18, 1685, married Marlow Munson; Mathias, born May 26, 1688, married Thankful Andrews; Hannah, Jan. 9, 1690, is supposed to have married John Lines; Damaris, born July 11, 1693, married Sylvanus Clark; Benjamin, a sketch of whom follows.

Capt. Benjamin Hitchcock, son of John, was born March 24, 1696, in Wallingford. When in manhood he moved to what is now Cheshire, Conn., and there owned land and farmed; he also owned land in the parish of Southington. He died in Cheshire, Feb. 12, 1767. By his wife, Elizabeth Ives, who was born Sept. 6, 1700, and died Aug. 8, 1762, a daughter of Joseph and Esther Ives, he had children as follows: Bela, born Oct. 27, 1719, married Sarah Atwater; Hannah, born Sept. 12, 1721, married May 26, 1740, Elnathan Andrews; Benjamin, a sketch of whom follows; Elizabeth, born Feb. 23, 1726; Abigail, born May 10, 1728, married Dec. 9, 1747, Daniel Bradley, of New Haven; Samuel, born April, 1730; Nathaniel, born June 30, 1732, died March 12, 1734; Enos, baptized April, 1734; Joseph, born July 12, 1737, died Nov. 1, 1760; Nathaniel, born Sept. 20, 1739, married May 4, 1763, Lydia Dutton, and died May 30, 1770; David, born June 29, 1742, married Hannah Doolittle; Damaris, born Sept. 3, 1745, died Nov. 25, 1756.

Benjamin Hitchcock, son of Capt. Benjamin, was born in the town of Wallingford Feb. 23, 1724, passed the most of his life in Cheshire, and died there Oct. 4, 1792. He married Feb. 27, 1745, Rhoda Cook, born Oct. 22, 1724, in Cheshire, and died May 16, 1808. Their children: Thaddeus, born Dec. 13, 1745, died Aug. 8, 1752; Hannah, born March 9, 1748, married a Mr. Ward; Benjamin, sketch of whom follows; Rhoda, born Nov. 24, 1752, married April 5, 1755, Obed Doolittle; Lucy, born March 24, 1755; Damaris, born Dec. 5, 1756; Thaddeus, born March 10, 1760, married Abigail Arnold.

Benjamin Hitchcock, a son of Benjamin above, was born Nov. 24, 1752, in Cheshire, then a part of Wallingford, whence he removed to Waterbury, where he became a land owner and farmer, a highly respected and prominent citizen. He died there in 1809. By his wife, Ennice (Hotchkiss), who was born Jan. 8, 1755, and died in 1799, a daughter of Daniel Hotchkiss, he had children as follows: Anna, born April 19, 1775; Saly, born in 1778, married J. G. Tyrrell; Reuben married Leda Plant, daughter of James Plant; Jared married Dec. 1, 1808, Lillie Bunnell; Manly, born Dec. 23, 1783; Samuel, born March 3, 1787, married Amelia Osborn; George, born June 27, 1780, lived in Water-

town, N. Y.; Benjamin Truman, a sketch of whom follows; and Eunice, born Feb. 19, 1793, married Heman Tyrrell.

Benjamin Truman Hitchcock, son of Benjamin above, and the father of the subject proper of this sketch, was born Aug. 9, 1791, at Waterbury, Conn. He was a farmer and land owner at East Farms, town of Waterbury, died there, and was buried in East Farms cemetery; a member of the Congregational Church, he was a devout Christian, a good and worthy man, in politics he was an old-line Whig.

On Feb. 22, 1815, Benjamin T. Hitchcock married Julia Frisbie, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of Daniel Frisbie, sketch of whom appears elsewhere, and the names and dates of the birth of their children are as follows: Eliza Finette, July 18, 1816, married J. C. Beach, and is still living; Edward M.; Shelton Truman, sketch of whom follows; Juliette, born July 4, 1828, died in 1831; Elmore William, May 13, 1833; and George Benjamin, a sketch of whom follows.

Sheldon Truman Hitchcock, son of Benjamin Truman, and the subject of this memoir, was born Dec. 13, 1822, at the homestead in town of Waterbury, and received his education in part at the district schools, and in part at a private school. Until he was thirty-three years old he worked for his father, and then bought the Maple Lake farm, on the old turnpike near Judge Hill, town of Wolcott, known first as the Lewis farms; it is a tract of 400 acres, and the house was formerly a hotel owned by Reuben Lewis. Here Mr. Hitchcock has lived for forty-five years, during which time he has made vast improvements and has added 300 acres to the original place, so that the farm lies in the towns of Cheshire and Wolcott. Besides general farming, including dairying and stock raising, he deals largely in wood, and he is noted for honesty and integrity in all his transactions.

On Oct. 26, 1855, Shelton T. Hitchcock was married to Cornelia C. Andrews, who was born in the town of Wolcott, Aug. 22, 1833, a daughter of Chester and Olive L. (Bassett) Andrews, and granddaughter of Luther and Martha (Thomas) Andrews. She is a lady of refinement, a good mother, wife and helpmeet in every sense of the word. Children were born to this honored couple as follows: Jennie J., born March 25, 1857, married William R. Steele, of Waterbury; Nettie C., born Aug. 22, 1860, married George J. Alexander; Eva, born Sept. 1, 1862, died Sept. 8, 1862; and Elbert, born Nov. 7, 1867, died Jan. 1, 1888. The last named was a young man of excellent repute, highly educated and clever, and his taking away so early in life was a sad bereavement to his parents and friends. Mrs. Martha (Thomas) Andrews, grandmother of Mrs. Hitchcock, was a sister of Seth Thomas, the noted clock manufacturer of Thomaston, Conn., while the wife of Seth Thomas was Laura Andrews, a sister of Luther

Andrews, and daughter of William Andrews, a captain in the Revolutionary army. Albert A. Andrews, brother of Mrs. Hitchcock, served three years in the Civil war, and now lives in Brooklyn, New York.

In politics Mr. Hitchcock is a staunch Democrat, and has filled several positions of honor and trust in the gift of his party, but at all times represented the people, regardless of politics. He was elected to the State Legislature six terms, namely: 1859, 1871, 1872, 1874, 1878 and 1879, and sat in the old house at Hartford the last time, and at the first session in the new house, also the last session in the old New Haven house. For twelve years he served as a member of the board of selectmen for the town of Wolcott, during several of which years he was its chairman; was a member of the board of relief; has served as assessor; and was elected grand juror and justice of the peace, but declined these offices. He is very domestic in his life and habits, and temperate in all things. In business matters he is conceded to be the most successful farmer in Wolcott, and by hard work, judicious management and sound judgment he has earned a comfortable competence.

George Benjamin Hitchcock, brother of Shelton T., was born Sept. 16, 1838, on the home farm, in the town of Waterbury, and all his life has engaged in agricultural pursuits on the Meriden road. He married Helen Alexander, daughter of John Alexander, and sister to George J. Alexander, of Waterbury, and three children have come to their union: Irving, born in 1869, died in 1881; Warren B., born in 1872, was married in 1892 to Helen S. Frost, adopted daughter of Mrs. Charles Frost; and Fannie, born in 1882, is living at home. Mrs. Hitchcock is a member of the Congregational Church at Waterbury.

HENRY B. GRISWOLD, retired, who during his active years was one of the best known business men of Guilford, was born in that town Nov. 25, 1824, son of Joel and Polly (Bartlett) Griswold.

Mr. Griswold commenced his studies in the home district, and completed his studies with two terms in a select school. As he was the eldest son, he had to help his father in the work, and remained at home until he reached his majority, when he married and removed to Clinton, where he was a farmer for some years. Returning to Guilford he became employed on a tract of land near the old homestead, on which he made extensive improvements and also took up the lumbering business. At first he cut and furnished ties and timber for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Shore Line. He cut and shipped timber for the construction of the largest sailing vessel built in America, and in all furnished timber for more than thirty ships. Later he branched out more extensively, organizing the Griswold Lumber Co., with headquarters at Chicago, of which he was president and his son H. W. secretary and treas-

urer. The company did a business of more than \$100,000 a year, furnishing more than ten million feet of white oak timber for the Michigan Central railroad; considerable for the Grand Trunk railroad; and also supplying the World's Fair with a large quantity of timber. They thoroughly investigated the lumber resources of the West, from Winnipeg to Texas, and had altogether twenty-five mills in different parts of the country, their mill products going to all parts of the world. Our subject furnished piles for a number of docks in New York, and timber for many of the elevators of that city. During the time he was in business he dealt with many railroad men in the United States and Canada, and has met many of the leading men of the country. He refused an offer of the Canadian Pacific railroad to look after their lumber interests, at a salary of \$3,000 a year. He spent one winter and part of several summers in the Adirondacks, in the interest of Thomas C. Durant, the builder of the Union Pacific railroad, locating an old survey for a railroad from Saratoga to Sacket's Harbor, on Lake Ontario, stocking his mills, and looking over timber lands, of which he had six hundred thousand acres. During the Civil war Mr. Griswold furnished the government with timber for war vessels then building, as well as for docks. Mr. Griswold is a reader of character, and a keen judge of men and events. He worked hard at whatever he had in hand, and commanded the respect of his fellow men in every walk of life.

Mr. Griswold married, Nov. 25, 1845, Miss Polly E. Wilcox, who was born Oct. 21, 1825, daughter of Selah Wilcox, of Clinton. She died Aug. 19, 1866, and was buried in the Alderhood cemetery. To this union came two children: (1) Emelyn, born Sept. 26, 1847, is the widow of James A. Dudley, who died in 1897, and was buried in Alderhood cemetery. They had five children—Lillian E., born Oct. 21, 1871; Harry C., born July 31, 1878, now a student at Harvard; Ernest Griswold, born in August, 1880, now at Leland Stanford University; Alice Griswold, born June 22, 1883; and Laura Eliot, born Feb. 14, 1886. (2) Henry Wilcox, born Feb. 21, 1850, received a good business education, and was engaged in the lumber business with his father as partner. He is now the general manager of three cold storage warehouses—located respectively in Jersey City, Springfield, Mass., and Albany—of the Eastern States Refrigerating Co., whose home office is in New York City. He is a thorough business man and has been very successful. He married Mettie M. Morrison, who had more than a local reputation in music and art, and to this union came one child, Ruth, who is now in the Guilford high school. Mrs. Henry Wilcox Griswold died April 18, 1896, in Chicago.

Henry B. Griswold married for his second wife, Oct. 17, 1867, Eugenia Maria Scranton, who was born in New Haven, daughter of Hamilton W.

and Ann Maria (Rowe) Scranton. Abraham Scranton, her grandfather, was one of the best-known citizens of Madison, Conn. To this union came one child, Herbert H., who was born Jan. 2, 1876, and died May 6, 1882.

Mr. Griswold is a Republican, with strong independent proclivities. He was selectman for two terms, and has been justice of the peace and grand juror of the United States Court. In religion he has allied himself with the First Congregational Church. He is a good, whole-souled man, and is well liked in his community.

RANSOM BENJAMIN HALL (deceased) was through life one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Wolcott, New Haven county, where he was born July 12, 1852. His father, Heman Wilsey Hall, was a native of the same town, born in 1824, a son of Deacon Orrin Hall, and a brother of Mrs. Harriet J. Gladding, who still occupies the old homestead, and in whose sketch more extended mention is made of the family. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Betsey Ann Sperry, was descended from one of the oldest families of the State, being a daughter of Joseph and Abigail Sperry, of Wolcott.

Ransom B. Hall acquired his literary education in the district schools of Wolcott, and upon the home farm gained an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. He lived with his grandparents until reaching manhood, his parents having died when he was young. On starting out in life for himself he chose the occupation to which he had been reared, and in his labors met with most excellent success, becoming one of the largest land owners and most extensive farmers of his section of the town. He was also interested in stock raising.

In 1874, in Woodtick, town of Wolcott, Mr. Hall was married to Miss Anna E. Root, a native of that town, a daughter of Timothy and Mary (Goodwin) Root, and a granddaughter of Mark Root and Virgil C. Goodwin. She is a lady of education and refinement, and successfully engaged in teaching in the district schools for several years. Since her husband's death she has moved to Mill Plain, in the town of Waterbury, where she has erected an elegant residence. She is an active member of Mad River Grange, of which she is now secretary. In religious belief she is an Episcopalian. Her children are Nettie J., George R., Daisy M. and Robert R., all at home. The older son is now engaged as a traveling salesman for the Cycle Supply Co., of Hartford.

Mr. Hall died on his farm in Wolcott Oct. 3, 1889, and was laid to rest in Woodtick cemetery. He was a Republican in politics, and always took quite an active and prominent part in public affairs, being specially interested in educational matters. He was serving as tax collector of his town at the time of his death. Religiously he was a leading member of the Congregational Church, and always



Ransom B Hall

took a deep interest in its work. In his home he was an indulgent father, a kind and devoted husband, and his genuine worth and manly virtues were widely recognized. He never acted except from honest motives, and in all his varied relations, in business affairs and social life, he maintained a character and standing that impressed all with his sincere and manly purpose to do by others as he would have others do by him.

EDWIN JESSE CLINTON, a member of the carriage wood-work firm of E. J. Clinton & Son, Clintonville, Conn., was born in the town of Wallingford, Sept. 4, 1836, and belongs to a family long located in this part of the world.

The Clintons are said to be of Scotch descent, and are supposed to have come to Massachusetts to Connecticut in the latter part of the seventeenth century. Laurence Clinton, the first of the name in New Haven, settled in what is now North Haven in 1702. He became a member of Center Church, New Haven, in 1704, and was one of six men who united in forming an Episcopal Society in North Haven in 1723. By occupation he was a mason. Records show that he was born in 1679 and died 1757-8, and that he was married about the year 1700 to Mary — (probably Brockett), and became the father of seven daughters, viz.: Elizabeth, who married James Bishop Jan. 20, 1725-6; Abigail; Mary, who married Isaac Griggs, Oct. 21, 1725; Lydia; Sarah; Anne; and Phebe. He married (second) Elizabeth Barnes (?), and had sons, Laurence and John.

(II) John Clinton, second son of Laurence, was born April 9, 1740, and on June 7, 1764, married Ann Thorpe. A daughter, Anna, was born April 9, 1766. This family all died in the fall of 1777, probably of smallpox—Anna, the daughter, on Sept. 29; Ann, the mother, on Oct. 10, and John soon after in North Haven.

(III) Laurence Clinton, eldest son of Laurence, was born Jan. 1, 1737, and died Sept. 9, 1804. He was appointed captain of the Ninth Company, or Train Band, Connecticut Militia, in 1781, and he served in the Revolutionary war. He bought the "Clinton Homestead" in the town of Wallingford in 1776. It has been the home of three generations of the Clintons, and is now the residence of Elizur Z. Clinton. Capt. Laurence Clinton was a wealthy farmer and extensive land holder. His wife, to whom he was married Nov. 15, 1759, was Elizabeth Todd, born Sept. 29, 1736, died April 30, 1803. She was a daughter of Gershom Todd and Hannah (Mansfield) Todd, granddaughter of Michael Todd, great-granddaughter of Christopher Todd, one of the first New Haven Colonists. Their children were Esther, Jesse, David (born Aug. 27, 1765, died April 21, 1783), Eunetia and Hannah. He married (second) widow Lucretia De Witt, who afterward married Nathaniel Johnson, and died in 1844.

(III) Esther Clinton, oldest child of Capt. Laurence Clinton, was born Aug. 5, 1760, and married Solomon Jacobs, who was born July 1, 1759, and died Nov. 7, 1799. The children born of this were as follows: David, born Jan. 6, 1781; Clinton, Aug. 13, 1782; Solomon, Sept. 9, 1787; Hannah, April 6, 1789, and died Dec. 30, 1794; Linus, Sept. 1, 1791; Anson, Sept. 27, 1793; Silas, March 22, 1796; and Esther, May 2, 1800.

(III) Eunetia Clinton, born Dec. 13, 1768, fourth child of Capt. Laurence Clinton, married Thomas Beach and removed to Vermont. She had three children—twin daughters, and a son, Laurence.

(III) Hannah Clinton, fifth child of Capt. Laurence Clinton, was born in 1772, and died Jan. 15, 1861. She married Joel Pierpont, and became the mother of two children: Louis, who married Rosette Jacobs, and had no children; and Lewey, born April 5, 1795, and died March 10, 1887, aged ninety-two. Lewey Pierpont married John Todd, who was born Feb. 4, 1791, a son of Gideon, and grandson of Christopher Todd. Gideon Todd was the father of Caleb Todd, from whom was descended the wife of Abraham Lincoln. John Todd died April 9, 1861, the father of three children: George Clinton Todd, born Dec. 1, 1816, died Oct. 31, 1825; Laurence Pierpont Todd, born July 7, 1822, married (first) Marie Antoinette Baldwin (born in 1836), and (second) Mary Wiley (no children by either marriage); and George Henry Todd, born Jan. 24, 1828, married May 11, 1858, Lydia C. Chapman, who was born Oct. 4, 1842, and they reside on the Gideon Todd homestead in North Haven, the ancestral home of Mrs. Lincoln.

(III) Jesse Eton Clinton, second child of Capt. Laurence Clinton, and the only son who lived to mature years, was born Aug. 9, 1762, and died Dec. 12, 1836. He married Patience Todd (born June 9, 1768, died Aug. 23, 1845), a daughter of Enos and Sarah (Blakeslee) Todd, and granddaughter of Gershom and Hannah (Mansfield) Todd. When a young man, Jesse Clinton taught school, and was afterward a successful farmer. He was the first of the family to live in the town of Wallingford. This couple had ten children, namely: Eunetia, David, Lyman, Sally, Hannah, Elizabeth, Bemon, Cynthia, Aurelia and Jesse.

(IV) Eunetia Clinton, eldest child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born June 25, 1788, and married Eli Sackett, by whom she had two children, Eunetia, who died Sept. 24, 1882; and Milo. Eunetia (Clinton) Sackett died Nov. 21, 1824.

(IV) David Clinton, second child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born June 20, 1790, and died Dec. 30, 1879. He married Lucy L. Smith, daughter of Jude Smith, and she died Aug. 20, 1883, aged eighty-eight years. They had six children: Salina, Lyman, Lavinia L., Eunetia O., Celia C. and Delia M. David Clinton founded the Clintonville Agricultural works prior to 1830. It was for a long time

the most successful business concern in North Haven, and he was at one time considered the wealthiest man in the town. Corn shellers, horse rakes, and other agricultural machines were coming into use, and on these he made many improvements. Clinton's implements became renowned, and were found wherever farming was carried on. In 1850 he associated with him, his son, Lyman, under the firm name of D. Clinton & Son, and thus the business was carried on successfully until 1875.

(V) Salina Clinton, daughter of David Clinton, married Benjamin Johnson, and had four children, as follows: (1) Henrietta, who was twice married. By her first husband, John Bartholomew, she had a son, John. On Sept. 21, 1869, she married Henry Plumley, and by this union became the mother of three children—William, who married and has two children; Lucy, who married Charles Barber, and has one child; and Benjamin, who died at the age of seventeen. (2) Julia married Elias Potter, and resides in Massachusetts. Her children are, Dolly, Nellie, William, Florence, Charles and Ernest. (3) Lucy died unmarried. (4) William went West.

(V) Lyman Clinton, second child of David Clinton, was born March 21, 1817, and died Jan. 30, 1888. He was married Nov. 24, 1841, to Lavinia Blakeslee, who was born May 7, 1822, and died May 10, 1892. Their children are: Margaret Lavinia, Julia Josephine, David Laurence, Lyman Frederick, Anson Blakeslee and Delia Eunetia. Lyman Clinton engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements with his father.

(VI) Margaret Lavinia Clinton, daughter of Lyman Clinton, was born March 10, 1843, and on Oct. 25, 1866, married George Spencer Vibbert, who was born May 10, 1843, a son of Nelson and Lucy A. (Hosmer) Vibbert. He is engaged in the card printing business. The children born of this union are: (1) Edith, born Feb. 8, 1868, married Nov. 17, 1896, William Smith, son of Alonzo and Sarah (Neal) Smith, and has one child, Winford Spencer, born Aug. 13, 1898. (2) Freddie, born May 1, 1870, died young. (3) Grace Lavinia, born June 28, 1872, married Sept. 13, 1893, Clarence B. Sherwood, son of Charles Sherwood, and has two children, Roland and Stirling. (4) Stephen Spencer, born Sept. 2, 1876, married Nov. 18, 1897, Louise Smith, born April 28, 1874, daughter of Hubbard and Emily (Barker) Smith, of Guilford, and has two children, Esther Emily, born in June, 1899; and a son born in June, 1901.

(VI) Julia Josephine Clinton, daughter of Lyman Clinton, was born June 14, 1844, and married Oct. 10, 1867, Edward S. Miner, son of Darius Miner, of Torrington, Conn. They had children as follows: Stiles, who died young; Nellie, who married John Bader; a daughter deceased; Anson; and Stiles (2).

(VI) David Laurence Clinton, son of Lyman Clinton, was born June 11, 1849, and married Sept. 14, 1869, to Fannie M. Vibbert, born July 8, 1850,

daughter of Nelson and Lucy A. (Hosmer) Vibbert. This union was blessed with a daughter, Gertrude, born Jan. 5, 1879, who married May 16, 1900, Edwin B. Stevens, born April 30, 1870 (a son of Hiram and Marietta (Richards) Stevens, formerly of Danbury (Conn.), and they have a daughter, Helen Clinton, born April 16, 1901. Mr. Clinton is serving a second term as postmaster of Clintonville, and he has also served as deputy sheriff.

(VI) Lyman Frederick Clinton, son of Lyman, was born Aug. 18, 1854, and married March 31, 1876, to Ida A. Marks, born April 6, 1854, daughter of George B. and Julia A. (Eaton) Marks. Three children have been born of this marriage: (1) Blanche L., born Oct. 23, 1876, married May 16, 1900, William W. Stevens, born July 8, 1867, son of Hiram and Marietta (Richards) Stevens. (2) Inez J., born Sept. 13, 1878, married June 30, 1897, Alfred W. Brooker, born Jan. 3, 1873, son of Warren and Aurelia (Blakeslee) Brooker, of Torrington, Conn. (3) George Raymond, born April 24, 1887.

(VI) Anson Blakeslee Clinton, son of Lyman Clinton, was born Jan. 24, 1857, and married in December, 1879, to Mary Stiles, daughter of Hobart Stiles. He resides in North Haven, but is the proprietor of a music store in New Haven. He has taken a prominent part in public affairs and represented his town in the State Legislature in 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton have three children, Wilson, who was married in October, 1901, to Miss Anna Bannell; Stiles De Witt and Mildred.

(VI) Delia Eunetia Clinton, daughter of Lyman Clinton, was born Jan. 25, 1859, and married Oct. 6, 1888, Willoughby Ely Fowler, born Oct. 6, 1860, at Guilford, Conn., son of Sereno and Elizabeth (Ely) Fowler. They have two children, Ruth Ernestine, born Sept. 20, 1894; and Earl Clinton, born Nov. 8, 1898.

(V) Lavinia L. Clinton, daughter of David Clinton, was born in 1820, and died Sept. 8, 1849. She married Ezra Munson, born in 1816, died Dec. 18, 1882. Their only child, George S., born in 1840, died April 13, 1861.

(V) Eunetia O. Clinton, daughter of David Clinton, was born Oct. 23, 1824, and died Sept. 20, 1848. She married Nov. 25, 1846, Sereno O. Todd, born March 8, 1819. No children were born of this marriage.

(V) Delia M. Clinton, daughter of David Clinton, was born Sept. 15, 1829, and died July 20, 1855. She married Jan. 14, 1851, Sereno O. Todd, as his second wife. No children.

(V) Celia C. Clinton, daughter of David Clinton, was born Feb. 23, 1827, and died May 23, 1872. She married Lyman Bassett, and had one child, Irving L. Bassett (deceased), who married May 1, 1883, Catherine E. Tuttle, and had two sons.

(IV) Lyman Clinton, son of Jesse Eton Clinton,

was born Sept. 21, 1791, and drowned at Branford, June 6, 1811.

(IV) Sally Clinton, fourth child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born July 29, 1793, and she married Edward Tuttle, who was born in New Haven, and died at Tooele, Utah, in July, 1867. Four children were born of this union, as follows: (1) Eliza A., who was married May 16, 1838, to Joseph A. Granis, of Hamden, by whom she had six children—Alexander Cook, born May 29, 1841, died Sept. 22, 1846; Susan Adelia, born April 14, 1843, married May 3, 1864, Albert M. Ives, of Mt. Carmel; Charles Wallace, born Aug. 25, 1844, died Feb. 4, 1845; Elmira Foote, born Jan. 1, 1846, married Nov. 9, 1870, Dana H. Cooper, of Mt. Carmel; Anna Eliza, born Sept. 17, 1847, married April 23, 1867, James Duckworth, of Pittsfield, Mass.; and Charles Edwin, born March 27, 1862. (2) Sarah married Joseph Meacham, and resided in Toole City (or Tooele), Utah. She had five children. (3) Angelina married William B. Adams, of Tooele, Utah, and has three children. (4) Norton married about 1850, Elizabeth Utley, and has two sons and three daughters. They reside in Tooele, Utah.

(IV) Hannah Clinton, fifth child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born June 10, 1795, and died Aug. 11, 1878. She married Harvey Todd, who was born in December, 1790, a son of Joel Todd, and died July 15, 1867. There were the parents of three children, as follows: (1) Grace, born June 15, 1816, married (first) on Thanksgiving Day, 1836, Charles Pierpont, born in March, 1813, and by this union was born a daughter, Josephine Amelia, June 28, 1841, who died in February, 1873. Grace married (second) Jude B. Smith, who was born March 23, 1808, a son of Jude Smith, and died March 18, 1887. (2) William, born in December, 1821, married (first) Emeline Brooks, by whom he had five children—Martha, Mary, Hattie (married first, Carl Grainger, and second, Charles Foote), Emma (wife of Alfred Allen, of Wallingford) and Jennie (wife of Reuben Harrison). For his second wife, William married Lydia Lord, who bore him four children—Carrie, Rose, and William and Arthur (both deceased). (3) Charlotte, born in November, 1823, is now deceased; she married Warren Cooper, and had two children, both of whom are now dead.

(IV) Elizabeth Clinton, sixth child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born Sept. 20, 1796, and died Nov. 28, 1886. She married June 17, 1816, Josiah Todd, born Dec. 18, 1794, died Oct. 22, 1869, a son of Dan Todd and his wife Lucy Frost. Dan Todd was a son of Christopher, son of Samuel (2), son of Samuel (1), son of Christopher and Grace (Middlebrook) Todd. Josiah Todd and his wife, Elizabeth Clinton, resided at New Connecticut, Newark Valley, N. Y., and were both buried in Newark Valley. They were the parents of seven children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Samuel, born Aug. 22, 1817, in North Haven, died at

Manchester, Conn., Jan. 5, 1900. He married Jan. 7, 1851, Emily Rich (daughter of Harvey and Nancy (Johnson) Rich), of Owego, N. Y., born Dec. 10, 1825, died at Newark Valley, Dec. 26, 1868. Samuel married (second) June 15, 1870, Jane M. Button, of North Haven, Conn., who was born Jan. 15, 1848, daughter of John and Mary Ann (Goodale) Button, and two children were born of this union—Clarence J., March 12, 1874; and Jennie A., Aug. 16, 1876. (2) Frederick Handel, born Feb. 26, 1819, was drowned in March, 1865. He married Sept. 17, 1850, Phebe Elizabeth Slosson, who was born March 9, 1830. (3) Aurelia Juliet, born June 7, 1823, at North Haven, Conn., married March 25, 1847, William B. Bushnell, born April 12, 1823, and they now make their home in Berkshire, Tioga Co., N. Y. (4) Henrietta Wallace, born April 21, 1827, in Newark Valley, died in Brooklyn, Jan. 10, 1893, and was buried in Wellsboro, Penn. (5) Robert Burns, born March 5, 1829, died Sept. 28, 1831. (6) Mary Josephine, born Feb. 6, 1833, married May 23, 1861, Charles Grosvenor Osgood, born March 22, 1820, and has three children—Harry Winthrop, born Feb. 23, 1862; Mary Helen, born Oct. 24, 1863, married Sept. 20, 1894, Dr. Clarence W. Webb, and has a son, Charles Grosvenor Osgood Webb, born March 23, 1899; and Charles Grosvenor, born May 4, 1871, a teacher in Yale University, New Haven. The entire family have homes in Wellsboro, Penn. (7) Fidelia, born Dec. 4, 1838, married Feb. 14, 1860, Mandelbert Newton Chapman, of Newark Valley, N. Y., born July 5, 1837, died Feb. 11, 1868; Fidelia married, second, Edward Beason, of Kansas.

(IV) Bemon Clinton, seventh child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born Oct. 1, 1798, and married Lavinia Tuttle, who bore him five children, as follows: (1) Harriet T., born in 1830, married Aug. 17, 1851, in New Haven, to Louis W. Gunn, and has one child, Frank. (2) Burton, born Oct. 14, 1831, at Blandford, Mass. (3) Sarah B. (deceased), married at New Haven, Aug. 21, 1853, to Washington C. Cunningham, of Middletown, Conn., and had one child. (4) Mary married William Cook (both deceased), and had one child, George. (5) Jane married George Auger, and had a son Seymour. For his second wife, Bemon Clinton wedded Sarah Frisbie, and for his third, Julia Wells.

(IV) Cynthia Clinton, eighth child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born Jan. 27, 1801, and married Deacon Lewis Bates, by whom she had one child, Angelette, who married Ellsworth Robinson, and had two daughters, Emma and Jennie.

(IV) Aurelia Clinton, ninth child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born July 14, 1803, and died May 4, 1892. She married Oct. 30, 1823, Orrin Todd, born Feb. 26, 1800, died Dec. 8, 1888, son of Joel Todd. Joel Todd was a son of Hezekiah, son of Caleb, son of Samuel (2), son of Samuel (1), son of Christopher and Grace (Middlebrook) Todd. To Orrin Todd and his wife Aurelia were born four

children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Francis Hayden, born Aug. 8, 1827, died Oct. 9, 1899. He was an enterprising and successful farmer, and made an honorable record as a citizen in public affairs. In 1864 he was elected a grand juror, and held that office until his death—a period of thirty-five years. In October, 1899, he was elected treasurer of North Haven for the twenty-fourth time. In 1883 he was elected representative to the State Legislature; he also served as selectman several terms. On Jan. 1, 1855, he married Elizabeth M. Gill, of North Haven, daughter of John Henry and Louisa (Tuttle) Gill, and three children were born of this union—George Henry, born Oct. 31, 1861, married Jennie Maginness, now deceased; John Hayden, born Nov. 14, 1866, married Dec. 18, 1890, Josephine Cheney, and has two children; and William Handel, born March 5, 1871. (2) Grace Angeline, born Aug. 9, 1830, married Samuel Hale, and resides in California. (3) Henry Dennis, born Sept. 2, 1832, is a farmer. He has served as selectman in North Haven. During the Civil war he served as a soldier from September, 1862, to July, 1863. His wife was Grace A. Hartley, daughter of Bernard and Sarah A. (Bishop) Hartley. (4) Mary Aurelia, born Nov. 25, 1836, died Nov. 28, 1886. She married Eli J. Brockett, Nov. 25, 1856, and had one child, Frederick H., who married Charlotte T. Bishop, daughter of Erus and Charlotte (Thorpe) Bishop, and has three children—Myron, Horace and Nelson.

(IV) Jesse Clinton, Jr., tenth child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born May 13, 1805, and died Feb. 20, 1875. On Nov. 16, 1825, he married Rosanna Bassett, who was born Oct. 30, 1803, and died May 23, 1886. They were the parents of six children, namely: Merritt Julius, George William, John Henry, Isaac Bassett, Edwin Jesse, and Elizur Zerah.

(V) Merritt Julius Clinton, son of Jesse Clinton, Jr., was born June 23, 1826, and died April 11, 1879. He was married April 24, 1850, to Emily Blakeslee, born Aug. 9, 1831, and became the father of three children: Origen C., born Aug. 26, 1851, died July 13, 1897; Milo C., born Sept. 22, 1853, married May 3, 1877, Hattie M. Smith (born Nov. 23, 1857, died April 12, 1897) and had three children—Flora B. (born Sept. 23, 1878, died June 14, 1883), Lina B. (born Oct. 29, 1881, died May 20, 1894) and Clarence M. (born April 19, 1887, died in August, 1901); and Frank R., born July 15, 1855.

(V) George William Clinton, son of Jesse Clinton, Jr., was born Oct. 12, 1828, and married May 18, 1856, to Frances A. Allen, who was born Sept. 12, 1835, a daughter of Hiram and Nancy (Button) Allen, and one child, Celia A., born March 2, 1861, has blessed this union. Celia A. Clinton married Sept. 21, 1887, Wallace H. Mansfield, who was born Oct. 26, 1859.

(V) John Henry Clinton, son of Jesse Clinton,

Jr., was born March 2, 1832, and died unmarried Dec. 23, 1859.

(V) Isaac Bassett Clinton, son of Jesse Clinton, Jr., was born July 2, 1834, and married May 12, 1858, Grace A. Allen, who was born July 18, 1839, a daughter of Hiram and Nancy (Button) Allen. The children born of this union are as follows: Evelyn B., born May 7, 1859, married Feb. 14, 1888, Florence A. Redfield (born July 16, 1863, a daughter of Charles and Laura (Bassett) Redfield), and has one son, Leroy W., born Nov. 24, 1889; Friend, born June 20, 1862, married Aug. 2, 1888, Helen G. Clark, born in Middletown, Conn., Jan. 17, 1866; and Elbert, born June 15, 1872, married April 6, 1898, Clara G. Sanford, of Hamden, and has one child, Helen Priscilla.

(V) Elizur Zerah Clinton, son of Jesse Clinton, Jr., was born Sept. 18, 1847, and married Nov. 10, 1869, Julia A. Bishop (daughter of Erus and Charlotte (Thorpe) Bishop) born May 1, 1850, died April 10, 1873. On Dec. 3, 1873, Elizur Z. Clinton married for his second wife, Ella J. Palmer, who was born June 25, 1849, a daughter of Timothy and Sybill (Barnes) Palmer. The children born of this union are as follows: Robert J., born Feb. 6, 1875, married April 21, 1898, Hilda Matilda Olsen, and has two children, Charlotte Ella and Ruth; Bessie, born March 28, 1878; Lovell E., born June 5, 1883; Dora P., born March 17, 1889; Jennie F., born April 16, 1891. Mr. Clinton resides with his family on the old Clinton homestead, and is successfully engaged in farming.

(V) Edwin Jesse Clinton, son of Jesse Clinton, Jr., and fifth in the family in the order of birth, was born Sept. 4, 1836, and married April 11, 1859, to Cornelia Tuttle, who was born Aug. 14, 1842, a daughter of Amos and Harriet (Bassett) Tuttle, and died March 24, 1885. Two children were born of this union: Andrew D., born Sept. 7, 1862, married May 21, 1885, Lucy A. Bishop, born July 10, 1861, a daughter of Erus and Charlotte (Thorpe) Bishop and has a son Charles, born March 15, 1901; and Ida L., born Aug. 30, 1871, married Heinrich Vollhardt, born in Frankfurt, Germany, July 21, 1870, and has had five children—Frieda A. (born Sept. 9, 1895), Philip H. (born Aug. 24, 1896), Edwin Clinton (born Dec. 13, 1897), Cornelia (born Dec. 31, 1899, died in February, 1901), and Alfred (born July 24, 1901). For his second wife, Edwin Jesse Clinton married Jan. 20, 1886, Eliza J. Arthur, who was born in Kingston, Jamaica, W. I., Dec. 18, 1853, a daughter of Joseph Arthur (a native of Cornwall, England) and his wife Elizabeth (Haling) Arthur (daughter of William and Abigail (Hall) Haling), of Chatham, Conn. One child, Joseph Arthur, born June 12, 1888, has blessed this union.

Edwin Jesse Clinton was reared on the old Clinton homestead, and received his education in the district schools. For four years after leaving the school room, he was employed in the Clintonville

Agricultural Works, and then became foreman for J. F. Barnes, of North Haven. During these eight years he had carefully studied business methods, and had thoroughly acquired that practical training for the business world, that cannot be obtained by years of study in the class room. He then entered the business world for himself, building a mill and factory near the home in Clintonville, and here for thirty-five years he has been engaged in the manufacture of carriage wood work. For a part of this time he had as his partner, his brother Isaac B., and lately his son, Andrew D., has been associated with him. He built a fine dwelling house and has made many improvements upon his home place, making it one of the ideal homes in this vicinity. Mr. Clinton has a fine reputation as an honorable business man, and counts his friends as an army in the village and surrounding country. For many years he has kept a diary, and his notes of passing events are sometimes very valuable for reference. Socially Mr. Clinton belongs to the O. U. A. M., and both he and his wife are members of the Grange. Mrs. Clinton is a lady of cultured literary tastes, and has made a specialty of the study of genealogy, spending much time in its investigation.

CALEB T. MERWIN, for many years a prominent agriculturist of the town of Milford, was a representative of one of the oldest and best known families of that locality. The first of the name to settle in this section was Miles Merwin, and the line of descent is traced as follows: Miles (2), Miles (3), Miles (4), and Anson, our subject's father, all natives of Milford.

Miles Merwin (4) married Miss Abigail Beach, of Milford, and settled on the present homestead in the southern part of the town on Long Island Sound. They had eight children: Mary, who married Rev. Mr. Atwater, of Branford; Anna, who married Richard Hepburn, of Milford; Daniel, a farmer in the town of Orange; Samuel, a clergyman, who preached many years in New Haven, Conn., and later in Wilton, Conn., where he died; Anson, our subject's father; Nathan, a farmer in Oxford, Conn., and later a hotel-keeper in Milford, where he died some years ago; Benedict, who was a farmer in Milford; and Miles (5), formerly a butcher in Milford.

Anson Merwin, the father of our subject, was born in Milford March 24, 1787, and followed farming at the old homestead throughout his life. He died July 7, 1867. His wife, Calena (Tomlinson) who died March 4, 1866, was a native of Milford, and a daughter of Caleb Tomlinson, a seafaring man. Of their five children the eldest, Anson W., engaged in the carriage business in Louisville, Ky., where he died April 20, 1854; Caleb T. is mentioned more fully below; Samuel M. was a coal dealer in Louisville and died in 1808; Louisa is the widow of Andrew Lincoln, of Massachusetts, who engaged in the furniture business in

Louisville, but afterward became a farmer in Hancock county, Ill. (his remains are buried in Milford): Mary E. died Dec. 14, 1877, unmarried.

Caleb T. Merwin was born Jan. 11, 1823, at Pond Point, and grew to manhood upon the farm, receiving his education in a district school. He taught school for about eight seasons in Milford and Orange townships, afterward giving his whole attention to agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of raising garden seeds. His farm contained about 125 acres, and is situated on a high elevation overlooking Long Island Sound.

On April 20, 1852, Mr. Merwin married Miss Maria A. Wheeler, daughter of Ezra Wheeler, a well-known farmer in Bridgeport. Seven children blessed this union: Mary L., who died Sept. 3, 1856, at the age of three years; Ida M., who died July 12, 1889; Mary C.; Jane W.; Walter L.; Laura H.; and Sherman T. In 1839 Mr. Merwin united with the First Congregational Church of Milford, and for many years was one of the leading members, holding most of the offices, including that of deacon for fifteen years. The family are also identified with that church. In politics Mr. Merwin was first a Whig and later a Republican, and in 1860 and 1861 he represented his town in the State Legislature. He passed away Dec. 23, 1899.

HARRY WOODING (deceased), a representative farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Cheshire, was born in Woodbridge, Nov. 12, 1829, and was a great-grandson of John Wooding, a native of New Haven, who, about 1750, removed from North Haven to Woodbridge, and was the first of the family to locate in the latter town.

Elijah Wooding, son of John, was born in Woodbridge. He was twice married, his first wife being Thirza Hotchkiss, of Cheshire, by whom he had two sons, Levi and Stephen. For his second wife he married Emma Bradley, and to them were born four children, namely: Eunice, Olive, Thirza and Uriah.

Stephen Wooding, son of Elijah, and father of our subject, was born, reared and educated in Woodbridge, now Bethany, and throughout his active business life engaged in farming in that section of the county. He married Miss Deborah Bradley, also a native of Woodbridge, who died in Bethany in 1832, and he died in Woodbridge, in 1859. They had four children: Henry, who was born in 1818; Milo, who went to California; Mrs. Eliza Tuttle, who died in Naugatuck, Conn.; and Harry.

Reared in Bethany, Harry Wooding obtained his education in the common schools of that town, and later learned the machinist's trade, at which he worked in different places in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Coming to Cheshire in 1857, he purchased a farm, and in connection with its operation continued to work at his trade for some years.

Mr. Wooding was married in Cheshire, in 1865,

to Miss Irene J. Watson, a native of Torrington, Conn., and a daughter of George and Jane (Belden) Watson. He father died in Roseville, Ill., and her mother, a daughter of Jeremiah and Love (Dean) Belden, of Canaan (now Falls Village), Conn., died in Norfolk, Conn. To our subject and wife were born two children: Ida, widow of Benjamin Chatfield has two children, Gladys W., and Lorin, and lives in New Haven; and Waldo, a machinist residing in Cheshire. Religiously, Mr. Wooding was a member of the Episcopal Church, of which his wife is also a communicant. Politically he was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. In all the relations of life he was found true to every trust reposed in him, and he commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he came in contact. Brave and patient under the sufferings of his last illness, he was ever considerate of those about him, and when the end came, Nov. 9, 1900, a dearly beloved father and husband entered into rest, leaving behind him a vacant chair to be filled only in that last Grand Reunion.

ALFRED BARNETT. Among the worthy men whose histories add interest to this volume, none stand higher in public esteem than this well-known resident of Ansonia, who is passing in retirement the evening of a long and useful life. He was born Aug. 22, 1823, in Birmingham, England, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Withington) Barnett. Joseph Barnett, who was born in London, England, became a shoemaker by trade and for many years conducted a store in London, amassing a handsome competence. He then retired and spent the remainder of his life in Birmingham, where he died at the advanced age of eighty years. Catherine (Withington) Barnett was born in Shiffnal, Shropshire, England, and lived to be eighty years old. Joseph Barnett and his wife had a family of four children, two of whom are still living: David, a resident of Kansas; and Alfred, our subject. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were highly esteemed in the community.

Alfred Barnett passed the earlier years of his life in Birmingham, England, and at the age of fourteen began to learn the trade of fine wire drawing, which required an apprenticeship of seven years. He continued in this business as a journeyman, and at the age of twenty-five removed to New York, where however he remained only a short time. In 1849 he went to Greenwich, Conn., but soon afterward removed to Birmingham, now Derby, and entered the employ of Wallace & Sons, where he remained until 1851. During that year he visited England, and on returning he resumed his work for Wallace & Sons in their new mill in Ansonia. In 1861 a desire to try the life of a farmer tempted him to Wisconsin, where he remained four years, but he then returned to his former position with Wallace & Sons. Two years later, in 1867, he was given the position of superintendent, or con-

tractor, for the fine wire department, being the overseer of a number of men. He continued in this work for many years, and only left it in 1887 to go into complete retirement from business. His present dwelling house was built in 1874. During his long residence in the city it has grown from a farming community of only a few houses, to a city of 13,000 inhabitants.

In 1851 Mr. Barnett married his first wife, Mary A. Robinson, of Birmingham, England, daughter of John Robinson, who died in 1865, in the West. His second wife, Mary Selby, was born in Ireland, a daughter of William Selby, a farmer, and died at the age of sixty years. Both were members of the Episcopal Church of which Mr. Barnett is a regular attendant. By his first marriage he had three children: Mary married Henry Miner (deceased) and had two children—Hattie (who married and has one child) and Edward; John; Alfred T. (deceased) married and had two children—Mabel and Ethel. There were two children by the second marriage, viz.: Maria, who married M. P. Fillingham, a draughtsman, and has one child, Alfred Barnett; Melvina, who married P. K. Leng, a merchant in New York, and has had two children, Alfred Steeles and Mary. Mr. Barnett is a Republican in politics, has been a Burgess of the borough for three years, and has served a number of times on the jury.

SMITH S. CLARK (deceased) passed his last years in the enjoyment of a rest which he truly earned and richly deserved by reason of his industrious efforts of former years. Accomplishment and progress ever imply labor, energy and diligence, and it was those qualities that enabled our subject to rise from the ranks of the many and to stand among the successful few.

A native of New Haven county, Mr. Clark was born in the town of Milford (now Orange) Feb. 14, 1822, a son of Celah and Hannah Stone (Smith) Clark, whose sketch is given in connection with that of Horatio N. Clark, elsewhere. During his childhood our subject removed with his parents to Prospect, where he obtained his education in the district schools. He remained under the parental roof until he reached manhood, and then learned the painter's trade, which he continued to follow to some extent for a number of years, in Cheshire and in other places. Later in life he turned his attention to farming in Prospect, near the old homestead, where at the time of his death he owned a valuable farm of 200 acres, upon which he had made many improvements. He carried on general farming and stock raising, also engaging in the wood business, and during the spring and fall continued to work at his trade. He was noted for his industrious and thrifty habits, and prospered in his undertakings, becoming one of the substantial citizens of the community.

In Prospect, Mr. Clark married Miss Abigail Williams, a native of Cheshire, and a daughter of

Albert Williams. She died leaving no children, and was buried in Prospect cemetery. In 1859 he was again married, his second union being with Miss Sarah E. Thomas, a native of Woodbridge, daughter of Noyes H. and Emma (Baldwin) Thomas, and granddaughter of Abner Baldwin. To this union were born two children: Welleford Selden, a painter of Straitsville, Conn., who married Alta Dickerman, and has four children, Percy, Florence, Leon and Hazel; and Adelbert Smith, who operates the home farm.

Mr. Clark was a member of the Congregational Church, to which his widow belongs. He ever took an active and prominent part in church work, was a member of the society committee for a quarter of a century, and was also clerk and treasurer of the church. All the family have been well-known and highly respected throughout the community in which they live. Politically Mr. Clark was identified with the Republican party, served as tax collector, and was selectman of his town for twelve years. He was always enterprising in promoting agricultural interests, and was a member of the Grange, as are his widow and son, Adelbert. Mr. Clark's upright and honorable life won for him the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact, and he well deserved the high regard in which he was uniformly held.

JOHN VAIL, a well-known and highly-esteemed citizen of Waterbury, residing on Washington avenue, was born in Riverhead, Long Island, Aug. 4, 1832, son of Capt. Jasper Vail, also a native of Long Island, and owner and master of a coasting vessel engaged in local trade. The father was a Whig in politics, and was liberal in his religious views. He married Sophrona Edwards, and they continued to make their home throughout life on Long Island. Their children were Halsie, now deceased; Griffin; Charles, who was a resident of New London, Conn., was engaged in the coasting trade, and was drowned during the seventies, his vessel having capsized; Peter; Francis; John; George; David; Andrew; Fanny; and Mehitabel.

Our subject obtained his education in the district schools of Long Island. At the age of eight years he commenced working for his board and clothes, and was thus employed until he was sixteen years of age. He then accepted a position as cabin boy on a coasting vessel, continuing thus for two years, and on leaving the water, in 1850, came to Connecticut. After spending two years in Bristol and adjoining towns, he took up his residence in Waterbury, where he has since made his home. He was successfully engaged in house painting until 1888, and also carried on farming to some extent, having for half a century owned and operated a farm on Town Plot, Washington avenue. Since his retirement from the painting business he has devoted much of his time to dairying, and in that undertaking has met with good success.

In 1855 Mr. Vail was united in marriage with Miss Mary Adams, who was born in Watertown, Litchfield Co., Conn., a daughter of Seymour Adams. They have become the parents of four children, namely: Ella Rossette, now the wife of Charles Dikeman, of Torrington, Conn.; Jessie Rosalyn, wife of Dwight Robinson; Charles, who married Susie Wilson; and George, who married Miss Ada Hunter.

Mr. Vail was a member of the school committee of Town Plot during seven of its most progressive years. He was one of the first in Waterbury to join the Republican party, voted for Fremont in 1856, and has since been one of its stalwart supporters, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He has always been found true to every trust reposed in him, and receives and merits the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens.

ISAAC BASSETT CLINTON, one of the best-known citizens and successful general farmers and dairymen of the town of Wallingford, was born July 2, 1834, on the old homestead, near where he now resides.

Jesse Clinton, the grandfather of our subject, was a large land owner near Clintonville, where he spent his life, and added to his income very considerably by cattle raising. His son, Jesse, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead, and was the youngest of the family. His early days were spent in school, and he became interested in farming, which he continued all his life. During his management of the farm, consisting of 150 acres, he made many improvements, and became well known as a raiser of fine stock. He married, in North Haven, Rosanna Bassett, a daughter of Isaac Bassett, and six children were born of this union: Merritt, George, John, Isaac, Edwin and Elizur. Mr. Clinton's connection with the Congregational Church of North Haven began in his youth, and he lived an honest and upright life.

During his early youth our subject was a pupil in the district school, and later attended the North Haven Academy. He remained at home until he was eighteen, at which time he entered the factory at Clintonville, and later, with his brother, formed the partnership of Clinton Bros. in the manufacturing of carriage woodwork, prosecuting this successfully for twenty-five years, at which time Mr. Clinton's health failed and he gave it up. A life on the farm seemed to promise a return to good health, and he then went into the dairy and fruit growing business on a tract of sixty acres of the original homestead farm. That his hopes were realized his present excellent health attests, the only medicine he needed being fresh air, sunshine and contact with Nature. Mr. Clinton has proved that the Biblical assertion that man shall eat his bread in the sweat of his face is sometimes the greatest of blessings.

On May 12, 1858, Mr. Clinton was married, in

Wallingford, to Grace Ann Allen, who was born in that town. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton: Evelyn B., born May 7, 1859, is a dairyman and peach grower; he was married Feb. 14, 1888, to Florence A. Redfield, who was born July 10, 1863, and they have one child, Leroy W., born Nov. 25, 1889. Friend is a manufacturer of witch hazel at Higganum, Conn.; he married Helen G. Clark, of that place. Elbert married Clara G. Sanford, of Hamden, where they reside. Both Mr. Clinton and wife are members of the North Haven Grange, where their social qualities are much appreciated; they are connected with the North Haven Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Clinton is descended from an old and prominent family. Roger Allen came to New England in 1638. The parents of Mrs. Clinton were Hiram and Nancy (Button) Allen, the former born in 1806, and the latter in 1805; she died in 1885. Children as follows came to Mr. and Mrs. Allen: Franklin, born in 1832; Frances Augusta, born in 1836; Hiram; Grace Ann, born July 18, 1839; and Elenora Melvina, born in 1842. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Clinton, Newberry Button, was a native of North Haven; he was a fifer during the Revolutionary war, and was at Fort Griswold. Later he became a seafaring man. He married a daughter of James Pierpont, of North Haven.

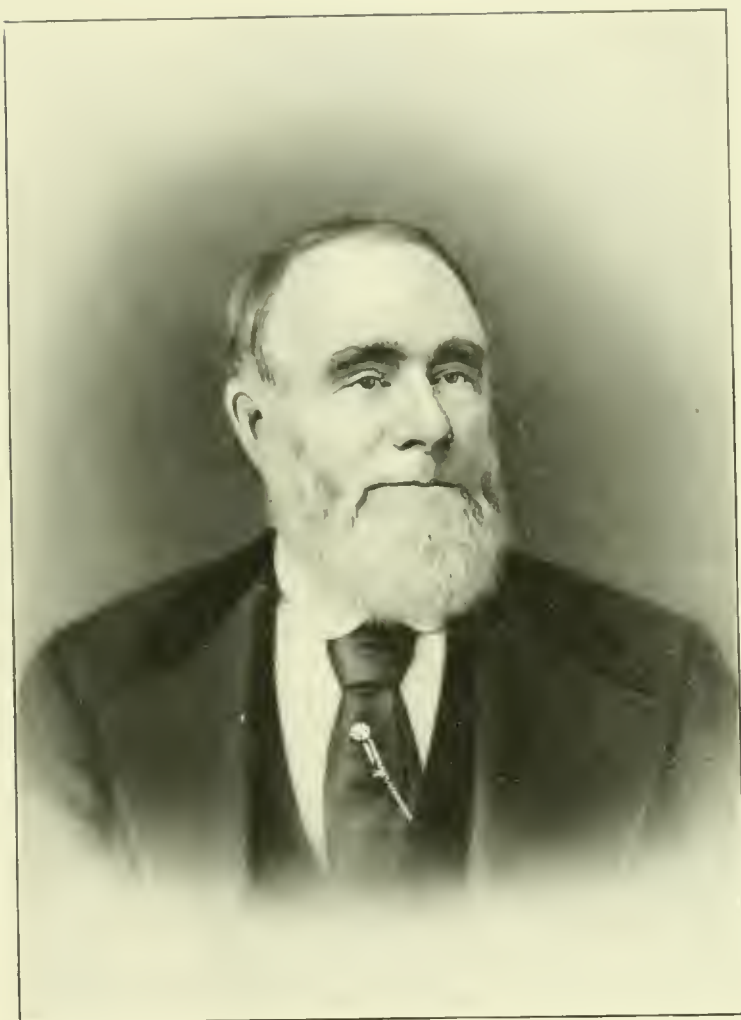
WILLIAM H. PERKINS, an enterprising and progressive gentleman farmer of Bucks Hill, has spent his entire life in Waterbury, where he was born Nov. 3, 1848. He is a worthy descendant of an old and highly respected New York family.

William Perkins, his father, was born in Butter-nuts, now Gilbertsville, Otsego Co., N. Y., a son of Benonia Perkins. When nine months old he was brought by his parents to Bethany, New Haven Co., Conn., where his father engaged in farming and died. William Perkins was educated in the schools of Bethany, and was fifteen years of age on coming to Waterbury, which town was then in its infancy. Here and in Prospect he learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, and in time became the best-known contractor and builder in the Naugatuck Valley. When he was twenty-one years of age he formed a partnership with Archibald and Elisha Rice. He erected several of the public buildings in Waterbury, including the "Scovill House," the First Congregational church, and the Scovill factory. His work was done with great dispatch, and he put up nine houses in ten days in Waterbury. For several years he also engaged in the manufacture of sash and blinds at his factory at City Mills. He was a large land owner, having property at Lake Wood, now known as Perkins avenue, and also at Waterville. He was quite prominent in politics, and was a recognized leader of the Democratic party in Waterbury, taking a deep interest in all public matters. He served thirteen years as selectman, to which office he was nominated and elected by both

the Democratic and Republican parties, and in the discharge of his duties gave eminent satisfaction to all concerned. He was first selectman five years. He was public spirited and progressive, and gave his support to all measures calculated to advance the educational, moral or material welfare of his town and county. He was a man of independent thought, and had the courage of his convictions, doing ever what he deemed best for the general good. Mr. Perkins died at his home on North Main street, Waterbury, in 1875, and was laid to rest in Riverside cemetery. He attended the Episcopal Church, and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. For his first wife Mr. Perkins married Mary Tuttle, who was born on North Main street, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Judd) Tuttle, and his second wife was Almira Jerome, of Waterbury; she is buried in Riverside cemetery. He had four children: (1) Elizabeth, who was educated at the Waterbury Academy and Miss Draper's boarding-school, is now the widow of John H. Smith, a son of Hon. Nathan Smith, a Congressman from New Haven, and makes her home in Waterbury. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She had two children—Mary Elizabeth, who died in infancy; and William Easton, a merchant of Waterbury. (2) William H. is our subject. The other two children died in infancy.

During his boyhood and youth William H. Perkins was given excellent educational advantages, attending the public and select schools of Waterbury; the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire; and the New Haven Military Institute, under Gen. Russell. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade with D. H. Meloy, a well-known architect and builder of Waterbury, with much success, and followed that occupation for several years. In 1887 he removed to what is now known as Perkins avenue, on Bucks Hill, and turned his attention to the operation of the Holt farm, upon which he has made extensive improvements, including the erection of a fine residence, beautifully located, and supplied with all modern conveniences. He has built an artificial lake which is well stocked with fine fish, and on which he has a pleasure boat. He keeps about twenty head of cattle, to supply the family wants. Fancy dogs and game chickens are bred here with much success, and Mr. Perkins' Great Dane "Gover" is one of the best dogs in New England. At the present time Mr. Perkins is erecting, regardless of expense, extensive chicken barns, completely furnished with numerous incubators and all the latest appliances, with the intention of supplying Waterbury with chickens. This business is managed by his son Harry, who has familiarized himself with the culture of chickens, and the enterprise is expected to prove a big success.

As a hunter and fisherman Mr. Perkins has few equals in Connecticut. All his life he has been a sportsman, and in his younger days was a noted ath-



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Mrs Ella L. Perkins



William H. Perkins

lete. He was one of the originators of the Monitor Base Ball Club, which was organized in the Gothic Hall building, Waterbury, and of which he was catcher. Later he held the same position in the Waterbury Base Ball Club, and it was largely due to his remarkable ability that each club held the State championship during his association therewith. His active participation in the great National game is a thing of the past, but his interest in it is undiminished, and he is held as an authority on the game by many of the noted players of to-day.

Mr. Perkins was married, in Waterbury, to Miss Ella L. Grilley, a native of that town, and a daughter of Albert Grilley. They have three children: Alice M., now the wife of William R. Johnson, of Wolcott; Harry W.; and Mary E., who is attending a boarding-school in Lyme, Connecticut.

Religiously Mr. Perkins is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Waterbury; fraternally he belongs to Mad River Grange. He casts his ballot for the men and measures of the Democratic party, but has never cared for the honor or emoluments of political office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests. He is a thorough and systematic farmer, and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He is widely and favorably known, and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

HENRY WARD CHITTENDEN (deceased) was a worthy member of an honored old Connecticut family, one of the best in the State.

William Chittenden, the first of the name in Connecticut, was a native of England, and was one of a company of seventy-five—gathered chiefly from the Counties of Kent, Surrey and Sussex, in the South of England—who determined to leave the mother country and seek a new home in the wilderness of the Western World. This company sailed from England for America about May 20, 1639, in a ship of 350 tons burden, and arrived in New Haven July 10, after a passage of seven weeks. William Chittenden came from the parish of Cranbrook, in Kent, some thirty-five miles southeast of London. He was prominent among the original settlers of Guilford, and as a man of ability and influence held many important offices in the Plantation during his active life. He was one of the six persons selected to purchase the land in Guilford from the native owners, and was also one of four—Robert Kitchell, William Chittenden, John Bishop and William Leete—who received, according to the record, full power and authority to act, order and dispatch all matters respecting the public weal and civil government of the Plantation "until a church is gathered among us." It is supposed that he was a soldier in the English army, and served in the Netherlands in the Thirty Years war, as he was the principal military man of the Plantation, and bore the title of lieutenant. He was

a magistrate of the Plantation, and deputy to the General Court until his death, in February, 1660, at the age of sixty-seven years. William Chittenden was married in England to Joanna Sheaffe, daughter of Dr. Edmund and Joanna Sheaffe, of Cranbrook, Kent. Her sister Dorothy was the wife of Rev. Henry Whitfield, who was the first minister of the Guilford Colony, and one of its leading men. Ten children were born to William and Joanna Chittenden, viz.: Thomas, who married Joanna Jordan; Elizabeth, who married Thomas Wright; Nathaniel; John, mentioned below; Mary, who married John Leete; Hannah, born Nov. 15, 1649, who died in 1650; Joseph and Hannah (twins), born April 14, 1652, the former of whom died June 22, 1652, the latter Sept. 13, 1674; Deborah, born Dec. 12, 1653, who died Sept. 16, 1674; and Joanna. The mother of these remarried, her second husband being Abraham Cruttenden, of Guilford, who had also been previously married. She died in Guilford Aug. 16, 1668. Her mother, widow of Dr. Edmund Sheaffe, came with the family from England, and died in Guilford Aug. 1, 1659.

Sergt. John Chittenden, son of William, was married Dec. 12, 1665, to Hannah Fletcher, of Milford. He died in Guilford in April, 1716, aged seventy-three years. Children: John, born Oct. 17, 1666, married Sarah Clay; Elizabeth, born Jan. 26, 1670, married Thomas Cruttenden; Joseph is referred to below; Gideon, born Sept. 23, 1678, died in 1679; Abel, born May 14, 1681, married Deborah Scranton; Lydia, born March 30, 1684, married William Hall.

Joseph Chittenden, born March 26, 1672, in Guilford, spent his entire life there, and died Sept. 11, 1727. On Aug. 26, 1692, he married Mary Kimberly, born in April, 1671, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Kimberly, of New Haven. She died Jan. 14, 1742. Children: Deborah, born Jan. 28, 1693, married John Spinning; Patience, born Jan. 19, 1696, married John Hubbard; Gideon, sketch of whom follows; Daniel, born March 15, 1700, married Abigail Downes; Joseph, born Jan. 25, 1702, married Patience Stone; Thankful, born Jan. 27, 1704, married Timothy Bartlett.

Gideon Chittenden, son of Joseph, born Feb. 3, 1698, in Guilford, passed the greater part of his life in his native town, and in 1762 removed to New Milford, Conn., where he and his wife both ended their days. On March 21, 1721, he married Abigail Bishop, born April 19, 1701, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Wetmore) Bishop, of Guilford, and they had children: Abraham, sketch of whom follows; Millicent, born April 5, 1725, married John Hopson; Abigail, born March 17, 1727, married Samuel Stone; Prudence, born Oct. 14, 1729, married Nathaniel Johnson; Giles, born Dec. 8, 1731, married Temperance Bishop; Miles, born June 15, 1734, died Dec. 15, 1755; Ruth, born May 15, 1737, married Ebenezer Evarts; Stephen, born May 9, 1739,

married Lucy Bardsley; Catherine, born May 9, 1747, married Ebenezer Gaylord.

Abraham Chittenden, born Feb. 16, 1723, passed his entire life in Guilford, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and died there July 19, 1810. On March 15, 1749, he married Mercy Burgis, who was born Sept. 26, 1719, daughter of Thomas and Mercy (Wright) Burgis, and died Feb. 24, 1801. Children; Abraham, sketch of whom follows; Eliab, born March 26, 1754, died Aug. 29, 1756; Mercy, born April 17, 1756, married Nathaniel Parmelee; Sarah, born May 13, 1760, died Aug. 30, 1769.

Abraham Chittenden, born Aug. 10, 1751, lived to the ripe age of over ninety-six years, passing away March 4, 1848, and his remains rest in Guilford cemetery. He became deacon of the First Church in Guilford in 1799. On Nov. 17, 1774, he married Diana Ward, born Sept. 24, 1752, daughter of Gen. Andrew and Diana (Hubbard) Ward, of Guilford. She died April 24, 1784, and on May 25, 1785, he married Lydia Baldwin, daughter of Israel Baldwin, of North Branford, and widow of Simcon Rose. She passed away Oct. 17, 1819. By his first marriage Abraham Chittenden had three children: Sarah, born Oct. 13, 1775, married Dr. Jared Redfield; Betsey, born July 23, 1777, married Benjamin Baldwin; Abraham L., born Nov. 17, 1781, married Deborah Fowler. By the second marriage there were four: Diana, born April 13, 1786, married David Parmelee; John Baldwin, born Jan. 16, 1790, married Eliza Robinson; Henry Ward, sketch of whom follows; Lydia, twin of Henry W., married Samuel Robinson.

Henry Ward Chittenden, whose name introduces this sketch, was born Dec. 7, 1794. He received a good practical education, and in his younger years engaged in mercantile business in Guilford, later in life taking up farming, in which connection he also managed the Griffing farm, known as the "Stone House farm." His entire life was spent in Guilford, where he died Oct. 30, 1867, and his remains rest in Guilford cemetery. Being a man of social, genial temperament, and of unblemished integrity, Mr. Chittenden was a well-known and highly respected citizen, and quite popular. In political faith he was a Whig, and later a Republican, and he held various local offices, including that of town clerk. He held membership in the First Congregational Church, and was a good Christian man. On May 17, 1820, Mr. Chittenden was married, in Guilford, to Charlotte Griffing, born Jan. 28, 1800, daughter of Joel and Sarah (Fairchild) Griffing; she died May 5, 1822, and was buried in Guilford cemetery. On March 10, 1824, Mr. Chittenden married, for his second wife, in Guilford, Mary Griffing, born in Guilford Feb. 6, 1801, daughter of Hon. Nathaniel and Sarah (Brown) Griffing, and a cousin of his first wife; she died March 21, 1876, and is buried in Guilford cemetery. Mrs. Chitten-

den was a lady of means; and gave liberally to the poor and to the church, and was quite active in every good cause. She was a member of the First Church, to which she gave an excellent organ and a fund for the salary of the organist. To Henry W. and Mary (Griffing) Chittenden came one child, Sarah Brown, born June 18, 1835, who was married Sept. 14, 1859, to Edward H. Owen, of Stockbridge, Mass. He died May 28, 1864, and on March 20, 1867, she married Henry D. Cone, a paper manufacturer in Housatonic, Mass., who died Nov. 16, 1896. Mr. Chittenden adopted the daughter of his sister, Mrs. Parmelee, Lydia D., who is a lady of culture and refinement. She makes her home in Guilford, where she is well known and highly respected.

THE PARMELEE FAMILY, of which Miss Lydia D. Chittenden, the adopted daughter of Henry W. Chittenden, is a descendant, is one of the oldest families in Guilford. The first of that name in New Haven Colony was John Parmelee, who came from England and was one of the first settlers of New Haven, where he spent the balance of his life, dying there in November, 1659. He is buried there. He married Elizabeth Bradley, a widow, and three children were born to them: John, sketch of whom follows; Hannah, who married John Johnson; and Mary, who married Denis Carpenter, and died March 16, 1668.

John Parmelee spent his life in the New Haven Colony, and died in January, 1689. His first wife, Rebecca, died Sept. 29, 1651, and in 1652 he married Ann Plane, a widow, who died March 30, 1658. In 1659 he again married, his third wife being named Hannah. Children: Nathaniel, born in 1645, married Sarah French; John, born Nov. 25, 1659, married Mary Mason, and died Jan. 3, 1749; Isaac, sketch of whom follows; Hannah, born Nov. 5, 1667, married T. Hill; Stephen, born Dec. 6, 1669, married Elizabeth Baldwin, and died Jan. 3, 1749; Job, born July 31, 1673, married Betsey Edwards, and died Nov. 16, 1765; Caleb married Abigail Johnson; Priscilla, born May 8, 1678, died Dec. 10, 1692; Joel, born in 1679, married Abigail Andrews, and died in July, 1748.

Isaac Parmelee, born Nov. 21, 1665, made his home in Guilford, where he died Jan. 3, 1749. On Dec. 30, 1689, he married Elizabeth Hillard, born June 18, 1666, died June 3, 1746, and they had children: Ebenezer, born Nov. 22, 1690, died Sept. 27, 1777, married Ann Cruttenden; Abraham, born May 28, 1692, died Sept. 20, 1752, married Mary Bishop; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Elizabeth, born Jan. 30, 1697, died March 14, 1780, married Nathaniel Baldwin; Sarah, born Aug. 11, 1699, died May 4, 1730, married Michael Hill; Isaac, born May 20, 1702, died July 13, 1752, married Elizabeth Evarts; Andrew, born June 20, 1704, died Aug. 1, 1795; Rachel, born Nov. 18, 1707, died

Nov. 9, 1793, married Samuel Evarts; Josiah, born in December, 1709, died Aug. 10, 1739, married Sarah Evarts.

Joseph Parmelee, born in Guilford Sept. 14, 1694, died April 21, 1751. On Sept. 19, 1716, he married Abigail Kimberly, born July 22, 1696, died Nov. 28, 1763. Children: Abigail, born Jan. 31, 1719, died Feb. 8, 1780, married Caleb Bishop; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; William, born in 1724, died March 13, 1799; Elizabeth, born Nov. 21, 1728, married Ebenezer Chittenden; Beulah, born Aug. 30, 1732, died Sept. 16, 1818, married Nathaniel Elliot; Samuel, born July 27, 1737, died June 2, 1807, married Sarah Bishop.

Joseph Parmelee, born Aug. 3, 1721, in Guilford, died July 3, 1804. On Nov. 30, 1742, he married Obedience Spencer, born Sept. 6, 1725, died June 9, 1750. On April 12, 1752, he married Abigail Cruttenden, born Aug. 20, 1727, died June 23, 1788. On Oct. 12, 1788, he married Mary Denning, died Oct. 2, 1795. Children: Obedience, born Aug. 13, 1743, married Jesse Evarts; Catherine, born Aug. 23, 1744; Luther, born Jan. 25, 1750, died Aug. 7, 1750; Joseph, born March 19, 1755, died Feb. 19, 1785; David, sketch of whom follows.

David Parmelee, born Sept. 6, 1759, died Aug. 26, 1814. On Oct. 17, 1781, he married Asentha Kirkham, who died Nov. 2, 1782, and on Oct. 2, 1783, he married Parnel Handy, who survived him, dying March 21, 1839; she married for her second husband Seth Cruttenden. Children: David, sketch of whom follows; Benjamin, born March 11, 1786, died in 1805; Parnel, born July 1, 1788, died in 816, married Sylvester Camp; Jonathan Handy, born July 1, 1790, died at sea in 1806; Clarissa, born Sept. 19, 1795, died Jan. 25, 1875, married George Hart.

David Parmelee, father of Miss Lydia D. Chittenden, born in Guilford Oct. 3, 1784, died Aug. 6, 1870. By occupation he was a blacksmith, and he spent all his life in his native town, where he was highly respected. Originally a Whig in politics, he eventually joined the Democratic party, and he held several local offices. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. On March 2, 1807, Mr. Parmelee married Arta Leete, who was born Aug. 27, 1787, daughter of Amos Leete, and died Oct. 19, 1816. On Dec. 13, 1818, he married Diana Chittenden, who was born April 13, 1786, daughter of Abraham and Lydia (Baldwin) Chittenden, and died Feb. 7, 1826. On April 11, 1827, Mr. Parmelee married for his third wife Clarissa B. Parmelee, born Feb. 15, 1795, died Nov. 8, 1831. There were three children by the first marriage: Benjamin, born Aug. 19, 1808, was drowned; Samuel, born Aug. 22, 1810, died May 15, 1877, married Catherine Rooke; David Kirkland, born Sept. 4, 1812, is still living in Guilford. Two children came to the second union: Henry Baldwin, born in June, 1821, died Oct. 3, 1822; Lydia Diana, born Oct. 3, 1824,

is the adopted daughter of Henry Ward Chittenden. One child was born to the third union, Clarissa E., born in 1836, who married Horace Redford, of Meriden.

AUGUSTUS STREET, deceased. There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of this honored gentleman, from the fact that he attained a position of distinction in his native town of East Haven, where he retained his residence until his death.

Mr. Street was born in East Haven May 30, 1819, on the place now occupied by the widow of his brother Dwight, and was a representative of one of the most distinguished and prominent families of New Haven county. He traced his ancestry back to Rev. Nicholas Street, of Bridgewater, England, who was born Jan. 29, 1603, and was educated at Oxford College, where he received the degree of B. A. He came to America some time between 1630 and 1638, and first located in Taunton, Mass., but later removed to New Haven and was assistant to Rev. John Davenport, pastor of the Center Church of that place, and one of the founders of the New Haven Colony.

Rev. Samuel Street, son of Nicholas, was one of the seven who graduated at Harvard College in 1664. He was afterward ordained pastor of the Congregational Church at Wallingford, in 1674, being its first pastor, and remained in charge there for forty-five years. He died at the ripe old age of eighty-two.

Lieut. Samuel Street, son of Rev. Samuel, was born July 27, 1667.

Rev. Nicholas Street, son of Lieut. Samuel, and grandfather of our subject, was born in Wallingford, New Haven county, Feb. 21, 1730, and died in October, 1806. He was graduated from Yale College in 1751, and in 1755 was ordained pastor of the East Haven Congregational Church, over which he presided for the long period of fifty-one years, honored and beloved by all who knew him. He was twice married, his first wife being Desire Thompson, his second Hannah Austin, who died at the age of sixty-one.

Elnathan Street, our subject's father, was born in East Haven Feb. 16, 1774, and died Nov. 13, 1849. He was a farmer by occupation, and a worthy member of the community, highly respected by all for his many sterling qualities and unassuming manner. He was a devout member of the Congregational Church, and a staunch Whig in politics. On Nov. 2, 1802, Mr. Street married Clarissa Morris, who was born July 6, 1783, and died March 2, 1861. Ten children were born to this union: Jane Caroline, Harriet, Lucy M., Mary A., Nicholas, Benjamin, Augustus, Thaddeus, Cornelia and Elnathan Dwight. Benjamin was a soldier in the 15th Conn. V. I. during the Civil war.

The subject of this sketch spent the first fourteen years of his life in his native town, and then

went to New Haven, where he clerked in the dry-goods store of James D. Salter for two years. He then entered the employ of Stephen A. Street, in a similar capacity, and in 1835 accompanied this gentleman on his removal to New Orleans, La., clerking in his store there until the employer's death, in 1838. Returning North to New York, Mr. Street engaged in the dry-goods business until 1851, and then moved to Mount Carmel, Conn., where he was manager of the store of James Ives until 1855. He next went to New Haven, and was bookkeeper for Beecher & Winship until 1862, after which he engaged in mercantile business for himself at that place for two years.

On Sept. 11, 1850, Mr. Street was united in marriage with Miss Maria S. Elwell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was born Feb. 1, 1826, and died Dec. 31, 1898. They had five children, viz.: Augustus and Alexander, twins, died in infancy; Frank died at the age of ten months; Lucy Elwell died when two years of age; the only survivor being Lottie E. The last named is a graduate of the private school conducted by Miss Abbott, daughter of John S. C. Abbott, the historian, and has been a successful school teacher. She is now a member of the board of education and school visitor, having served in that position for several years past. Prior to her father's decease she was appointed assistant town clerk. Miss Street is a lady of considerable literary ability, and is the authoress of the book entitled "A Knot of Blue," and published by the Pilgrim Press, of Boston.

Shortly after his marriage Mr. Street returned to East Haven, where he ever afterward made his home, though he was engaged in business elsewhere. His political support was given to the men and measures of the Republican party. He served as town treasurer of East Haven for several years, and was town clerk from 1893 until his death, April 30, 1901, being elected without serious opposition from any party; the last time his name was on both party tickets. He was one of the oldest and most influential members of the East Haven Congregational Church, and was treasurer of that society. Mr. Street was ever found true to the trusts reposed in him by his fellow citizens, and merited and received their esteem and respect.

JOHN THOMAS SLINEY, one of the most prominent contractors on stone work, track work, teaming and trucking in Branford, where he has extensive livery stables, is a son of David and Elizabeth (Dickson) Sliney, natives of Ireland.

David Sliney and his wife came to this country about 1850, and located in Branford, where the father engaged in farming. After a time he entered the employ of the M. I. F. Company, and later in his life became a farmer, dying Nov. 11, 1897, at the age of seventy-one years. During the Civil war he served in the Union army as a member of Company G, 27th Conn. V. I., under Capt. Ely, and was taken

prisoner at the battle of Gettysburg. After a brief incarceration in southern prison pens he was exchanged, and honorably discharged from the hospital at New Haven. Of the children born to David Sliney and wife, we have the following record: Catherine, who married Hugh McEnerney; Bessie, who married M. F. Kelly; Margaret, who is Mrs. M. F. O'Brien; David; John T.; Lucy, who married Thomas Gibbons; William R.; and Ella.

John Thomas Sliney was reared in Branford, where he was educated in the public schools, and at the age of seventeen went into the milk business, in which he was engaged for the next eleven years. Mr. Sliney began his present business in 1892, and the next year entered into a partnership with M. P. Rice, which continued two years. Since that time he has conducted his business without a partner, and is doing a large work, not only in Branford, but in New Haven and adjacent territory.

On Jan. 25, 1893, Mr. Sliney was married to Hannah Agnes, a daughter of Lawrence and Mary (Murphy) Buckley. To this union were born five children: Mary, Elizabeth, John, Lawrence and Leo. Mr. Sliney and his family are members of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, at Branford. In his politics he is a Democrat, and for two years he served as a member of the board of education, and for two terms as a selectman of the town.

JOHN HOOKER DUDLEY. The Dudley family, of which the subject of this sketch is a worthy member, originated in England, and became one of the earliest families in Connecticut.

(1) William Dudley, one of the original settlers of Guilford, and signer of the Plantation Covenant, was born at Richmond, County of Surrey, England. He was a member of Rev. Henry Whitfield's Church and parish at Ockley, in Surrey, where he married Aug. 24, 1636, Miss Jane Lutman. They came with Mr. Whitfield's company to America in 1639, and their eldest child, William, was born at sea during their voyage. On their arrival at Guilford they established their home on the east side of what is now Fair street, where Dr. R. B. West now lives. William Dudley's home-lot contained three and one-quarter acres and he had also considerable outlying land. He was a farmer, as appears by his will and inventory. He died March 16, 1683-84, and his wife on May 1, 1674. They had five children: (1) Deacon William, born at sea, June 8, 1639, died May, 1701, married Nov. 4, 1661, Mary Stow. He removed in 1670 to Saybrook, Conn. (2) Joseph, sketch of whom follows. (3) Ruth, born April 20, 1645, married June 20, 1664, John Whittlesey, of Saybrook. (4) Deborah, born Sept. 20, 1647, died October, 1681; married (first) June, 1671, Ebenezer Thompson, who died May, 1674. They had two children: Jabez, born Oct. 16, 1672; and John, born November, 1674. She married (second) Thomas Scranton, who died February, 1711; they had two children—Samuel, married Elizabeth Bishop; and



John T. Slirey



Hannah, married Joseph Evarts. (5) Another child, whose name is not known.

(II) Joseph Dudley, second son of William Dudley and Jane (Lutman), was born at Guilford April 24, 1643, and died there June 3, 1712. He married Oct. 6, 1670, Ann Robinson, daughter of Thomas Robinson and wife, Mary. He was a cooper by trade, also a farmer. He owned part of a sawmill which he bequeathed to his son Caleb. He lived, probably, on the homestead of his father on Fair street. His father mentions him in his will as follows: "I give and bequeathe to my son Joseph Dudley, all my housings and lands and rights of lands in Guilford, etc." In 1691 he was chosen by the town "for the making of coffins on all occasions of death." At the time of his death the inventory of land, distributed to his six sons as designated by his will, amounted to £751: 10s: 6d. Movables—£166: 15s: 6d. Joseph Dudley had nine children: (1) Joseph, born June 11, 1671, died Feb. 22, 1726; married July 27, 1704, Abigail Hubbard. (2) Benjamin (twin of Joseph), died Feb. 23, 1720; married Jan. 5, 1703, Tabitha Avered. (3) Caleb, sketch of whom follows. (4) Joshua, born Dec. 17, 1674, died Jan. 29, 1750; married Oct. 20, 1712, Sarah Perry, of Stratford. (5) Miles, born Dec. 17, 1676, died Aug. 10, 1753; married Jan. 23, 1706, Rachel Strong, daughter of Thomas Strong, of Northampton, Mass. She died Jan. 4, 1769, aged ninety-three. (6) William, born Oct. 18, 1684, died Feb. 28, 1761; married (first) Ruth Strong (who died Sept. 18, 1743), daughter of Thomas of Lyme; married (second) Rebecca Fisk, daughter of Joseph Elliott. (7) Anna, born 1687, died April 27, 1687. (8) Mary married Joseph Wright, of Colchester, Conn. (9) Mercy married Josiah Bartlett, of Northampton, Massachusetts.

(III) Caleb Dudley, the third son of Joseph Dudley and Ann (Robinson), was born in Guilford in June, 1673, and died March 20, 1730. He married June 23, 1700, Elizabeth Buck, of Wethersfield, born June 4, 1676 (died April 14, 1738), daughter of Emanuel Buck and Mary (Kirby), and granddaughter of John Kirby, one of the first settlers of Middletown, Conn. Caleb Dudley was a farmer, and the first one of the Dudley name who made his home on "Clapboard Hill," the neighborhood afterward called "Dudleytown." His father, in his will, gave him the portion of his real estate lying in that vicinity. Caleb Dudley built his house on what is now (1900) the home-lot of Joseph E. Dudley (the old house stood a little west of Joseph E. Dudley's present home). It was afterward successively the home of his son Caleb; his grandson Nathaniel; great-grandson John; and the birthplace of his great-grandchildren: Hooker, Elon, John, Horace, Dudley and Ruth (Dudley) Norton, the mother of Deacon J. W. Norton. The value of his estate, as inventoried after his death, was £2,108. Caleb Dudley had eight children: (1) Thomas, born April 23, 1701, died May 22, 1776; married June 11, 1733,

Abigail Seward, of Durham. (2) Caleb, sketch of whom follows. (3) Ruth, born Dec. 28, 1704, died April 13, 1730; married March 9, 1732, Samuel Evarts (Daniel, Daniel, John). (4) Daniel, born April 3, 1707. He removed to Bethlehem, Conn., married Jan. 20, 1732, Joanna Rose, of Branford. (5) Josiah, born Aug. 30, 1709, died Oct. 20, 1755; married, 1738, Silence Dows. He lived at East Guilford. (6) Samuel, born Dec. 4, 1711, died Nov. 10, 1789; married May 3, 1738, Jane Talman, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer Talman and Ann (Morrison). Samuel Dudley had but one son, Samuel, born Nov. 27, 1747, died Dec. 17, 1819; married Hannah Evarts (Jonathan, Jonathan, James, James, John). Their only son, Deacon Asher Dudley, born April 2, 1770, died Oct. 27, 1862, was the father of Maria Dudley, born April 30, 1802, who married Oct. 13, 1819, Jonathan Parmelee. Samuel Dudley lived in (and probably built) the old house now occupied by his great-great-great-grandson, Charles E. Parmelee, west of the residence of Herbert E. Parmelee, in Clapboard Hill District. (7) Noah, born Aug. 15, 1716, removed to Roxbury, Conn.; married May 28, 1752, Submit Talman, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer (Dr. Peter, Peter) Talman. (8) David, born Nov. 27, 1718, died Feb. 17, 1807; married Mary Talman, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer Talman (Dr. Peter, Peter). They had one son who died young, and five daughters, one of whom, Anna, born April 13, 1752, married Timothy Field. They were the parents of Rev. David Dudley Field, D. D., born May 20, 1781.

(IV) Caleb Dudley, son of Caleb Dudley and Elizabeth (Buck), was born in Clapboard Hill district, Guilford, Nov. 20, 1702, and died Oct. 10, 1793. He married May 31, 1739, Hannah Stone, daughter of Nathaniel Stone and Hannah (Graves). He was a farmer, and lived upon the homestead of his father. Caleb Dudley had five children, all sons, the eldest of whom died in infancy. The four remaining sons settled near their parents at Clapboard Hill. (1) Caleb, born Feb. 24, 1740, died March, 1740. (2) Caleb, born July 24, 1741, died Sept. 14, 1802; married (first) Nov. 28, 1764, Hannah Evarts, daughter of Eleazer Evarts (Samuel, Judah, John). She died Sept. 6, 1765, aged twenty-one, leaving one child, Caleb (born Aug. 28, 1765, died June 30, 1815). He married (second) Jan. 18, 1769, Anna Munger, daughter of Ebenezer, by whom he had five children: Hannah, born Oct. 31, 1769, married Jan. 13, 1790, John Griswold, and died Feb. 17, 1828; Ruth, born July 19, 1777, married Peter Talman, and died June 30, 1849; Anna, born May 11, 1773, married Amos Bartlett, and died Aug. 20, 1866 (their daughter Ruth, born April 15, 1802, married Capt. George Bartlett); Abel, born Sept. 3, 1781, married Betsey Minor, and died March 11, 1821; Huldah, born Oct. 29, 1784, married Timothy Terry, of Woodbury, Conn. (3) Abraham was next in the family. (4) Nathaniel, born Oct. 3, 1745, died Feb. 21, 1826; married

March 12, 1777, Mary Hart, daughter of Thomas Hart and Concurrence (Bartlett). (5) Amos, born Nov. 3, 1747, married (first) Feb. 7, 1771, Mary Evarts, daughter of Eleazer Evarts (Samuel, Judah, John). She died Aug. 23, 1797, aged forty-seven; he married (second) July 15, 1799, Deborah (Johnson), widow of Elon Lee.

(V) Nathaniel Dudley, born Oct. 3, 1745, in Guilford, passed all his life there, dying Feb. 21, 1826. In Guilford, March 12, 1777, he married Mary Hart, born Aug. 17, 1751 (died Feb. 6, 1841), daughter of Thomas and Concurrence (Bartlett) Hart. Four children came to this union, viz.: (1) Nathaniel, born Nov. 15, 1777, died Sept. 7, 1795; (2) Lois, born July 15, 1779, died Sept. 7, 1863; (3) John, sketch of whom follows; (4) Eunice, born Feb. 20, 1784, married May 23, 1806, George Bushnell, of Saybrook, Connecticut.

(VI) John Dudley, son of (V) Nathaniel, and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born Jan. 25, 1782, on the old homestead in Guilford, and died Jan. 19, 1816, his remains being interred in East cemetery. He was a member of the Congregational Church. He was a lifelong farmer and landowner. On Jan. 24, 1805, he married Sarah Lee, born Dec. 30, 1780, and died Dec. 27, 1849. Their children: (1) Hooker, sketch of whom follows; (2) Elon, born May 1, 1808, died April 8, 1883; (3) John, born Dec. 30, 1809, married Sarah Dudley; (4) Horace, born March 16, 1812, and died June 12, 1885, married Amanda Dudley; (5) Ruth, born June 4, 1814, married John Norton.

(VII) Hooker Dudley, son of (VI) John, and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born Oct. 1, 1806, was educated in the Clapboard Hill District school, and remained upon the old homestead until removing in 1831 to the farm now owned by his son John H. There during the rest of his days he engaged in farming and stock raising, dying Aug. 21, 1879, and his remains were interred in East cemetery. In religious faith he was a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics he was a Democrat, but never aspired to political preferments. On Oct. 16, 1831, Hooker Dudley was married to Mary Evarts, born May 22, 1806, daughter of (V) Nathaniel Evarts, and died Feb. 20, 1895 (see Genealogy of the Evarts Family further on). Three children came of this union: (1) Elizabeth Mary, born July 10, 1833, died single April 26, 1874. (2) Andrew Jackson, born Aug. 15, 1835, living at No. 1157 North Chapel street, New Haven; and (3) John Hooker, a sketch of whom follows.

(VIII) John Hooker Dudley, son of (VII) Hooker, was born on the old family homestead April 5, 1837, and received a liberal education in the Clapboard Hill district school. Like his forefathers, he has made agricultural pursuits his life work, and since his father's death has operated the homestead of seventy-five acres of land. In politics he is independent, and in religious connection he is a member of the Episcopal Church. A well-read man, he takes

much interest in the current events of the day, while, at the same time, he is something of an archaeologist and mineralogist, having in his possession an interesting collection of Indian relics, mineral ore and other curiosities. Mr. Dudley has not enlisted in the noble army of Benedicts.

EVARTS FAMILY. (I) John Evarts came from England and settled first at Concord, Mass., where he was made a freeman in March, 1638; was afterward at Windsor, Conn. He came to Guilford in 1651, and purchased John Mephram's allotment on July 29, 1651. His home-lot was situated next south of Henry Dude's, on the west side of what is now State street, near where the dwelling-house of Mrs. James Monroe now stands. The name of his first wife, the mother of his children, does not appear on "Guilford Records." He married (second) May 22, 1663, Elizabeth, widow of John Parmelee, Sr. (who died 1659). Before her marriage to John Parmelee she was widow Elizabeth Bradley, of New Haven. John Evarts died May 9, 1669. He had five children: Elizabeth, who married Peter Abbel; James, who was married to Lydia Goodrich, daughter of Richard and Dinah Goodrich, and died in 1684; Daniel, who married (first) Mary (surname unknown), and (second) Rebecca Dowd, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Doudi (or Dowd), and died Dec. 5, 1692; John, born Feb. 29, 1640, who married Mary French, daughter of Thomas French; and Judah, a sketch of whom follows.

(II) Judah Evarts, the youngest son of (I) John Evarts, was born Oct. 27, 1642, and died in Guilford in 1696. He married Aug. 3, 1670, Mary Hayden, born in Windsor, Conn., June 6, 1648, daughter of William Hayden, of Windsor, who afterward removed to Killingworth. They had four children: (1) Mary, born Jan. 28, 1675, died October, 1678. (2) Samuel, born Oct. 4, 1678, died Jan. 24, 1740; married (first) March 1, 1711, Elizabeth Benton, who died June 30, 1734; she was a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Rolf) Benton. He married (second) Dec. 28, 1736, Mary Stone, daughter of Joseph Stone and Mary (Scranton). (3) Mary, born May 16, 1682, died May 2, 1688. (4) Eleazer, born June 16, 1688, died young.

(III) Samuel Evarts, the eldest son of (II) Judah Evarts and Mary (Hayden), was born in Guilford, Conn., Oct. 4, 1678, and died there Jan. 24, 1740. He married (first) March 1, 1711, Elizabeth Benton, daughter of Andrew Benton and Elizabeth (Rolf). She died June 30, 1734. They had three children: (1) Elizabeth, born Dec. 25, 1711, died Dec. 16, 1734, unmarried. (2) Mary, born July 16, 1713, died Jan. 8, 1736, unmarried. (3) Eleazer, born June 26, 1716, died Dec. 28, 1804, married Jan. 29, 1740, Hannah Scranton (died Sept. 6, 1765), daughter of Samuel Scranton and Elizabeth (Bishop). Samuel Evarts married (second) Dec. 28, 1736, Mary Stone, daughter of Joseph Stone and Mary (Scranton). They had one child, (4) Samuel, sketch of whom follows.

(IV) Samuel Evarts, the only child of Samuel Evarts and his second wife, Mary (Stone), of Guilford, was born Nov. 27, 1737, and died Dec. 1, 1812. He lived in Nutplains District in the house now occupied by Alvan Eldredge, whose wife is his great-granddaughter. He married April 19, 1761, Sarah Nettleton, of Killingworth, and they had eight children: (1) Sarah, born May 8, 1762. (2) Samuel, born Feb. 20, 1764. (3) Josiah, born in 1767. (4) Nathaniel, sketch of whom follows. (5) Mary, born in 1771, died Dec. 16, 1829; married Oct. 31, 1790, Ambrose Benton, who died March 1, 1847. (6) Nathan, born in 1773. (7) Jared, born in 1774, married Mina Parmelee. (8) William, born in 1782, died Jan. 7, 1841, married Sally Bristol (he removed to Wayne county, Pennsylvania).

(V) Nathaniel Evarts, son of (IV) Samuel Evarts and Sarah (Nettleton), was born in Guilford (Nutplains District) Jan. 13, 1769, and died there Nov. 3, 1854, aged eighty-five. He was a farmer, and lived in the house now owned by John Bristol. He married Nov. 15, 1801, Julia Parmelee (John, John, John, John, John, John). She was born Feb. 18, 1778, and died Sept. 10, 1849. They had seven children: (1) Julia, born Oct. 12, 1802, died in June, 1877, unmarried. (2) Joel, sketch of whom follows. (3) Mary, born May 22, 1806, died Feb. 20, 1895; married Oct. 16, 1831, Hooker Dudley, son of John Dudley and Sarah (Lee). (4) Lucy, born May 31, 1809, died Jan. 6, 1888; married May 3, 1832, George Dudley, son of Deacon Abraham Dudley and Mary (Bassett). (5) Lewis, sketch of whom appears farther on. (6) Anna, born Oct. 7, 1814, died April 22, 1867 (removed to Kansas); married April 18, 1842, George Dibble, died April 12, 1867. (7) John Samuel, sketch of whom appears farther on.

(VI) Joel Evarts, a farmer of Nutplains district, Guilford, and the oldest son of (V) Nathaniel Evarts and Julia (Parmelee), was born June 25, 1804, and died Nov. 23, 1882. He lived in the house now owned by Asahel White. He married Oct. 22, 1834, Clarissa Dudley, born Dec. 23, 1804, died Dec. 10, 1873, daughter of Deacon Abraham Dudley and Mary (Bassett). They had two children: (1) Eliza Jane, born April 5, 1840, married April 5, 1865, Samuel Milton Bullard. (2) Emily Clarissa, born Sept. 8, 1845, married Nov. 16, 1864, Sylvester Russell Snow.

(VI) Lewis Evarts, a farmer of Nutplains district, Guilford, was the second son of (V) Nathaniel Evarts and Julia (Parmelee). He was born Aug. 15, 1811, and died Nov. 29, 1892. He lived in the house of his grandfather, Samuel Evarts, now the home of his son-in-law, Alvan Eldredge. He married May 11, 1840, Mary Minerva Parker, born April 18, 1824, died March 15, 1887, and they had eight children: (1) Catherine Mary, born Sept. 17, 1841, died March 2, 1890; married (first) Nov. 1, 1865, Charles Samuel Bartlett, born Nov. 11, 1832, died Dec. 22, 1872, son of Capt. George and

Ruth Bartlett; married (second) Nov. 3, 1876, Edgar Lee Fowler, born Jan. 8, 1830, died Sept. 3, 1893. (2) Julia Amelia, born Feb. 12, 1844, married Nov. 27, 1873, Alvan Eldredge, born Jan. 19, 1848. (3) Samuel Lewis, born March 16, 1846, died March 16, 1849. (4) George Albert, born March 8, 1848, died April 3, 1848. (5) Samuel Lewis, born April 7, 1851, married Dec. 14, 1880, Lizzie Woodworth, of Middletown; they had one child, Clarence Gardiner, born Nov. 4, 1889. (6) Georgiana Parker, born Feb. 12, 1853, married Nov. 1, 1884, Henry W. Banks, of Southport, Conn. (7) Alice Maria, born Feb. 5, 1856, died Oct. 3, 1874. (8) Frank Albert, born Sept. 24, 1858 (of New Haven), married June 4, 1886, Anna Wood.

(VI) John Samuel Evarts, a farmer of Nutplains district, Guilford, is the youngest son of Nathaniel Evarts and Julia (Parmelee). He was born June 18, 1817, and married (first) April 26, 1847, Hannah McComb, born 1818, died Jan. 24, 1848, leaving a son, John E., born Jan. 19, 1848, who died May 26, 1848. He married (second) Nov. 17, 1853, Harriet Hotchkiss, born June 9, 1815, died July 4, 1889, daughter of Launcelot Hotchkiss and Lucretia (Cook), of Branford. They had two children: (1) Lucy Maria, born Sept. 3, 1854, married Sept. 29, 1885, Walter W. Wilcox, born Dec. 16, 1851, son of Almon O. Wilcox and Ruth (Kennedy). (2) Harriet Lucretia, born Feb. 24, 1859.

LEMUEL J. CURTIS. In the death, on Jan. 10, 1888, of Lemuel J. Curtis, there passed away not only one of the wealthiest men of Meriden, but one of her noblest citizens, a good man, a philanthropist.

Mr. Curtis was born Jan. 15, 1814, in Meriden, son of Elisha Curtis, and was a descendant of John Curtis, who came from England and was one among the first settlers at Stratford, Conn., in 1639. Thomas Curtis, a son of John, was one of the original settlers in Wallingford, Conn., in 1670.

Lemuel J. Curtis when sixteen years of age began to earn his own living by learning the britannia business from Ira Yale, of Wallingford, and he was so successful that he finally bought Mr. Yale out. Before he was twenty-five he went west with the late Isaac C. Lewis, intending to go into business there, but gave up the idea and returned to Meriden, beginning the making of britannia ware. He was associated at various times with Edwin Curtis, W. W. Lyman and others. He was one of the heavy stockholders of the Meriden Britannia Co., and always took a particular interest in that concern. He was president of the Miller Brothers' Co., and either a director or stockholder in about every incorporated concern in Meriden. He amassed a fortune of probably a million dollars, acquired by untiring industry, careful investments and economical though not parsimonious living.

Mr. Curtis was senior warden of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Meriden and one of its stanch-

est supporters. He was the founder of the Curtis Home for Aged and Indigent Women, and that most worthy establishment will stand as a fitting monument to Mr. Curtis' strong Christian character. He was deeply interested in the Home, personally looking after many details of the management. Besides the building, which cost \$50,000, he endowed the institution with about \$750,000, and this gift of three-quarters of a million showed the sincerity of his desire to do something for the benefit of Meriden and the honor of the church to which he was so devoted. He was thoroughly reliable as a man and citizen in every way, and his acts of charity were none the less because not heralded. He was a true friend and an upright man in all respects, and his death was a great loss to the city, which he helped materially to build up.

On Dec. 24, 1835, Mr. Curtis was married to Bedotha P. Button, and to them were born two children.

Mr. Curtis' pastor, the Rev. A. T. Randall, thus wrote of his life: "In the midst of a sore affliction, which weighs heavily upon me in a personal as well as an official capacity, I have been asked by the editor of the *Journal* to write a few words concerning Mr. Lemuel J. Curtis, who last evening was so suddenly called to his rest in Paradise. As a citizen of unimpeachable integrity and uprightness he stood in the highest rank. Few men in all the relations of life were so alive to the dictates of conscience. Advantage, policy, gain and affection were unhesitatingly set aside at the bidding of conscience, and no sacrifice was deemed too great when demanded by this guiding power of his life. He has thus been a model of integrity to all with whom he has been thrown in contact, and especially to those with whom he had business relations. A man who had known Mr. Curtis intimately for nearly forty years once said in my hearing, 'Whatever Lemuel J. Curtis attempts to accomplish, his first thought is to do right.'

"Such a characteristic cannot in these days be too highly eulogized. But it is especially my duty and pleasure to speak well of Mr. Curtis as a religious man. For forty-five years he has been a faithful and regular communicant at St. Andrew's Church, and for more than half this long period he has been honored with the office of warden of the parish. It was only during the last year of his life, when he felt his infirmities growing upon him, that inclement weather could keep him from his accustomed seat in the House of God. He was always alive to every need of the church he so loved. Whenever he realized that the need was pressing, when there was a special offering at the church for religious or charitable purposes, and he through necessity was absent, it was his invariable custom to forward his offering to the writer within the next twenty-four hours. Such a habit is only formed under the conviction that a stated portion of a man's wealth must be given back to God, and this conviction

was the source of a generosity too modest and unassuming to be fully appreciated.

"Besides founding the only charitable institution of which Meriden can boast, Mr. Curtis was not unmindful of the smaller charities, and on his last Christmas eve he left many a substantial gift at the doors of those who were in affliction and distress.

"He was an exceptional example of that character which is animated by the spirit of a pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father, and whose habit it is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keep himself unspotted from the world."

JAMES WARD BEECHER PORTER, now living retired, is looked upon as one of the most worthy citizens of Waterbury, of which city he is a native, having been born there June 12, 1853.

James Porter, father of our subject, was born in Waterbury March 26, 1818, a son of Elias Porter, also of Waterbury nativity. James Porter has been a lifelong resident of the city, where for years he was a "caster" in several of the brass rolling mills, but he is now living retired. He married Sophia Beecher, who also is yet living, and five children were born to them: Emily is the wife of James Elliott, of Elmira, N. Y.; Sarah lives in Waterbury; our subject comes next in the order of birth; Fannie and Mary (twins) are unmarried.

James Ward Beecher Porter received his education at the common schools and high school of Waterbury, and at the age of fifteen years entered the hook and eye shops in order to learn the brass-molding trade. With the then proprietors he worked about one and one-half years, or until the shops were purchased by Barnard, Son & Co., and he continued with the new firm several months. He then went to the Scovill Manufacturing Co., and was in their employ from 1871 to 1898, a period of twenty-seven years, for a long time having the entire contract of the casting department. He is now living retired, having by honest labor and perseverance amassed a comfortable competence.

On Jan. 18, 1876, Mr. Porter married Elizabeth Collins, who was born in Cambridge, Mass., daughter of John Collins, also of Massachusetts birth, and six children have been born to them, as follows: John B., Oct. 28, 1876; Fannie E., July 9, 1878; Nellie F., March 25, 1880; James W., June 16, 1881; Bessie S., Aug. 11, 1882 (died in infancy); Harry C., March 13, 1885. The family attend the services of Trinity Episcopal church. Mr. Porter is a Republican in politics. He is very prominent in fraternal circles as a member of several secret societies, and his Masonic record is as follows: Entered Apprentice, April 21, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892; passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, April 28, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892; raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, June 2, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892; installed Worshipful Master, Dec. 6, 1894; Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., Waterbury, Conn.



J W B Porter

Received the Degree of Mark Master, Sept. 28, 1892; Past Master, Oct. 12, 1892; M. E. Master, Nov. 9, 1892; Royal Arch Mason, Nov. 23, 1892; Eureka Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., Waterbury. Admitted to the Rewards and Honors of a Royal Master, Jan. 19, 1893; Select Master, Jan. 19, 1893; Super E. Master, March 15, 1893; Waterbury Council, No. 21, R. & S. M., Waterbury. Was constituted and created a member of The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Sept. 5, A. D. 1894; constituted, created and dubbed a Knight Templar, Oct. 3, A. D. 1894; and finally constituted a Knight of Malta, Nov. 7, A. D. 1894; installed Eminent Commander, Feb. 1, 1899; Clark Commandery, No. 7, K. T., Waterbury. Constituted Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple of Bridgeport, Nov. 26, 1894. Received the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection, from the 4th-14th inclusive, in E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, January, 1895, New Haven, Conn.; received the degrees 15th and 16th, in Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Feb. 14, 1895, New Haven; received the degrees, 17th and 18th, in New Haven Chapter, Rose Croix, Feb. 14, 1895, New Haven; dimitted from the above Scottish Rite bodies to become a charter member of The Doric Lodge of Perfection; the Ionic Council, Princes of Jerusalem (Past M. E. Sov. P. Gr. Master); and Corinthian Chapter, Rose Croix, all in Waterbury. Received the degrees, 19th-32d, inclusive, April 26, 1895, in Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Porter is also a member of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F.; Speedwell Lodge, No. 10, K. of P.; Tunxis Tribe, No. 10, I. O. R. M.; and of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, which latter he joined Feb. 8, 1897.

ROBERT ROBSON WOOD, who passed from earth Aug. 20, 1890, was for many years a resident of Ansonia, and by his excellent qualities of character won in a high degree the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. His life, which extended beyond the allotted limit of man's years, was free from ambitious strivings for public notice, yet in its quiet usefulness it made an impression upon the community which will remain as an inspiration toward right doing among all who knew him.

Mr. Wood was born April 4, 1816, in Littleboro, Lancashire, England, son of James and Isabella Wood. James Wood was for some years superintendent of a cloth factory at Littleboro, and came to America in 1828, to take a similar position in a mill at Amesbury, Mass., where he died in 1832. His wife died July 7, 1822. This worthy couple had three sons and one daughter; the last named, Mrs. Joshua Miriam, of Ashburnham, Mass., was the last surviving member of the family, and died in March, 1883. Of the sons, Linus, who died in 1863 in New Bedford, Mass., was a prominent Mason, holding the rank of Sir Knight. Pliny, formerly a Methodist minister of Cam-

bridge, Mass., and at one time chaplain of the State Senate, died in 1876 in Munich, having been sent to the Vienna Exposition by his State.

As a boy our subject became thoroughly familiar with all branches of the cloth manufacturer's art, and before leaving England was engaged as a flannel finisher for the Amesbury Mills. On May 12, 1828, he arrived in this country, landing in Boston, and although a mere boy he proved so competent in his work that he was appointed in 1832 to act as superintendent of the mills during the remainder of the year of his father's decease. Later he was employed in Andover, Lowell and Taunton, and on April 1, 1839, he removed to Derby, Conn., having been engaged by Plumb & Beach, cloth manufacturers, whose mill was located opposite the old Somers building, in Main street, Birmingham. The written contract, which was for the term of two years, is now in the possession of the family. For seventeen years he remained in that locality, and at one time he was connected with the wire drawing business conducted by the Howe Pin Co., at Birmingham. In 1848 he went to Ansonia with D. W. Plumb, and in 1855 he became superintendent of the mills of Wallace & Sons, then newly organized. During the thirty-three years which he spent with them he had the satisfaction of seeing constant growth and development in the business, in which his advice and masterly management were of recognized value. It was during the memorable blizzard week of March, 1888, that he first found his health impaired, and from that time he took no active part in business affairs. An attack of the grip in the following winter left him very feeble, and a brief illness in August terminated his life. After a last visit to the mill he remained at home, realizing that the end was near, and some of his brethren of the I. O. O. F. were, at his request, constantly at his bedside during his last days.

In politics Mr. Wood was a Republican, and although he never sought public office his keen interest in local affairs was shown in many ways. To all progressive movements he gave liberally, according to his judgment, and for many years he attended the Episcopal Church at Ansonia. Public affairs had not for him an absorbing interest, however, coming second to the cares of his business and the welfare of the workingmen under his control, over 600 in number during the last years of his stay. His manner was kind, and his cheery "Good morning, young man," was like a ray of sunshine. In 1877, in his sixty-first year, he and his wife went to Europe, visiting all the cities of note, and making a pleasant stay at his birthplace, where among other old acquaintances he found the man who had taken his father's old position in the mills half a century before.

On June 20, 1847, Mr. Wood was married in Birmingham to Miss Elizabeth Wallace, a native of Manchester, England, and a daughter of the late Thomas Wallace. She passed away Feb. 19, 1900,

at the age of seventy-seven, while residing with her son, Thomas J. Wood, in the home built by our subject. Of two other sons, John W. died in Ansonia in 1898, aged forty-three years; and W. R. died a number of years ago.

Mr. Wood's funeral was largely attended, his great popularity bringing crowds of people to watch the solemn procession through Main street, from his residence on North Cliff street. Wallace & Sons had ordered their mills closed for the entire day in memory of his long and faithful services. The workmen, many of whom had known him for a score of years, assembled at the Episcopal Church to pay their last tribute of respect to one who had always been their friend and benefactor, and there was many a moist eye among them as the hearse bore the remains to their last resting-place. Naugatuck Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F., marched in a body in the procession, accompanied by the grand officers of the State and ten members of the Veteran Odd Fellows Association, of which Mr. Wood was vice-president; among the floral tributes was a cross four feet in height given by the Veterans Association. The pall-bearers were chosen from Naugatuck Lodge and Ousatic Lodge, of Birmingham. Rev. Mr. Woodcock, rector of the Episcopal Church, read prayers at the house and the funeral services at the church, and the procession then went to Birmingham, where the remains were interred. At the grave the ritual of the I. O. O. F. was read by John Naukervis, N. G. of Naugatuck Lodge, assisted by G. E. Church, Chaplain, and Grand Master F. S. Hunt made a short address in which he eulogized the deceased, telling of his work in the society and his standing as a citizen. In this connection it is appropriate to review Mr. Wood's long service in the I. O. O. F., as he was one of the oldest and most prominent members of the Order in this State. For nearly half a century he had been an earnest worker in the society, and was looked up to as the pillar around which they grew, and at the yearly meeting of the Veterans' Association he was always present. At the time of his residence in Derby he was the oldest Odd Fellow there, and he was instrumental in founding Ousatic Lodge, No. 6, of Birmingham, of which he remained a member until the organization of Naugatuck lodge, of Ansonia, in 1849. In 1841 there were five lodges in Connecticut, and Mr. Wood, in order to re-organize the local lodge, became a member of Quinipiac Lodge, New Haven. The curiosity caused by the local establishment was so great that the trunk containing the paraphernalia had to be hidden in the cellar over night. Mr. Wood successively passed all the chairs, and became past noble grand. He was a conservative Odd Fellow, and proved a capable and efficient officer, discharging the duties devolving upon him with care and skill, and ruling with a tact that avoided all signs of unjust discrimination.

THOMAS J. WOOD, the only surviving son of our

subject, was born June 8, 1848, in Ansonia, soon after the place was given its name. His education was secured in the common schools of the city and at Cheshire Academy, and at the age of sixteen he entered Wallace & Sons mills, and gained a practical knowledge of the business under his father's direction. He was promoted at the latter's death to the position of superintendent, which he has since held—although the firm of Wallace & Sons has been superseded by the Coe Brass Mfg. Co.—making about thirty-five years of continuous service with the establishment. He is a staunch Republican and is prominent in municipal affairs, having been a member of the board of burgesses and alderman from the First ward during the first two years of city government. During his term he served as chairman of the Police committee and the committee on Claims, and his work was characterized by ability and rare fidelity. He has also been active in military affairs, serving five years as a member of Company H, 2d C. N. G., in which he was promoted first to the post of orderly sergeant and then to that of second lieutenant, with which rank he was discharged. He is a charter member of the local Board of Trade, and of the Eagle Hook and Ladder Company of Ansonia, of which he was foreman and treasurer for some years. Mr. Wood attends the Episcopal Church, and socially is identified with various organizations, including the F. & A. M., George Washington Lodge, No. 83; the Ansonia Club, of which he is a charter member; and the I. O. O. F., Naugatuck Lodge.

In March, 1869, Mr. Wood was married to Miss Marie C. Clemens, daughter of A. B. and Catherine (Girard) Clemens, the former a prominent retired citizen of Ansonia, and a well-known expert in machinery, for many years the superintendent of the Farrell Foundry. Mrs. Wood is a member of the D. A. R., being of Revolutionary descent through her mother, who was a Girard. The only son of this union, Robert A. Wood, learned the brass business with his father, and is now foreman of several departments with the Manhattan Brass Co., of New York, where he resides. He married Miss Eva M. Perkins, of Ansonia, and they have two children: Robert Thomas, born Nov. 14, 1899; and Ethel May, born May 10, 1901.

GIDEON LUCIAN PLATT, M. D., late of Waterbury, where for fifty-three years he was actively engaged in the practice of medicine, was one of the city's useful and prominent citizens. He descended from an ancestry among the oldest and most prominent of Connecticut.

Richard Platt, the progenitor of many of the Platts of New England, came to this country in 1638, landing at New Haven. He was enrolled among the first settlers of Milford, Nov. 20, 1639, having four in family. In August, 1880, at the interesting and noteworthy commemoration of the settlement of Milford two hundred and fifty years

before, the name of Richard Platt was mentioned with honor, and among the coping stones of the beautiful memorial bridge erected over the Wapawaug to perpetuate the memory of the early settlers was one placed with this inscription:

DEACON

RICHARD PLATT.
ORIT 1684.
MARY HIS WIFE.

Dr. Platt was a descendant in the sixth generation from Richard Platt, of Milford, the line of his descent being through Lieut. Joseph Platt and three consecutive Gideon Platts, our subject being fifth in the line bearing the name of Gideon.

Gideon Platt (2), son of Gideon Platt, married March 17, 1783, Hannah Clark, daughter of Joseph Clark, all of Milford, Conn., and their children were Gideon, Joseph and Meritt.

Gideon Platt (3), son of Gideon (2), and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born Dec. 19, 1784, and married Nov. 8, 1807, Lydia Sperry, daughter of Capt. Jacob Sperry. They became residents of Middlebury, Conn. Mr. Platt was a deacon, as was his father before him, in the Congregational Church of Milford, where they were highly respected and esteemed citizens.

Dr. Gideon Lucian Platt, son of Gideon (3), was born July 20, 1813, in the (what is now) town of Middlebury, Conn., and in addition to attending the schools of the town he was a pupil in the celebrated classical school of Simeon Hart, of Farmington, Conn. He was prepared for the medical profession under the direction of Dr. Henry Bronson, of Waterbury, and under Dr. William Tully, then of New Haven, and a professor in the Yale Medical School, where young Platt pursued a regular course of study and received the degree of M. D. in 1838. He immediately established himself in professional work at Waterbury, where he continued same with success and rare usefulness for over fifty years. Soon after settling in Waterbury he became associated in the practice with his former preceptor, Dr. Bronson, which partnership continued until Dr. Bronson's removal to New Haven, in 1842. In 1849 Dr. Platt bought what is known as the Apothecaries' Hall property, of Benedict & Coe, and along with Dr. Fish opened a drug store which since 1852 has borne the name of Apothecaries' Hall. At one time Dr. Platt was associated with Dr. Philo G. Rockwell. In 1880 he took into partnership with him the late Walter Hamlin Holmes, who afterward became his son-in-law, a partnership which lasted until the death of Dr. Platt. Dr. Platt accumulated considerable real estate in Waterbury that later became very valuable. He was president of the New Haven County Medical Society in 1880 and the following year president of the State Medical Society. He was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Waterbury, and became one of the incorporators of the Second Church there.

On Dec. 18, 1844, Dr. Platt was married to Caroline Tudor, a lineal descendant in the seventh generation from Elder William Brewster, of the Plymouth Colony, also of Owen Tudor, of Windsor, Conn., and of Rev. Samuel and son, Dr. Elihu Tudor, the eminent surgeon, who was one of the founders of the Connecticut Medical Society. To this marriage were born four children: (1) Dr. Lucian Tudor, born in 1846, received the degree of M. D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1869. On Sept. 15, 1871, he married Rebecca Hurlbut, of Winsted, Conn., and has one daughter, Medora H. (2) Medora Caroline is the widow of Dr. Walter H. Holmes. (3) Dr. Walter Brewster, born Dec. 20, 1853, was graduated from Harvard Medical College, and received the degree of F. R. C. S. at the Royal College of Surgeons, London, England. On Dec. 20, 1880, he married Mary Perine, daughter of E. Glynn Perine, of Baltimore, Md., and has three sons, Washington, Lucian and David. (4) Charles Easton died at the age of thirty-seven. The mother of these died August 10, 1896. Dr. Gideon L. Platt died Nov. 11, 1889, and a writer in the *Waterbury American*, who knew him well, said:

Dr. Platt early in his professional life attained a high reputation both as a physician and surgeon, but it was in the practice of his profession in that very close and peculiar relation of a family physician, and which especially exists in a country practice, that the strong points of his character were most clearly seen and his highest usefulness developed. In the modern style of city medical practice, where each organ has its special expert, in which it is the organ rather than the man of which the case and condition are considered, that peculiar relation of the family physician, whose constant watchfulness continued from birth to death, and included usually not only the relation of physician but that of confidant, adviser and sympathetic counselor and friend, is almost unknown. It may be that modern scientific pathology has rendered unnecessary that intimate knowledge of heredity, predisposition and environment on which the success of the old-line physician was based, but whatever it may do for the physical man, it can never be to the spiritual, to the moral, to the intellectual nature—in short to the man himself—what the close and intimate relation of the family physician made him. This was pre-eminently the style of Dr. Platt's practice. He knew his patients, their lives, circumstances and surroundings, their parentage and history, their constitutional predispositions and hereditary tendencies, all these consciously or unconsciously went to make up his diagnosis of a case and to indicate to his mind the treatment it demanded. His patience was unwearied. Calm and equable by temperament, he was still more so by long training and culture, and by a noble self-command that never deserted him. He brought into the sick room an invigorating presence, a sense of rest, peace and comfort. One of his patients says of him, "I felt, as a child, when sick, that as soon as I saw Dr. Platt I should be better. I can feel now his cool hand, with a touch that always seemed to bring relief."

In figure he was tall, erect, striking and dignified, but in measure so kindly sympathetic that he won his way at once to the confidence of his patients. He was not satisfied with the diagnosis of the case and a prescription of remedies, but he took into account all the merits of nursing and the limitations of the situation, and, with much ingenuity and no chemical skill, he would improvise means from surrounding material, and buy comfort and convenience out of circumstances that were often unfavorable. While he kept up well with the progress of the profession, he still retained a knowledge and liking for many of those

domestic remedies which were dear to the hearts of past generations. His knowledge of Medical Botany was much beyond what is considered necessary for the modern practitioner. To relieve, and so far as possible, to prevent human suffering, was his brief summing up of the physician's calling, and he justly regarded it as a public one, requiring all a man's devotion, and in which success brought its own abundant reward in the consciousness of well doing. His moral standard was a very high one, but he was broad in his sympathies and not severe in his judgment of others. His religious faith was well formed, calm and serene, and shone forth as a ruling power of his life. His work afforded a clear and steady definition of the character and purpose of a line of men like himself of Puritan life and lineage. It may be said, without the slightest disparagement to present or future practitioners of the art of healing, that this honored and beloved physician was the last example of the departing line that Waterbury will know, for the time that made such a man and such a life possible has gone forever. Probably since the death of Rev. Dr. Clark no man in this community has passed away whose loss will be keenly felt as a personal grief in so many hearts and homes as that of Dr. Platt.

JUDD. For upward of two hundred and sixty years the Judds have been known to New England—i. e., since the arrival at Cambridge, Mass., in 1634, of Thomas Judd, the emigrant ancestor of the New Britain and Wallingford branch of the family, of which it is the purpose of this article to treat. For two hundred or more years the posterity of Deacon Anthony Judd have figured in the history of New Britain, where through the first half of the last century John Judd, and his sons and his grandsons, in turn, have been prominent in mechanical and manufacturing lines; and the son Morton, and his sons, through the latter half of the century, in New Haven and Wallingford, respectively. Notable among the Judds thus engaged at these several points have been John, the blacksmith; his sons, Morton and Oliver S., and Morton's sons, Hubert L., Albert D. and Edward M. Of these, Hubert L. Judd was for one and a half decades president of the extensive manufacturing plant of H. L. Judd & Co., at Wallingford, where until his death, on Dec. 11, 1899, he was one of the prominent citizens and leading business men. President Judd was a descendant in the sixth generation from Deacon Anthony Judd, who was descended from Thomas Judd, the emigrant ancestor, of Farmington, Conn. Anthony Judd married Susannah Woodford, and became the first deacon in the Great Swamp Church. The line of descent of President Judd is through John, John (2), John (3) and Morton Judd.

(I) John Judd, son of Deacon Anthony, born in 1718, married Mary Burnham, daughter of Rev. William Burnham, first pastor of the Great Swamp Church. Mr. Judd was one of the first settlers of the central part of the town of New Britain, having his home and farm on the north side of West Main street. He was a lieutenant in the local militia, and also held some civil offices. He was a member of the Ecclesiastical Society in Farmington in 1752, and was there mentioned by Dr. Smiley as from

the church in Kensington. His death occurred Oct. 16, 1781.

(II) John Judd (2), son of John, born in 1746, married, in 1769, Lydia Mather, and resided on West Main street, in New Britain, west of his father. He died Jan. 6, 1796.

(IV) John Judd (3), son of John (2), was born May 8, 1772, and married in 1792 Ursula Stanley. He resided on West Main street, New Britain, on the site where his son Morton later built. Mr. Judd was a blacksmith by occupation, having learned the trade with his uncle, James North. His shop was opposite his house, and on the site where his sons afterward engaged in the manufacturing business. Mr. Judd died July 18, 1822. His children were: Nancy, born Sept. 17, 1793, married in 1813 Austin Woodford, and died in Vermont; Aurora was born March 20, 1795; John B., born March 25, 1796, married in 1822 Betsey Hart; Polly, born Sept. 14, 1797, married in 1816 Pliny Slater; Marilla, born May 7, 1799, married in 1820 Rollin Dickinson, and (second) in 1852 Gilman Hinsdale; Minerva, born in 1801, died in infancy; Marinda, born in 1802, died young; Harry, born Nov. 2, 1804, married in 1828 Julia A. Lewis; Anna, born Nov. 4, 1807, married in 1826 Lawrence Richards, and (second) in 1840 Gilman Hinsdale; Morton, born Nov. 5, 1808, married in 1828 Lucina Dunham, and (second) in 1855 Julia A. Blinn; Lydia was born Feb. 9, 1810; Oliver S., born Nov. 30, 1816, married in 1838 Emily A. Lewis, and (second) in 1860 Eveline Atkins.

(V) Deacon Morton Judd, son of John (3), and the father of the late President Hubert L. Judd, of Wallingford, was born Nov. 5, 1808, in New Britain, where he attended the neighborhood school until his thirteenth year. His boyhood was accompanied with no special advantages. It was a time when the originators of the industrial prosperity of New Britain were struggling to lay the foundation of its greatness, and young Judd felt the influence of the life about him, and at thirteen years of age went into a brass foundry to learn the trade of casting brass. Later, after working for a time in Southington, and in the shops of Seth J. North and Ira Stanley, in New Britain, he engaged in business for himself on West Main street, adjoining his father's shop on the east. In about 1833 he went into partnership with his brother Oliver S. Judd, the style of the firm being M. & O. S. Judd. They soon afterward established their business at another point in the town, and the product of their shops was plated harness hames. In 1846 this part of their business was sold to Henry North, and they commenced the manufacture of other goods. By 1847 Morton Judd had succeeded in gaining a firm foothold in the manufacturing world. He invented a sash fastener (the first ever made in America), patented Sept. 4, 1847, which, together with window springs, etc., the brothers manufactured extensively.



MARY H. JUDD.
ALBERT D. JUDD

EDWARD M. JUDD.
MORTON JUDD

MARTHA L. (JUDD) MARTIN.
HUBERT L. JUDD

In 1853 Albert D. Judd became a partner under the firm name of M. Judd & Co. They continued to do business until 1863, when Albert D. Judd purchased the establishment from his father and uncle, Oliver S. However, he conducted the same but a few weeks, when he resold it to his uncle, Oliver S. Judd, of late years the manufacturer of builders' and saddlers' hardware in the old original factory on West Main street, New Britain.

In 1864 Morton Judd's sons, Hubert L., Albert D. and Edward M., entered into partnership in New Haven for the manufacture of upholstery hardware. Two years later Morton Judd moved to New Haven and entered into partnership with his son Albert D., for the manufacture of builders' hardware, and out of this investment grew the Judd Manufacturing Co. Albert D. Judd became president, and the business of the company was greatly enlarged. It was continued in New Haven until 1877, and then removed to Wallingford, where the company erected a large plant on the west side of the railroad, and began the manufacture, on a large scale, of stationers' and druggists' hardware. The principal stockholders were Morton Judd and his sons, Albert D., Hubert L. and Edward M., Hubert L. acting as the company's agent for the sale of their goods in New York. In 1886 H. L. Judd & Co., who had been engaged in the manufacture of upholsterers' hardware in Brooklyn, bought out the business and plant of the Judd Manufacturing Co. in Wallingford. In 1887 they moved a part of their Brooklyn plant to the Wallingford factories, and the remainder in 1897. In 1890 a large building was added to the Wallingford factories for the making of brass bedsteads and a line of artistic brass goods. In 1892 another building was added to meet the demand for a general enlargement of their business, and especially the manufacture of iron bedsteads. In 1896 a still larger building was erected to accommodate the rest of the Brooklyn plant, which was now moved to Wallingford. At this time the company ordinarily employs about five hundred and fifty hands. They have a store in New York and offices in Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago. The capital stock is \$350,000, and there is considerable surplus. The company have also in Chattanooga, Tenn., a large factory, built in 1890, for the manufacture of wooden curtain poles and trimmings. The principal products of the concern are fancy art goods, upholsterers', stationers', and druggists' hardware, brass and iron bedsteads, and built wire goods.

For many years before his demise, Morton Judd's business connections were ornamental and without labor, rather than active. His name and association gave character to the enterprises, rather than demanded of him personal attention. He lived at ease in the town, on its main street, and in the course of years his children gathered about him and built magnificent residences, highly ornamental to the town. Among the many enterprises fostered in

their infancy by Mr. Judd was the Dime Savings Bank, of which he was one of the original incorporators, and of which he served as vice-president until his resignation on account of advancing years.

Mr. Judd lived to the eve of his ninety-third birthday, passing away Nov. 4, 1901, and retained to a remarkable degree a good physique and the full possession of all his faculties. He was erect in stature, his eye bright and manner animated, and full of sunshine for those about him. His visits among his children and neighbors spread the light of a happy, humorous nature wherever he went. He was a Christian gentleman, who hesitated not to declare his reverence for things sacred and his faith in God. In New Britain and in the Center Congregational Church, which enrolls so much of his family history, he was known as "Deacon," and so in general called "Deacon Morton Judd." He was most highly esteemed and greatly appreciated in the communities in which he lived during his long life. His charitable efforts relieved the poor in many a struggle, and the unfortunate have risen again by reason of this "Good Samaritan's" hand. He bore a willing part in the social activities for good ends, which contribute in every live community to the general welfare, and by example and precept he was a distinct builder of social and religious worth in society. Mr. Judd was one of the very few who remembered Gen. Lafayette when he visited Hartford in 1823, and was always a hearty admirer of the noble Frenchman, to whom we owe so much. When Deacon Morton Judd was but fourteen years of age he planted the large elm tree that stands in front of his late home in New Britain, and now bears a plate giving his name and the date of planting. In politics Mr. Judd was rather retiring, yet under pressure he held some of the highest town offices, serving two terms in the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut.

On Jan. 26, 1828, Mr. Judd was married to Miss Lucina Dunham, of Southington, Conn., daughter of Samuel Dunham. She was a Christian that might serve as the impersonation of Solomon's description of the good wife and mother, who looked well to the training of her children until her death, March 21, 1853. In 1855 Mr. Judd married (second) Miss Julia A. Blinn, daughter of Horace Blinn, of Wethersfield, Conn. She died Nov. 19, 1887. To the first marriage were born four children, namely: Hubert L., Albert D., Edward M. and Martha L. To the second marriage was born one daughter, Mary Burnham, who now makes her home in Wallingford. So fully did the second Mrs. Judd succeed to the mother's place in the family that her step-children learned to regard her with filial love and strong affection.

HUBERT LLEWELLYN JUDD, eldest son of Deacon Morton Judd, was born April 1, 1829. In the midst of his busy life he found time to look after the interests and the comfort of those he loved. Of

kindly nature, he was wont to relieve the unfortunate, and with the true charity that works in silence and in the night. Many stories are told of his good deeds, but his dearest friends and confidants cannot recall a single instance when his charity "vaunted itself." He was a liberal supporter of the First Congregational Church, and faithfully and consistently followed the tenets of that faith. In politics he was a Republican, but his active life did not allow him time for office seeking, even had he so desired. A deep thinker and a student of human nature, he associated with himself in business only such men as he could rely upon for ability and integrity, and those who proved eminently worthy were rapidly promoted. The beautiful home he built on South Main street is one of the most delightful residences of the town, and will stand a monument to his good taste and judgment.

On Aug. 14, 1851, Hubert Llewellyn Judd was united in marriage with Miss Julia Ellis, daughter of William Ellis, of New Britain. She died Oct. 10, 1885. Their children, seven in number, were as follows: (1) Julia Ellis, deceased in infancy; (2) Morton, Jr., deceased in infancy; (3) Florence B., who died at the age of forty years; (4) Edward Henry, deceased in infancy; (5) Emma Julia; (6) Morton Ellis, born March 10, 1864, in New Britain, who married, Dec. 23, 1885, Lenna Gertrude Clark, of Brownville, N. Y., daughter of George Alexander Clark, and has one child—Morton Hubert, born Oct. 14, 1886; and (7) Hubert Dexter, deceased in infancy. The father of these children, beloved and respected by old and young, entered into his last rest Dec. 11, 1899.

ALBERT DUNHAM JUDD, second son of Deacon Morton Judd, was born Dec. 4, 1830, in New Britain, Conn. He took advantage of such opportunities for an education as were offered him, and after some attendance at the common schools was for some time a student in the Easthampton (Mass.) school. It was not an age of luxury and ease—such a life does not make men strong enough to found such enterprises, such nations, as the sons of New England have given to America. On leaving the school room Albert D. Judd went at once to work, assisting his father and uncle, M. & O. S. Judd, on harness hames. He remained with them until the firm sold out to Henry North, when he turned his attention to the manufacture of the sash fastener invented by his father. At the end of four or five years he was admitted into partnership, and twelve years later purchased the business, retaining it, however, but a few weeks, when he resold it to his uncle, Oliver S. Judd. Idleness was not attractive to him, and in 1864 Albert D. Judd removed to New Haven, purchasing the buildings of Beech Burwell, a contractor and builder, and the firm of M. & A. D. Judd, manufacturers of upholstery hardware, was launched. Two years later E. M. Judd & Co. consolidated with the Turner &

Clark Manufacturing Co., and the Seymour Manufacturing Co., both of Torrington. The factory was removed to the western part of town, and the manufacture of builders' hardware was added. In 1870 the firm became the Judd Manufacturing Co., and all of the Judds held interests in it. They continued to run the factory in New Haven until 1877, when it was removed to Wallingford. Albert D. Judd became president of the company and so continued until 1888, when he sold his interest to H. L. Judd & Co. He is still a large stockholder in the company, which on the death of its president, H. L. Judd, in 1899, was sold to his New York partner, and at present he (Albert D.) is the only stockholder bearing the name of Judd. He was one of the original incorporators of the Wallingford National Bank, and has since served as director. He is also a director in the Dime Savings Bank, and one of the appraisers of the Savings Bank, and he also served a short time as vice-president of the First National Bank, but was obliged to resign on account of ill health. In all the large enterprises of the community Albert D. Judd has left his impress—in nearly all he has taken an active part, but it has left him little time for himself. In his political affiliations he has been a strong Republican, and has served on the board of burgesses and held other offices, giving to the affairs of the people the same care and consideration ever given to his private affairs, and throughout his entire life, public and private, he has kept his honored name free from blemish. Mr. Judd has also been a faithful worker in the religious world. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Wallingford, of which he has served as deacon since his residence there. He held the same office in the Center Congregational Church in New Britain, and while in New Haven he was instrumental in the building of the Dwight Place Congregational Church, being one of a committee of three who selected the site, and was also one of the building committee during the construction of the church edifice. Later he became a member of the Society's committee, and of the church committee, and also served the church as deacon.

On April 25, 1855, Albert D. Judd wedded Miss Lucelia Wells, who was born Oct. 27, 1828, a daughter of Horace and Pamela (Sedgwick) Wells, the former a native of New Britain and the latter of West Hartford. Mrs. Judd died Aug. 5, 1900. They had the following named children: (1) Katherine Wells, at home. (2) George Morton has, since 1885, been connected with H. L. Judd & Co. He married Miss Nellie Martin, daughter of Henry Martin, and they have three children—Alice, Katherine and Philip Sedgwick. (3) Alice May died at the age of two years. (4) Albert Lemuel, bookkeeper for H. L. Judd & Co., married Ethel Gardiner, of Green Bay, Wis., and their children were Gardiner Wells, who died aged three years, and Howard Stanley. Albert L. Judd

has been a deacon in the Congregational Church since 1898.

EDWARD MORTON JUDD, third son of Deacon Morton Judd, was born Nov. 11, 1837, in New Britain, Conn., and has proved himself a worthy member of the honorable family to which he belongs. He attended the schools of New Britain and spent three years in the high school there. At the age of eighteen he, too, entered the manufacturing world. In 1856 he began the manufacture of the first metal curtain fixtures (of which he was also the patentee), and in 1861 removed to New Haven, the firm becoming E. M. Judd & Co. Upon his location in New Haven he added a general line of upholstery hardware. Later the firm was consolidated with the Turner & Clark Manufacturing Co. and the Seymour Manufacturing Co., of Torrington, and Edward M. Judd became the general manager of the Torrington plants. The firm was known as the Turner, Seymour & Judd Co. In 1870 he sold out his interest in the company and assisted in the formation of the Judd Manufacturing Co. at New Haven. The new company engaged in the manufacture of general hardware, as well as upholstery hardware. Under his management these various companies prospered beyond all expectations, and in 1874 Mr. Judd went to Brooklyn, and, while still retaining his interest in the Judd Manufacturing Co., started the firm of H. L. Judd & Co. After three years he located in Wallingford, where the Judd interests have since been centered. For thirty years Mr. Judd was actively engaged in the large manufacturing interests of the family, and in 1887 he retired to pass the latter half of his life in the rest and enjoyment his early labors would warrant. He is the inventor of a number of curtain fixtures, and his last venture was a stamp cancelling machine, which he considers his best work. This machine, which completely destroys the stamp, has been patented in this country, and it is the intention of the patentee to have his rights protected in foreign countries as well. During his busy life Mr. Judd did not fail to find time to attend to his civic duties. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. While he is not an office-seeker, he has not sought to evade the responsibilities of citizenship. He has served on the board of burgesses and on the school committee, while in 1897 he was elected judge of the borough court, and is now serving his second term. In every way that he can he has worked for the welfare of his town and State, and gives his aid, financial and moral, to the support of any enterprise that will in any way benefit the community. He was one of the original incorporators of the First National Bank. In his religious faith he is a Congregationalist, and a member of the First Church, in which he has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and as chairman of the Society's committee. Of generous disposition, he gives largely to charity, but car-

ries on the custom of his family in that he does his good deeds quietly.

On March 27, 1860, occurred the marriage of Edward Morton Judd and Jane A. Peck, daughter of Joel and Charlotte (Scoville) Peck, and to this union have come children as follows: William Theodore, born March 1, 1866, died Feb. 24, 1867. Jennie Susan, born March 8, 1872, married on Oct. 1, 1895, Charles G. Phelps, of Wallingford, secretary to Orville H. Platt, senator from Connecticut, and clerk to the committee on Cuban Affairs. Edward Peck, born Aug. 3, 1877, is at home; for three years he was a student in Yale Law School.

MARTHA LOUISE JUDD, born July 9, 1847, was married Oct. 14, 1880, to Henry Hall Martin, of Wallingford, who died Feb. 26, 1896. Their children were Louise Ariel and Oliver Wadsworth.

MARY BURNHAM JUDD, born April 8, 1857, is unmarried, and kept house for her father.

WILLIAM CHANDLER POTTER was one of the brave defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Rebellion, and is now an honored and highly respected citizen of Cheshire, New Haven county, where he has made his home since 1891.

Mr. Potter was born in New Haven Sept. 25, 1820, and traces his ancestry to John Potter, the first of the name to cross the Atlantic, a native of England, who came to this county about 1640, and located in Hamden. The father of our subject, who also bore the name of John Potter, was born in Hamden in 1805, and was reared in that town. By trade he was a chairmaker. He married Clarissa Parkiss, who was born in Branford, New Haven county, a daughter of Chandler Parkiss, and both died in Burlington, this State, in 1894. Of their ten children, only two are still living: William C., our subject; and Austin, of Waterbury.

William Chandler Potter acquired his literary education in the schools of Hamden, and there grew to manhood. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted, at Hartford, Conn., in 1861, in Company E, 10th Conn. V. I., for three years. With the Army of the Potomac he participated in the battles of Roanoke Island, Newbern, Tarboro, Little Washington and Goldsboro, N. C., and he also took part in the celebrated march to the sea. He was mustered out of the United States service at Alexandria, Va., and honorably discharged at Hartford, Conn., in 1865. On the maternal side he is of Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather having been a soldier in the war for independence.

In 1855, at Burlington, Conn., Mr. Potter married Miss Emily Baldwin, a native of Watertown, and a daughter of Joel Baldwin. Four children have been born to them, namely: Frederick, who is now in the West; Melissa, who died in her eightieth year; Louis, who was killed by the cars; and Clara, Mrs. Arthur Smith, a resident of Birmingham, Connecticut.

Since coming to Cheshire, in 1891, Mr. Potter has been engaged in market gardening. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and an earnest advocate of temperance. Socially he is a member of Grand Army Post No. 8, at Meriden, and religiously adheres to the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a member. Both are well known and highly respected for their sterling worth and many excellencies of character.

ALFRED F. WINCHELL, M. D., one of the leading physicians and substantial men of New Haven, which city has been his field of labor for thirty-five years, is a representative of one of the first families to settle in Connecticut.

Born June 21, 1831, in Egremont, Berkshire Co., Mass., son of Ezra and Lucinda (Newman) Winchell, our subject is a descendant in the eighth generation from Robert Winchell, the first American ancestor of this branch of the Winchell family. From the genealogy of the family prepared in 1860, by Alexander Winchell, LL. D., a professor in the University of Michigan, it is learned that the name is probably of early Saxon or Jutish origin, and was known in the time of Hengist and Horsa, in 440.

Robert Winchell, born probably in Wales, was at Dorchester, Mass., in 1634, and at Windsor, Conn., as early as 1637, appearing to have emigrated from one of the lower Saxon shires in the south of England. The line of Dr. Winchell's descent from Robert is through Jonathan, Benjamin, Azariah, Azariah (2), and Ezra.

Jonathan Winchell, son of Robert, was born probably in Dorchester, Mass., prior to 1635. On May 16, 1666, he married Abigail Brusan, daughter of Richard Brusan, sometimes written Brownson. She was born about 1644, and died in Suffield March 27, 1710.

Benjamin Winchell, son of Jonathan, was born at Windsor, Conn., June 28, 1674, and married Sarah Winchell July 18, 1700, in Suffield.

Azariah Winchell, son of Benjamin, and the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Suffield, Conn., April 5, 1710.

Azariah Winchell (2), son of Azariah, was born in Suffield.

Ezra Winchell, father of our subject, son of Azariah (2), was born in Hillsdale, Columbia Co., N. Y., Sept. 8, 1800, and married Lucinda Newman, who was born in Egremont, June 3, 1804.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his native town, and was prepared for college at the academy in Great Barrington, Mass., entering Wesleyan College, at Middletown, in 1853. He was graduated with honors in the class of 1857, receiving from that institution three years later the degree of A. M. Following his graduation he was for three years principal of the Owosso (Mich.) Union Seminary, where his work was very successful and

satisfactory, so much so that those in charge were loath to give him up and urged his remaining, but desiring to enter another profession, he severed his connection with this institution and for a period studied law under the direction of a prominent attorney of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., the well-known jurist, Judge John P. H. Tallman. His tastes, however, were in still another direction, so returning to Great Barrington, Mass., he there began the study of medicine under Dr. Clarkson T. Collins, a man of distinction in the profession and of extended acquaintance. As time passed the young pupil, through the kindness of Dr. Collins, became acquainted with the noted physicians Alfred C. Post and Valentine Mott, of New York City, an acquaintance that was greatly appreciated and proved beneficial for the encouragement and inspiration it gave.

After attending a course of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, from which institution he was graduated in 1865, Dr. Winchell in that city had the benefit of most valuable clinical observations in the various hospitals, including Bellevue, the New York Hospital and others, and after finishing his course there he located for practice in New Haven, where his professional life has been spent. His career there, both professional and as a citizen, has been one of success and usefulness. Through unselfish devotion to his useful calling he has reached a position of prominence in the profession, ranking among the most able physicians in the State. His preference in his earlier career was for surgery, and in that line he has performed a number of difficult and delicate operations, yet he has devoted himself to the general practice of medicine. His reputation as a superior obstetrician is well known. A natural student, the Doctor has advanced in his profession along with the progress made in the science of medicine, and has kept pace with the general great progress and advancement during the years of his practice.

Dr. Winchell is a member of the State Medical Society, which he has served as fellow; of the New Haven County Medical Society; and of the New Haven City Medical Society, of which for years he served as president. Also, he is connected by membership with the American Medical and American Public Health Associations; the American Academy of Political and Social Science; and the Masonic fraternity.

Dr. Winchell has long been interested in the subject of sanitation. Immediately following the Civil war he made a series of visits through different sections of the South, and his attention was especially directed to this subject by observations. Following with investigations and study of the subject, he was well fitted for the office he subsequently filled so efficiently and satisfactorily for many years—that of member of the board of health, of New Haven, having been appointed such in 1879



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and repeatedly thereafter for fourteen years. For a succession of terms he was president of the board, during which time much progress was made in improving the sanitary condition of the city.

Dr. Winchell has been deeply interested in Christian and philanthropic work, and is actively concerned in the progress of New Haven. In his practice he has been exceedingly charitable to the poor and unfortunate, and he has the esteem and the confidence both of his colleagues and of the public. The city is largely indebted to his energy, foresight and pecuniary outlay for the erection of the Hyperion Theatre, pronounced by artists and public speakers to be almost unequalled for its acoustic properties and general appointments.

On February 9, 1860, Dr. Winchell was married to Helen E., daughter of Capt. Charles E. Hinman, of Southbury. She died in February, 1893, and in October, 1895, he married Mary, daughter of Elizur Mitchell, of South Britain, Conn. She died in 1874, leaving one daughter, Mary Helen, who is now the wife of Dr. William A. Brooks, of Boston, Mass., a prominent young physician and surgeon, who has performed some remarkable operations, and is well known throughout the State. On Oct. 14, 1876, Dr. Winchell was married to his present wife, formerly Catherine Worthington Shepard, daughter of Rev. Samuel N. Shepard, who for thirty years was pastor of the Congregational Church in Madison, Conn., and granddaughter of Rev. Samuel Shepard, D. D., who for fifty years was a preacher in Lenox, Mass., and a niece of the distinguished John Todd, D. D.

TERRELL. The Terrells of New Haven county, with the earlier families to which they are allied by marriage, were among the earliest settlers of this locality.

Roger Terrell, from whom most of the names of Terrell, Terrel, Tyrrel, etc., of New Haven county are descended, was among the first settlers of Milford, Conn. His name appears among the first two lists of inhabitants of the town living there in the spring of 1640. Most of the pioneer settlers of Milford came from the counties of Essex, Hereford and York, England, and rendezvoused in New Haven in 1638 and 1639. Roger Terrell married a daughter of Thomas Nefford, and his death occurred in 1682. From this Roger Terrell, the emigrant settler, Wales Terrell, of Ansonia, is a descendant in the eighth generation, his line being through ———, Samuel, Phineas, Phineas (2), Eliakim and Truman. One branch of the Tyrrell family spells the name Tyrrell.

(III) Samuel Terrell, probably a grandson of Roger Terrell, lived in Milford, and by his will, made in 1751, left his estate, which was distributed in that same year, to his widow Mary and children Samuel, Abraham, Jesse, Phineas, Mary (Tibbals) and Rebecca (Mrs. Jacob Baldwin).

(IV) Phineas Terrell, son of Samuel, born about

1725, died Oct. 13, 1791, when aged sixty six years. His wife, Phebe, survived him, married Andrew Baldwin, and died Jan. 15, 1803, when aged seventy-six. In his will the children of Phineas named were: Phineas, Eliakim, John, Anne, Phebe and Susanna.

(V) Phineas Terrell (2), son of Phineas, married and had a number of children, among them Eli and Sarah, the latter marrying Russel Chatfield. A number of the children of Phineas are buried in the Sperry burying-ground, in Bethany, Connecticut.

(VI) Capt. Eliakim Terrell, son of Phineas (2), born about Feb. 10, 1760, married Elizabeth, also born Feb. 10, 1760, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Tomlinson) Twitchell, and the children who survived the father were Philo, Josiah, Truman, Elizabeth, Nehemiah, Anne, Eliakim, Phineas, Solomon, Isaac, Andrew and Julia. All settled in Connecticut. Capt. Terrell was a soldier in the Revolution, and was known by that title. He served as selectman of Woodbridge in 1800, and died March 15, 1807, when aged forty-seven years.

(VII) Truman Terrell, son of Capt. Eliakim, baptized in the town of Derby (probably in that part now Oxford) Feb. 20, 1784, married Hannah Lines, daughter of Eber Lines, of Bethany. Eber Lines married Hannah, daughter of Lieut. Dan Welton, of Waterbury, she being a lineal descendant of Elder William Brewster, of the "Mayflower." Truman Terrell died May 20, 1852, aged sixty-eight years. His widow married Ansel Peck, and died Nov. 19, 1866, aged seventy-six years. The children of Truman and his wife were: Louisa, Almira, Grace, Lauren, Elizabeth, Smith, Wales, Calvin and Henry; the two last named died young. Two of the children are now living, Almira and Wales.

(VIII) Wales Terrell at the age of seventeen (1843) was apprenticed to one Burr Nash, of New Haven, to learn the blacksmith's trade, and in the year 1849 located at Derby, where in co-partnership with Silas Baldwin, and later with Herbert Serry, he pursued the business, in a general line, of blacksmithing and carriage building. On Oct. 25, 1851, he married Julia Irene Barbour, daughter of Luke Barbour, of Simsbury, Conn. Five children were born to this union: May Elizabeth (who died in infancy), Arthur Wales, Florence Elizabeth, Lucius Barbour and Alton Truman.

On Aug. 6, 1862, Wales Terrell enlisted in Company B, 20th Conn. V. I., and on the 8th of the same month was mustered into the United States service as private and promoted to corporal. The 20th was a three years' regiment, recruited under the call of June, 1862, of the President for 300,000 men, and went out under Col. Ross, Lieut. William B. Wooster and Major Buckingham. They soon formed a part of the 12th Corps, Army of the Potomac, and were under Gen. Hooker and later under Gen. Meade. The regiment participated in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, the 12th Corps in the latter engagement occupying the ex-

treme right of the Federal line at Culp's Hill, Gen. Williams in command. The Corps held Ewell's Corps at bay for seven hours, finally driving them back with heavy loss. In the fall of 1863 the 12th Corps joined the Army of the Cumberland, at Chattanooga, and that winter was mainly in Tennessee. A year later, in the fall of 1864, the 11th and 12th Corps were formed into the 20th Corps, and in it the 20th Regiment remained until the close of the war, forming a part of Gen. Sherman's army. It is not the intention to give in detail the history of the regiment, but only to mention some features in general and refer to others especially. The 20th distinguished itself at the battle of Peach Tree Creek, and was at the siege of Atlanta. It later moved through Atlanta, Ga., to Savannah and South Carolina, and to and from there to North Carolina, finally participating in the grand review at Washington, and was mustered out of the service June 13, 1865, at Fort Lincoln, on the Bladensburg road. The engagements in which the 20th participated were: Chancellorsville, Va., May 3, 1863; Gettysburg, Pa., July 3, 1863; Tracy City, Tenn., May 9, 1864; Peach Tree Creek, Ga., July 20, 1864; siege of Atlanta, Ga., July 21 to Aug. 7, 1864; Silver Run, N. C., March 15, 1865; Bentonville, N. C., March 19, 1865; and Raleigh, N. C., April 13, 1865. Young Terrell bore an honorable part from start to finish with his company, and returned home at the close of the war with an honorable record. On May 4, 1864, he was promoted to sergeant, and was mustered out with his company and regiment June 13, 1865. Since his return from the service he has made his home in the town of Derby, and more recently in Ansonia, where he has had an honorable business career and been a useful citizen.

On returning to civil life Mr. Terrell entered into co-partnership with Darius Wilcox, engaging in the carriage hardware and file business for several years, under the firm name of Terrell & Wilcox, and later as Wales Terrell. Later he was associated with E. Frank Sperry, under the name of Terrell & Sperry, they continuing some years together, when Mr. Terrell withdrew and engaged with his son, Lucius B. Terrell, in the insurance and real-estate business, under the firm name of Wales Terrell & Son, handling all kinds of insurance and real-estate transactions.

(IX) Alton T. Terrell, secretary and general manager of the Ansonia O. & C. Co., of Ansonia, was born in Ansonia Oct. 3, 1872. He was educated in the common and high schools of his native town, and when a boy entered the office of the Osborne & Cheesman Co., which concern was in 1891 succeeded by the Ansonia O. & C. Co. He rose to the position of order clerk, which he held for some years, and was then promoted to purchasing agent, which position he held up to the time of Mr. Schneller's (the head of the institution) death, when he was promoted to his present position. They manufacture suspender webbing, and employ some three hundred

hands. The building is 50 feet wide, 250 feet long, and three stories high. [For a further account of this business, from its origin, see sketch of Mrs. Schneller, elsewhere.] Under the management of Mr. Terrell the business has steadily increased, and they send goods all over the United States and Europe. They have recently had completed a magnificent office, planned by Mr. Terrell, which is 40 feet square, two stories high, and is beautifully finished in quarter-sawed oak and brown ash, and furnished with oak furniture. It is one of the finest office buildings in the Naugatuck Valley.

Although a young man, Mr. Terrell has seen many changes during the years that he has been with the company, and with two exceptions is the oldest in point of service now here. The number of men has been increased from two hundred to three hundred and fifty, and the output of the goods has more than doubled; much of the machinery has been changed to the latest improved in their line. Throughout the building many improvements have been made for the benefit of the help, all of whom hold Mr. Terrell in high esteem, and since he has taken his present position no dissatisfaction has been expressed by the employes, each and all of whom are at liberty to personally lay before him any grievance which they may have, with the positive assurance that they will be listened to and treated wisely. By the introduction of the latest improved machinery this concern can at present manufacture goods which place them in successful competition with any other concern in the business.

Mr. Terrell married, Nov. 30, 1898, Lillian Whitlock, a daughter of Senator Sturges Whitlock, of Shelton, a prominent manufacturer of the celebrated Whitlock printing presses. Sturges Whitlock is one of the most prominent men in this section of the State and is widely known. His wife was Mary O. Singer, a daughter of Isaac Singer, the inventor of the Singer sewing machine.

Alton Terrell is a member of the Board of Trade of Ansonia, director of the A. O. & C. Co., and member of the Ansonia Club.

EDWIN DOOLITTLE, one of the prominent, well-known citizens of Branford, is a native of Connecticut, born Dec. 3, 1838, in Wallingford, New Haven county.

The founder of the Doolittle family in the New England States came from England, and is said to have been the first settler north of Watenbrook, in what is now the town of Wallingford. Jonathan Doolittle, grandfather of Edwin, was born in Wallingford, was a farmer by occupation, and served in the war of the Revolution. He had four sons: Enos, the father of our subject; John, who cast his lot with the Mormons, and became an apostle and elder in that church; Roswell, a farmer of Wallingford; and Johnson, who was a farmer and grain dealer. One daughter, Betsy, married Samuel Morse, and after her death he married her sister Delight.

Enos Doolittle was born Feb. 2, 1796, in Wallingford, where he was a lifelong agriculturist, and died March 30, 1869. He married Charritta Davis, and by her had five children, viz.: (1) Andrew, born Nov. 8, 1826, married Lucy Hall, and had two sons, Charles D. and Frederick. Andrew was a contractor in Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co.'s factory. He was accidentally shot while out hunting, Nov. 8, 1854. (2) Albert, born Nov. 10, 1827, married Mary Bassett. He died Aug. 22, 1877, leaving no children. (3) Julius, born July 3, 1830, never married, and died Dec. 18, 1886. (4) Clarissa, born Nov. 11, 1835, died Sept. 9, 1842. (5) Edwin is our subject. The father of this family was a Democrat politically.

Edwin Doolittle received his education in the common schools of Wallingford, and began his business life in the old "Farmers Exchange Variety Store," New Haven. There he remained some six years, and in 1862 he commenced in the butcher business at Wallingford, which he continued three years, after which for seven years he was engaged in farming in Wallingford. For one year thereafter he was located at Windsor Locks, Hartford county, engaged in the manufacture of manilla paper, and in the fall of 1874 he came to Branford, where for eighteen years he conducted the popular summer resort known as the "Weybossett House." Selling out in 1893, he managed the hotel for another until May, 1894, since when he has been living retired. Mr. Doolittle is independent in politics, and at present is serving in Branford as chairman of the Citizens party.

On Oct. 10, 1865, Mr. Doolittle was married to Miss Matilda I. Todd, daughter of Thelus and Antoinette (Harrison) Todd, of Northford, New Haven county. The father was born Sept. 19, 1802, and died Aug. 29, 1875. The mother, born May 9, 1809, died March 9, 1848. They were married June 1, 1828, and had seven children, Apollos E., Milo A., Venelia H., Matilda I. (Mrs. Doolittle), Miranda J., Delia A. and Bertha S. By his second wife, Correlia Auger, Mr. Todd had one daughter, Maria A. Mr. Todd was a butcher, drover and farmer by occupation. He took an active part in the affairs of his day, and served two terms in the State Legislature, having been elected on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle had two children: Antoinette Todd, born May 9, 1867, died March 2, 1868; the other died in infancy. They are members of the Episcopal Church.

JAMES PEMBERTON, a highly esteemed resident of Ansonia, is now living in retirement at his pleasant home, at No. 286 Wakelee avenue, but his interest in all that concerns the welfare of the community remains as keen as during his years of active work in the business world.

Mr. Pemberton was born Nov. 18, 1828, in Birmingham, England, son of Maj. William Pemberton and his wife, Mary Hall, both natives of

Birmingham, and both born in 1800. Maj. Pemberton came to America in 1820, with his family, and after two years' residence at Bloomfield, N. J., located in Waterbury, Conn., entering the employ of the Scovill Manufacturing Co. While there he introduced a process for plating with gold and silver, which he had learned and worked at before leaving England, and this proved very successful, giving him an important place in the firm. They made a specialty of plate for photographing, and gold plate for officers' buttons for the army and navy. In 1852 Mr. Pemberton went to Newark, N. J., and engaged in business for himself, and his death occurred there in 1880. He was a man of strong character, an expert in his line of work, and was active in politics as an old-line Whig. At one time he served as major on the staff of Gen. Collins, of Newark, and his saddle and other articles of equipment are now preserved as a relic by a brother of our subject. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, and he gave \$500 toward the new stone edifice, erected in 1846, in Waterbury. His estimable wife died in 1886, and of their eight children only three are living: Amelia is deceased; James is mentioned more fully below; William is deceased; Thomas was killed while serving with the 14th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry; Alfred is deceased; Samuel H., who served in the Army of the Potomac throughout the Civil war, married Miss Jennie A. Root, of Waterbury, and resides in Newark, N. J., where he held office as city clerk for a number of years; Catherine is deceased; and Frederick, now a resident of Newark, N. J., served in both army and navy during the Civil war.

James Pemberton spent much of his boyhood at Waterbury, and was educated in the common schools of that town and at Cheshire Academy. He learned his father's business in the shops of the Scovill Manufacturing Co., and later was employed by Holmes, Booth & Hayden, to establish it for them. For a number of years he had charge of the department, and for a time he was with a clock company of Chicago, but in 1866 he located in Ansonia, taking a position with the O. & C. Co., as caster. Soon afterward he entered the employ of the A. B. C. Co., as caster in the Brass mills, and this work he continued until his retirement from business in 1881. As he owns a number of houses in the town, his real-estate interests require much of his time and attention. Politically he is a Republican, and he was a member of the first common council of Ansonia. In religious work he was for years an active worker in the Episcopal Church, of which he was a member, and for a number of years he served either as warden or vestryman, and for some time was superintendent of the Sunday-school. For more than forty years he has been an active Freemason, and is now a member of George Washington Lodge, and Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M., in Ansonia, and of Waterbury Council, No. 21, at Waterbury.

In 1850 Mr. Pemberton married Miss Mary J. Riggs, daughter of Garry Riggs, a tanner in Oxford, and a prominent citizen of that town. She was born in 1831, and died in 1895, and of her four sons, three are living: James R., a machinist by trade, married Jessie E. Beers, and is settled on a farm in Orange; William M., a clerk in a clothing store in New Haven, has been married twice, and has had six children: Bessie M., Lillie S., Elsie A., Alie M., William M. and Ernest L.; Edward L., the youngest, was employed for a number of years in the office of the Farrell Foundry Co., but is now in Boston, as agent for V. W. Mason, Jr., of New York.

ELI H. WAKELEE, a venerable and highly esteemed resident of Ansonia, is the oldest man now living who was born in that vicinity, and his reminiscences cover a most interesting period of the history of the section. Within his memory the city of Ansonia has been founded and developed, and when he was a boy the site of Derby, formerly Birmingham, gave no sign of its present commercial importance.

Mr. Wakelee was born July 11, 1820, in West Ansonia, and comes of good pioneer stock. His grandfather, Eli Wakelee, was born in Ansonia, and became a farmer and shoemaker by occupation. He died at the age of fifty. He married Mary Smith, who was born in Derby, and who attained the advanced age of eighty-four. They had seven sons and one daughter, all now deceased.

Watrous C. Wakelee, our subject's father, was born in West Ansonia, and learned the shoemaker's trade, but his attention was devoted chiefly to farming at the homestead in West Ansonia, now No. 220 Wakelee avenue. He was a successful farmer, owning about 200 acres of land, and as a citizen he was held in high esteem for his sound judgment and his public spirit. Politically he was a Democrat, and he served as assessor and collector, and was a candidate for other offices at various times. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian. He died in 1878, at the age of seventy-eight, and his wife, Caroline (Hawkins), a native of Ansonia, died aged eighty-two. The Hawkins family were early settlers in this county, and Lewis Hawkins, father of Mrs. Wakelee, was a well-known farmer. Our subject is one of a family of four sons, of whom two are still living, his brother Charles (aged sixty-three) being now in the West. Albert died in Ansonia, Jan. 14, 1901. David, the youngest, died in the West Sept. 20, 1880.

Until he reached the age of seventeen our subject remained at the homestead, the common schools affording him an education, and he then learned the mason's trade with Isaac P. Davis, of Seymour. He followed that trade twenty-five years, doing a profitable contract business, and then built the store now occupied by E. A. Curtiss, corner of Wakelee avenue and Jackson street. For ten years he was

engaged in mercantile business there, but since selling out, in 1895, he has been looking after his real-estate interests exclusively. He bought fifty acres of the old homestead, from which he has sold a number of building lots, and he has also put up a number of houses, some of which he still owns and rents. Mr. Wakelee attends the Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a member. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, having been identified with the party since he was twenty-one years old. For more than twenty-five years he served as assessor, and held that office while Derby was still a part of the town; he served as chairman of the board of assessors longer than any other man now living in Ansonia. He also served a term as collector and one year as selectman; and for a number of years was a member of the town committee and the local board of relief.

On Jan. 12, 1853, Mr. Wakelee married Miss Amanda Chatfield, a native of Bethany. They have had one son, Frank W., a carpenter and joiner in Ansonia, who married Miss Fannie Platt and has had two children, Cora A. and Harry W., the latter of whom died when five years old. Mrs. Wakelee is a member of a well-known family, her grandfather, Phineas Terrell, having been one of the first settlers in Bethany, where he engaged in farming. Her father, Russell Chatfield, a native of Oxford, was a farmer and mason in that town, and lived to the age of ninety-one years. He married Sarah Terrell, who died at the age of eighty-four, in the same house in which she was born and married. Russell and Sarah Chatfield had five daughters, of whom three are living: Mrs. Mary M. Beecher; Mrs. Ruth M. Warner, who still resides in Ansonia with a daughter; and Mrs. Wakelee. Of the others, Mrs. Sarah A. Beecher died aged thirty-two, and Mrs. Pamela J. Todd died aged thirty. The family is much esteemed socially and has been identified with the Episcopal Church for generations.

GEORGE LEANDER WELD ranked among the substantial and most highly respected citizens of the town of Guilford, where the greater part of his useful and active life was passed. He was a native of the town, born March 12, 1814, son of George and Mabel (Fowler) Weld, and was the eldest brother of the late Capt. Frederick A. and William E. Weld, of Guilford.

Our subject received his education in the common schools, attending first in the North Guilford District, and later at Sag Harbor, L. I., whither he removed with his parents. Early in life he was engaged in farm work, later learning the trade of shoemaker, which he followed for some time, and he also engaged in carpentering and building. He finally took up his home at East River, New Haven county, settling on the old Bartlett homestead, where he passed the remainder of his days, engaging in ship carpentering in addition to agricultural pur-



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suits. By energetic industry and good management he became quite well-to-do, and he gained the respect of his neighbors and friends by a life of integrity. In religious connection he was a member of the Episcopal Church of Guilford, and active in its work, serving as warden and vestryman in the church. His political support was given to the Democratic party. He never sought office, preferring to give his attention to his private affairs, but he took an intelligent interest in the welfare of his locality, and was well read.

On Sept. 16, 1849, Mr. Weld was married, in Guilford, to Miss Sarah Judson Bartlett, who was born Feb. 20, 1828, daughter of Joseph Bartlett, and survives him, still making her home in East River. She is an intelligent woman, well preserved, and enjoys the highest esteem of the community in which her life has been passed. Three children blessed this union: Mary Bartlett, born Oct. 27, 1855, died Nov. 9, 1865; George M. and Joseph, twins, were born Jan. 3, 1863, and the latter died Oct. 12, 1865. Mr. Weld was a kind-hearted husband and loving father, and his death, on Oct. 22, 1891, at East River, was deeply mourned. His remains rest in the East cemetery, in Guilford.

George M. Weld was born Jan. 3, 1863, received his education in the local district schools, and is employed in a shop in the town of Madison. He married Miss Lottie M. Rogers, and they have had four children: Ruth M., Mabel R., George Leon and Elsie Bartlett, all living.

THE BARTLETT FAMILY, from which Mrs. Weld is descended, is one of the oldest in Guilford, and Joseph Bartlett, the first of the name here, was a native of England. He was one of the first settlers of Guilford, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying Aug. 3, 1669. He was a deacon in the church. On Sept. 14, 1650, he married Mary Cruttenden, daughter of Abraham Cruttenden, and she survived him but a few weeks, dying Sept. 11, 1669. Children: Elizabeth, born in March, 1653, died Oct. 4, 1742, married Abraham Fowler; Mary, born Feb. 1, 1655, died Nov. 5, 1724, married Nathaniel Stone; John, born Nov. 9, 1656, died Aug. 16, 1669; Hannah, born Nov. 6, 1658, married Stephen Bishop; Deborah, born in 1660, died Dec. 4, 1692, married John Spinning; Daniel, born Dec. 14, 1665, died Nov. 14, 1747, married Sarah Meggs; Abraham, sketch of whom follows.

Abraham Bartlett, born Feb. 19, 1667, in Guilford, died Feb. 20, 1731. On June 11, 1693, he married Mary Warner, born in April, 1664, who died May 25, 1738, and they had children: Mary, born May 18, 1694, died June 9, 1755; Abraham, born March 4, 1698, died Jan. 13, 1764; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Timothy, born March 15, 1702, died Dec. 1, 1773, married Susanna Cruttenden; Ebenezer, born Nov. 6, 1704, died Oct. 19, 1777.

Capt. Joseph Bartlett, born in Guilford Oct. 24, 1699, died Aug. 29, 1760. On June 9, 1726, he

married Mindwell Cruttenden, born in 1706, died Sept. 24, 1769. Children: Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Mindwell, born May 17, 1730, died Nov. 3, 1808, married Samuel Chittenden; Abraham, born Jan. 12, 1734, married Submit Everts; Ruth, born in October, 1735, died Dec. 21, 1831, married Miles Griswold; Samuel, born Feb. 10, 1742, married Abigail Ingraham.

Joseph Bartlett, born Sept. 8, 1727, died July 23, 1812, in Guilford. On Dec. 30, 1756, he married Sarah Cruttenden, born Feb. 2, 1735, died June 13, 1818. Children: Joseph, born Nov. 8, 1757, died Aug. 23, 1787; Sarah, born Oct. 21, 1762, died Feb. 5, 1773; Amos, born June 23, 1764, died July 12, 1836, married Anna Dudley; Noah, sketch of whom follows; Hannah, born Sept. 4, 1778, died March 14, 1858, married Timothy Dudley.

Noah Bartlett, born Aug. 27, 1766, died Jan. 17, 1837. On June 23, 1799, he married Sally Judson, born Nov. 27, 1775, died Jan. 25, 1867. Children: Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Sally, born Nov. 20, 1799, died July 21, 1866, married Horace Munger; Polly, born Nov. 20, 1801, died Nov. 14, 1876, married Joel Griswold, of Guilford.

Joseph Bartlett, father of Mrs. Weld, born July 24, 1797, was one of the leading business men of Guilford in his day, keeping store at East River, and also conducting a hotel at that place, where he spent his life. He owned vessels, in which he shipped his produce to New York and other markets, and was also a large land owner and dealer in stock. In the management of his various interests he became widely known, and his reputation was untarnished by any doubts as to his uprightness and integrity. During his busy career he accumulated a comfortable competence, and he was regarded as one of the substantial men of his locality. Mr. Bartlett passed away Jan. 5, 1864, at East River, and his remains rest in the East cemetery. He attended the Congregational Church, and in politics was first a Whig, later a Republican.

On March 15, 1827, Mr. Bartlett married Mary Ann Cruttenden, who was born May 21, 1798, daughter of Bela Cruttenden, and died Aug. 15, 1876. One child blessed their union, Sarah Judson, who is now the widow of George L. Weld.

HON. SAMUEL H. CHITTENDEN, at present serving in the Connecticut State Senate from the Sixth District, is a native of New Haven county, born Nov. 18, 1845, on the old Chittenden homestead at East River, in the town of Madison. He is a descendant of (1) William Chittenden, one of the original settlers of Guilford, who came to the town in 1639, and was prominent in public affairs, serving as magistrate of the Plantation and deputy to the General Court until his death.

(11) Sergt. John Chittenden, fourth child of William, was born in 1643, and died in Guilford in April, 1716. On Dec. 12, 1665, he married Hannah Fletcher, daughter of John Fletcher, and they had

six children: John, born Oct. 19, 1666; Elizabeth, Jan. 20, 1670 (she married Thomas Cruttenden); Joseph, March 20, 1672 (married Mary Kimberly); Gideon, Sept. 23, 1678, died 1679; Abel, May 14, 1681 (married Deborah Scranton); Lydia, March 30, 1684 (married William Hall).

(III) John Chittenden, son of Sergt. John, born Oct. 19, 1666, died in February, 1710. On March 13, 1701, he married Sarah Clay, who was born March 5, 1674, and died April 5, 1717. Her parents, Joseph and Mary (Lord) Clay, were of Guilford and Saybrook, Conn., respectively. Two children were born of this union: John, June 8, 1702 (married Bathsheba Cruttenden); and Samuel, Aug. 16, 1704.

(IV) Samuel Chittenden, son of John, born Aug. 16, 1704, married Nov. 7, 1726, Susanna Bishop, who was born Jan. 12, 1704, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Wetmore) Bishop, and died Nov. 8, 1747. On Sept. 8, 1748, he married Mrs. Phyllis (Burgis) Johnson, widow of Nathaniel Johnson, and daughter of Thomas and Mercy (Wright) Burgis. She was born March 1, 1716, and died Oct. 12, 1760, and on Jan. 13, 1762, Mr. Chittenden married Hulda Fowler, who was born March 6, 1723, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Starr) Fowler, and died Nov. 17, 1820, at the ripe age of nearly ninety-eight years. The children of Samuel Chittenden were: Samuel, born Nov. 2, 1727 (married Mindwell Bartlett); Nathaniel, Aug. 1, 1730 (died 1730); Nathaniel (2), June 2, 1732; Susannah, June 2, 1832 (married John Crampton); Noah, July 31, 1734 (married Elizabeth Crampton); Sarah, July 9, 1739 (married Miles Griswold); Benjamin, mentioned below.

(V) Benjamin Chittenden, son of Samuel, born Nov. 23, 1749, spent his life in Guilford, and died Sept. 1, 1820. On Jan. 16, 1777, he married Mabel Dudley, who was born Nov. 22, 1751, daughter of Thomas and Abigail (Seward) Dudley, and died Feb. 11, 1795. They had two children: Samuel, born Nov. 12, 1777; and Joel, born Nov. 13, 1785, who married Sally Carter. For his second wife Benjamin Chittenden married, Feb. 10, 1796, Lucy Fowler, who died June 9, 1835, aged seventy-three years.

(VI) Samuel Chittenden, son of Benjamin, born Nov. 12, 1777, was a farmer and land owner, and spent his life in the town of Madison, dying Feb. 23, 1846. On March 31, 1803, he married Lauranda Collins, born Dec. 22, 1774, daughter of Joel and Bethya (Hall) Collins, the former of Guilford, the latter of Wallingford, Conn. This wife died July 3, 1805, and in 1808 he married Amanda Kelsey, who was a daughter of Preston and Clarissa (Graves) Kelsey, of East Guilford, and passed away Oct. 22, 1811, at the early age of twenty-four years. In April, 1813, Mr. Chittenden wedded Sally Warner, who was born July 14, 1790, daughter of Chapman Warner, of Hadlyme, Conn., and died Feb. 9, 1864. He was the father of seven children: Lau-

randa C., born May 19, 1809, married Timothy H. Lee; Samuel Conklin, born Sept. 22, 1811, is mentioned below; Henry A., born May 31, 1814, died Dec. 25, 1834; Hosmer Ely, born Feb. 10, 1816, was lost at sea Oct. 6, 1844, on the brig "Ocean;" Chapman W., born Dec. 27, 1818, died Dec. 28, 1880; William F. was born Aug. 1, 1825; and John Newton, born Dec. 25, 1827, married Elizabeth Cruttenden.

(VII) Samuel Conklin Chittenden, father of the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, was born Sept. 22, 1811, on the homestead, and was for many years extensively engaged in the lumber business at East River, embarking in that industry before the building of the New Haven & New London railroad, of which he was one of the original projectors and stockholders. During the early years his lumber was brought in sailing vessels from Maine and Albany. He also engaged in the manufacture of sash and blinds, in which line he was quite successful, and he was ever regarded as one of the prosperous, substantial citizens of his town, continuing to reside on the old family homestead at East River, where his widow still makes her home. On Feb. 8, 1843, Mr. Chittenden married Miss Amanda A. Munger, born Nov. 27, 1813, daughter of George and Parnel (Kelsey) Munger, and children were born to this union as follows: Samuel H., Nov. 18, 1845; Clarissa, March 1, 1848 (died March 3, 1848); George Benjamin, Dec. 25, 1849. The last named was married Dec. 25, 1876, to Miss Ella Spencer Delano, who was born in 1857 in Washington, D. C., and they have had three children: Myra D., born Feb. 2, 1879; Horace W., born Aug. 25, 1880; and Marjorie L. Samuel C. Chittenden passed away Dec. 3, 1886, at his home in East River. Originally a Whig in politics, he finally united with the Republican party, but he was never an office seeker. In religious connection he was a Congregationalist, and his widow is also a member of that church, being a devout Christian. She is a lady of culture and intelligence, and enjoys the unbounded esteem of all who know her.

Samuel H. Chittenden was reared in the town of his birth, and after acquiring his rudimentary education in the public schools fitted for college at Guilford Institute and Lee's Academy, Madison. In 1867 he graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale, and a few years later took an additional course, receiving the second degree of C. E. In February, 1868, under the patronage of Cornelius S. Bushnell, then a director of the Union Pacific railroad, he was given an opportunity to commence work at his profession, becoming a civil engineer on that road. At that time the end of their track was only a few miles west of Cheyenne. Mr. Chittenden, joining the field party of Maj. Lawrence, traveled from the end of the track with freight wagons through the Indian country, the party having an escort of United States cavalry, and commenced work on location through the Bitter

Creek section, later moving west to Echo Canon and the location over the Wahsatch Summit. During 1868 and 1869 the road was built and running to a connection with the Central Pacific road west of Salt Lake City, and some unprecedentedly rapid work was done, especially in grading and track laying. Mr. Chittenden continued with the road, doing general engineer work, until 1876, after which, for about a year, he was engaged on the Quinnipiac bridge, at Fair Haven, Conn. His next work was in Alabama, on the Mussel Shoals improvement of the Tennessee river and Coosa river, in Georgia, as assistant engineer under Maj. W. R. Ring, of the United States Engineers. Between 1880 and 1890 he was engaged with his brother, George B. Chittenden, in mining in Arizona and New Mexico, and in general engineering and contracting in Washington, D. C., and among other undertakings we may mention the enlarged dam across the Potomac river, at Great Falls, to increase the water supply of the city, which he built.

In 1890 Mr. Chittenden retired from his profession, and he has since lived in comparative retirement at his old home in New Haven county, where he has taken an active part in local interests. The year of his return he was elected clerk of the town of Madison, in which office he has ever since served, and he is also judge of probate, discharging the duties of both offices with a satisfaction which has fully warranted the confidence placed in him by his fellow citizens. In 1898 he was further honored by election to the State Senate, on the Republican ticket, and he has since served in that responsible incumbency with becoming dignity, displaying a high sense of duty in the performance of the duties connected therewith. He has been the efficient chairman of the committees on Humane Institutions and New Counties and County Seats, and has won the universal respect of his colleagues by his integrity and uprightness. Mr. Chittenden's call to public service from the time of his return to his native place is sufficient evidence of the affectionate esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens, and he is a worthy representative of one of the oldest families in the State, one whose members have ever been loyal to the best interests of the Commonwealth. Senator Chittenden is unmarried. He has been a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers since 1876.

EDWARD A. THOMSON, justice of the peace and postmaster at Brooksville, has for several years been prominently identified with the business and agricultural interests of Cheshire, as well as the political affairs of that town. In connection with the operation of his farm he is engaged in merchandising, and in all his undertakings has met with a fair degree of success.

Mr. Thomson was born in Stockbridge, Mass., Aug. 22, 1836, a son of Henry Williams and Lydia Witter (Button) Thomson. The father was also

a native of Massachusetts, born Dec. 4, 1805, and was a tanner by trade. He also taught music. He died in Stockbridge Nov. 15, 1840, and his wife subsequently came to New Haven, Conn., where she died May 6, 1873. In their family were six children: Henry W., who was a merchant, died in New Haven; he was a deacon in the United Church on the Green. Sarah Eliza became the wife of Robert Bird, of Atlanta, Ga. David W., a member of the firm of Thomson & Co., safe manufacturers, died in New Haven. Jeannie died in the same city. Edward A. is our subject. Giles G. was a partner with his brother David in the safe manufacturing company of New Haven; he went to the war as a member of the New Haven Grays.

At the age of six years Edward Augustus Thomson accompanied his mother on her removal to New Haven, where he attended the public schools for a time. From the age of eight until he was seventeen he lived in the town of Morris, Litchfield county. He began his business career as a clerk with the firm of Thomson Brothers, grocers and dealers in flour, in State street, New Haven, and in 1873 opened a feed store in Grand avenue, where he continued in business alone until 1880. In 1884 he removed to Cheshire, and on disposing of his store in New Haven purchased a part of the Charles Brooks farm, which he now cultivates. He is an enterprising and progressive business man, of known reliability, and the success that has come to him has been worthily achieved.

On Feb. 22, 1869, in New Haven, Mr. Thomson married Miss Elizabeth Lawton, a native of that city, and a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Goodwin) Lawton. Her father, who was also born in New Haven, was editor of the *New Haven Morning News*, and he also owned a brass foundry in State street, and an iron foundry in Grand avenue, manufacturing ear wheels. He died in New Haven and his wife is still living. By this union Mr. Thomson had four children, namely: Elizabeth, wife of John Seymour Dolph, a resident of North Guilford; Jane B., wife of Cornell Green, of South Willington, Conn.; Edward A., deceased; and George W., a resident of Hamden, New Haven county. For his second wife Mr. Thomson married Miss Mary Eliza Allen, also a native of New Haven, by whom he has one son, Edward Allen. Mrs. Thomson's parents were Ebenezer and Martha (Bunnell) Allen, the former born in Vermont March 17, 1805, the latter in New Haven March 1, 1806. They were married in Fair Haven, this county, April 19, 1826, and made their home in New Haven, where the mother died June 5, 1887, the father June 5, 1893, in Pierpont street. By occupation he was a joiner and ship carpenter. He was one of the oldest and best known Freemasons in the State, being a charter member of Pulaski Chapter and Crawford Council, and generalissimo of New Haven Commandery, K. T. To him and his wife were born eleven children, namely: Henry,

born Feb. 11, 1827, was in the United States navy, and died Jan. 1, 1869; Lavina died in infancy; Sherman, born Sept. 8, 1830, died Sept. 13, 1830; Sarah, born May 1, 1832, died May 7, 1832; Noah L., born Aug. 14, 1833, was also in the navy, and now resides in New Haven; Oliver B., born Jan. 8, 1837, enlisted at New Haven in the 9th Conn. V. I. during the Civil war, remained in the service until its close, and died Sept. 24, 1887; Ebenezer G., born Feb. 27, 1840, was a lieutenant of Company K, 10th Conn. V. I., during the Civil war, and died March 18, 1865, from disease contracted in the service; Martha, born Aug. 31, 1843, is now Mrs. Starkweather, of Mansfield, Conn.; George B., born Jan. 1, 1847, lives in Boston; Ellen J., born Nov. 21, 1849, makes her home in New Haven; and Mary E., born Aug. 5, 1853, is the wife of Mr. Thomson.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Thomson are members of the Episcopal Church of New Haven. They are quite prominent socially in the town where they now reside. As a Republican he has always taken an active interest in political affairs, and is now serving his second term as a justice of the peace, and his sixth year as postmaster at Brooksvale. He is thoroughly impartial in meting out justice, and has proved a most trustworthy and capable official.

JAMES AVERY DAVIS. The Davis family of Hamden, New Haven county, at the head of which was the late Edward Davis, whose two sons, William E. and James A., constitute the extensive brick manufacturing firm of W. E. Davis & Co., of New Haven, is a branch of the old Davis family, of Willington, Connecticut.

From Avery Davis, a prosperous farmer of Stafford, a native of the town of Willington, Tolland county, and a son of Avery Davis, came the members of that family in Stafford, Hamden and New Haven. Avery Davis married Hannah Tyler, a daughter of Deacon Samuel Lyon, of the same town, and their children were: Charles, Eliza, Mary, Edward, William, Samuel (sketch of whom appears elsewhere) and John. Avery Davis passed his life in agricultural pursuits in Stafford, and there died at the age of seventy-eight years. His youngest son, John, was born in 1826, and married Amelia, daughter of Joseph Allen, of Ellington. He settled in Rockville, where he became a large holder of real estate, over which that city later spread, making him wealthy. Davis avenue there was named for him. The old Davis homestead at Stafford finally fell into his hands, and he long occupied it, engaged in farming. He died in January, 1899, in Rockville, where he lived the most of his life.

Edward Davis, son of Avery, and the father of William E., James A. and Burton A., was born in 1818 in Stafford, and in 1837 established himself on a farm in Hamden, coming to that town with his brother, Samuel. By his upright life and exemplary habits he won the profound respect of the com-

munity. He was selectman of the town and assessor, and also filled other positions of trust and responsibility. In 1841 he was married to Betsy M. Augur, daughter of James and Almyra (Ford) Augur, and a member of an old New England family. She was born in Whitneyville, and spent her life in that part of Hamden. She early identified herself with the Whitneyville Congregational Church, and always took a deep interest in its welfare, and lived a busy, useful life, but one which always seemed serene and peaceful. In her later years she became, indeed, "a mother in Israel." She was a constant reader and deep thinker, the subject of temperance and missions being of special interest to her. Thoroughly good and lovable, she left to her children a legacy of precious memories. Her death occurred Aug. 16, 1889, and she was buried in the Whitneyville cemetery by the side of her husband. Children as follows were born to their union: (1) James A., born June 6, 1844, in the town of Hamden, is mentioned farther on. (2) Betsy Maria, born April 12, 1846, is the wife of George W. Ives, of Hamden, by whom she had two children, Alfred and Lucy, the latter deceased. (3) William E., born in 1848, married Sophia Tamblingson, and has three children, William Edward, Jr., Jessie and Harold M. (4) Carrie M., born in 1860, died at the age of sixteen years; she was attending the New Haven high school at the time of her decease. (5) Burton A., born Sept. 15, 1862, married Martha E. Augur, and has one daughter, Marjorie, and one son, Minett. (6) Myra L., born in 1865, married William T. Burton, of Hamden, and died Feb. 1, 1901. She was the mother of John Edward, Ralph William and Donald Hepburn.

After his marriage Edward Davis located on the farm where his son, Burton A., now lives. Although he began life a poor boy, with only a common-school education, he prospered in his undertakings, as he was industrious, enterprising and energetic, and he became a large land owner and extensive farmer. In fact, he was one of the successful men of Hamden in his day. During the latter years of his life he devoted his attention to the dairy business. He was a man of good common sense and sound judgment. When he began life his capital consisted only of energy and business tact, which latter trait was apparent from his youth. He was a disciplinarian, and his management of his affairs, public or private, was such as to secure the best results, for though stern in some respects, he could be indulgent, and was a good judge of human nature. Mr. Davis was well known and his acquaintance included many of the prominent men in the business and financial circles of New Haven. He reared an excellent family, to whom he left not only a comfortable competence, but a name which can be pointed to with pride. His tastes were domestic, and his heart always in his home and family, and he never sought or



James A Davis

cared for political preferment, taking an interest in politics solely as a public-spirited citizen. He contributed liberally to the support of the Whitneyville Congregational Church, of which he was a leading member.

James A. Davis was reared on the farm, and spent his boyhood and early youth after the fashion of the times, helping in the farm work during the season, and attending school during the winter. His schooling was terminated by a course of study in the private school kept by Prof. Edwin Robbins, in State street, New Haven. In 1872 he became a resident of New Haven, and engaged in contract work for private parties as well as for the improvement of the city. After a very few years, in company with his brother, William E., and William J. Atwater, he established the New Haven Concrete Co., and for some years pressed the business vigorously. In 1882 the two brothers established the business of the present firm of William E. Davis & Co., beginning the manufacture of brick in the town of Hamden, with an office in Orange street, New Haven. Since that time these gentlemen, through their energy, industry and ability, have secured an extensive patronage throughout this part of the State. They have a large and modern plant, where they make building, face and moulded brick.

For ten years, beginning with 1877, James A. Davis leased and operated the Whitney avenue horse car line. When he took charge he found that it had, in four years of operation, run behind \$7,200, but under his management it was soon put upon a paying basis and soon yielded handsome returns. For a period in the eighties he was a member of the firm of C. B. & J. A. Davis, of Holyoke, which had a general contracting business. He is also one of the proprietors of the large horse boarding and sales stables, in Holyoke, Mass., of which C. B. Davis is the manager, and the active member of the firm.

Mr. Davis in his political views is a loyal Republican, but in local matters he selects the best men. He has never sought office. He is a member of the Union League Club, of New Haven. Mr. Davis has many of the characteristics of his honored father, with whom he was very closely associated. He is a plain-going, out-spoken man, easily understood, detesting deception of any kind. He attends closely to business, yet has enjoyed many pleasure trips to the South and elsewhere with his wife, and has not lived a life of self denial. In disposition jovial and self-reliant, he is one of the best known men in and around New Haven.

Mr. Davis was married, Jan. 6, 1875, to Sarah Emma Parks, of Bridgeport, Conn., and four children were born to them: James E. (who died in infancy), Emma, Helen and Howard. Mrs. Davis died Nov. 26, 1896, and Mr. Davis was married, Dec. 29, 1898, to Mrs. Lizzie G. (Dickerman) Dutton, a native of Hamden, and daughter of Al-

bert and Jeanette (Andrews) Dickerman, coming from one of the oldest and most numerous families of Hamden. Mr. Davis has a most comfortable home in Orange street, New Haven. In religion he is a Congregationalist, holding membership in the Whitneyville Church.

CHARLES H. BRONSON is a native of Waterbury, born Oct. 5, 1835, a son of Julius G. and Julia (Newton) Bronson.

Ebenezer Bronson, the great-grandfather of our subject, located in Waterbury, in pioneer times, and became the owner of a large tract of land in what is now the city itself. He was a life-long farmer. Amasa Bronson, the grandfather of Charles H., was born in Waterbury in 1705, and died in 1866 at the age of 101 years, never having had a sick day. At the time of his death he was the oldest man in the State. He was a wealthy farmer and owned a large amount of real estate in Waterbury, comprising practically all of the western portion of the town. During the Revolutionary war he enlisted in the army, but peace was declared before he had an opportunity for active service. He and his wife, Sarah (Frost) Bronson, who lived to the age of ninety-four years, were members of the Episcopal Church, and very regular attendants. They had a family of seven children, all now deceased.

Julius G. Bronson was born and reared in Waterbury, and engaged in farming upon a part of the old homestead. In public affairs he was also prominent, holding various offices, and he died at the comparatively early age of fifty-seven. He was a selectman of the town at one time, and was a lieutenant in the State Militia. For many years he was a leading member of St. John's Church. His wife, Julia Newton, was born in Waterbury, and died in 1841, aged thirty-five. She was one of five children of Nathan Newton, who died at forty-three, and his wife, who died at ninety-two years of age. Charles H. Bronson is one of a family of four children, the others being as follows: Henry and Durand both died young; Samuel M. lives in Hartford, and mention of him will be found elsewhere.

Charles H. Bronson received his education in country schools near Waterbury, and when fifteen years old went to Woodbury, Conn., where he entered the employ of the American Shear Co., with whom he remained some six years; then returned to Waterbury, and worked for the Wheeler & Wilson Co., one year, after which he was engaged as follows: For two years, along with his brother Samuel M., he operated a gristmill at Oakville, Conn.; next was with the Adams Express Co. (Waterbury) three years; then three years with J. S. Castle, manufacturer of soda water, etc.; after this he was in the employ of the Holmes Booth & Haydens Mfg. Co., sixteen years; then was proprietor of a meat market about eighteen months; after which, along with his son Frank M., he was engaged in the feed business seven years. In 1893 Mr. Bronson became con-

nected with the Waterbury Hospital as superintendent of the grounds, which position he now holds.

On June 4, 1857, Mr. Bronson married Helen M. Oviette, of New Milford, who died March 25, 1858, aged twenty-one years, the mother of one child that died in infancy. On Oct. 12, 1859, Mr. Bronson wedded Mary E. Roberts, who was born in Wakefield, N. H., a daughter of Simon and Esther (Nason) Roberts, also natives of New Hampshire. Mrs. Bronson was eleven years old when she came to Connecticut. To our subject and his wife were born six children, as follows: Ellen, Frank M., Carrie, George, Arthur and May. Of these, Ellen died in infancy, George when aged three years; Frank M. and Arthur are mechanics in Waterbury; Carrie is the wife of Reuben T. Brewer, of Waterbury; May is the wife of Benjamin M. Beebe, engaged in the drug business in Bridgeport, Conn. In religious faith the Bronsons have always been Baptists. Fraternally Mr. Bronson is a member of the F. & A. M.; in politics he is a Republican.

JUDGE JOHN B. QUILLINAN, late one of Ansonia's leading citizens, was born Dec. 25, 1831, in County Tipperary, Ireland, where his family has resided for generations. They were people of culture, and our subject's grandfather, John Quillinan, was educated in Spain before settling down to life as a farmer at the old home, where he died at the age of sixty-six. Our subject's grandmother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Dwyer, was born in the same locality and died at the advanced age of ninety-four, leaving a large family of children.

John Quillinan (2), our subject's father, was born at the old home in Ireland and was educated in France. His death occurred at his native place at the age of thirty-six. He married Miss Johanna Buckley, a native of Ireland, and one of the four children of James Buckley, a well known merchant. She lived to the age of seventy-six and of their four children one is still living: Elizabeth, who married James Reilly. The family have always been connected with the Catholic Church.

The Judge's education was begun in private schools in Ireland with the intention, it is said, of preparing him for the priesthood. When sixteen years old he ran away and came to America, locating in Connecticut in November, 1847. For some time he worked on a farm in Oxford, and in August, 1849, he came to Ansonia to work in a brick yard. At the end of the season he returned to Oxford, and for several years he followed farming and brickmaking, alternately, according to the demand for labor. In the fall of 1851 he went to New Orleans, and during the following winter he set type in the office of the *Point Coupee Echo*, published in Point Coupee Parish, La. After his return to Connecticut in May, 1852, he resumed the work of farming and brickmaking, but his strong desire for better education led him to enter, in October, 1854, the New

York Conference Seminary, at Charlotteville, Schoharie county, N. Y., a celebrated school which was well patronized by the people of Connecticut. There he had as classmates many of the noted men of today, governors, senators, and judges, but he maintained a high standing among them. At the end of a year he was obliged to return to the farm to replenish his funds, and in April, 1856, he entered Fairfield Seminary, in Herkimer county, N. Y., where he remained three years, supporting himself by working in the hay fields during the summer vacations and teaching in winter. In April, 1860, he went to Hamden, Conn., to engage in brickmaking, and in the spring of 1864 he returned to Ansonia, where he rebuilt an old and disused brick yard in Beaver street. In October of that year he went to Demerara, British Guiana, to construct a brick yard for other parties, but he returned in the following spring to his interests in Ansonia and Derby, which afterward occupied his attention. On retiring from brickmaking in 1867 he engaged in dairy farming and in the wood business, and about 1870 he built the first ice house on the site now occupied by the Ansonia Ice Co. He saw the growth of the town from a population of 1,300 to 13,000, being one of the oldest residents and when he built his residence on Beaver street near the present ice house there was but one house near. In the work of the organization and development of the town he took an active and influential part. From 1867 he was almost continuously in office, and he served thirteen years as clerk of the 4th school district, known as the North End, seven years as Burgess of the borough, three years as warden, four years as collector of taxes, and at different times has been a grand juror. In 1868 he was elected one of the assessors of the town of Derby, Sturges Whitlock and the late Watrous Wakelee being the others. In 1876 he was elected judge of probate for the district of Derby for the term of two years, and in 1887 he was elected first selectman and town agent for the old town of Derby. He had a legal turn of mind and studied law, although he never applied for admission at the Bar, and for a great many years he held the office of justice of the peace, having at one time tried most of the cases arising in Ansonia, both civil and criminal. In the settlement of estates, and work of a similar nature, he also won a high reputation. He took keen interest in educational affairs, and was chairman of the committee that built the present high school building, one of the finest in the State. The Judge was a Democrat until 1882, when he found that he could no longer act with a party advocating a tariff that he considered practically free trade. In 1884 he stumped the State for James G. Blaine speaking thirty-one times during the campaign, and he was ever after a firm supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

In 1858 the Judge married Miss Betsy Leek, a

native of Hamden, where her ancestors were pioneer settlers. Her father, Michael Leek, who lived to the age of ninety, was a farmer by occupation and spent his life in New Haven county with the exception of four years' residence in Michigan. Her mother, whose maiden name was Amanda Sperry, was born in Bethany, and lived to the age of sixty-four. Mrs. Quillinan was one of a family of three children, but she is now the only survivor. Three children were born to her marriage with our subject, but all died in infancy. Socially the Judge was highly esteemed, and he was for many years an active member of the Episcopal Church of which his widow is also a communicant. His death occurred Sept. 13, 1900.

HENRY COTE, of Mixville, is an important factor in the business circles of his locality, and his popularity in Cheshire is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabated industry and energy that never flags. He is engaged in the manufacture of light hardware, and is at the head of one of the leading industries of the town.

Mr. Cote was born in St. Hyacinthe, Canada, in 1833, a son of John and Cecelia (Vincent) Cote, also natives of that country. The father, who was a joiner by trade, was accidentally killed in his native land Nov. 20, 1880. Of their eleven children only five are now living. At the age of four years Henry Cote was taken to Vermont, where he made his home until coming to Cheshire, at the age of sixteen years, arriving here in September, 1849. The same year Mr. Cote entered the employ of John W. Mix, for whom he worked until 1876, when he became a member of the firm of J. W. Mix & Co. The building which formerly occupied the site of our subject's present factory, was erected by Mr. Mix in 1849, and the following year the John Mix Manufacturing Co. was organized. In 1876 the name was changed to the J. W. Mix & Co. Edge Tool Co., the members of the firm being J. W. Mix, William Bailey and Henry Cote, our subject, who carried on business until 1884, when the machinery was sold to the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., and moved to Southington, Conn. Mr. Cote continued to own the building, and in 1891 he re-opened the shop and resumed business, but finally, in 1893 leased the property to A. T. Bishop, of Southington. The old building was burned Nov. 16, 1893, and the following year he erected the one he now occupies, a good frame structure, 22x60 feet in dimensions. The plant is equipped with good new machinery, and employment is given to from five to seven men, manufacturing all kinds of light hardware, ferrules, bicycle attachments, knife sharpeners, etc. During his residence here Mr. Cote has steadily prospered, and besides his business property, he owns a good farm of forty acres in Cheshire, devoting a part of his time to agriculture.

On Jan. 3, 1853, Mr. Cote married Miss Maria

S. Talmadge, a daughter of James and Sylvia (Russell) Talmadge, who were born in Cheshire, of English and Irish ancestry. The father died there in 1855, the mother in 1897. The other children of their family were Hannah, who married Reuben Benham, and died in Birmingham, Conn., in 1881; and Justus and Jesse, twins, both of whom died in 1853, the former Aug. 16, and the latter July 17. Mr. and Mrs. Cote have had four children, three of whom are still living: Eddie, who is married and resides in Waterbury, Conn.; Emma, Mrs. Culver, who makes her home in New Haven; and Frederick, married and living in Pittsburg, Penn., where he is superintendent of some department in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. For some time he was secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work in New Haven; later at different places in North Carolina; and was then secretary at Bellefonte, Pa., from which place he went to Pittsburg, to enter upon his present duties.

SILAS NOEL EDMONDS, now living a retired life in Wallingford, was during his active years one of the best known men in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and faithfully served the company for forty years as station agent in Wallingford. Belonging to old Southern stock, he possesses the genial and hospitable spirit to be expected from such notable ancestry. Mr. Edmonds was born in the town of Westmoreland, Westmoreland Co., Va., Feb. 23, 1828. The Edmonds family is of English origin, and in the mother country its various members were prominent people, and held important positions under the Crown.

Amos Edmonds, the first of the name in America, was a native of Manchester, England, where he was high sheriff under the king. Coming to America, he located in Westmoreland county, Va., and became a large landed proprietor and an extensive slave owner.

Vincent Edmonds, the grandfather of Silas N., was a planter of extensive means, and was overseer of the plantation of Gen. Washington, their land adjoining. Vincent Edmonds fought in the Revolution in the regiment which was under command of Gen. Langdon, and was an officer in the army. When peace returned he resumed his tranquil life on the Westmoreland plantation, where he lived and died. In politics he was a Federalist, and in religion a Baptist. Twice married, he was the father of five children: Meredith, New Year, Julia, Frances and John, all of whom died in Virginia.

Meredith Edmonds, father of Silas N., was born on the Edmonds plantation in Westmoreland county, and was reared and educated on the paternal homestead. For a number of years he followed the sea, and, locating at Alexandria, Va., was captain and part owner of a vessel which was engaged in the West Indies trade. A slave owner by inheritance,

he never sold or bought slaves, and gave them all their freedom when of age. Taking a deep interest in the cause of education, he was himself one of the finest mathematicians in the State of Virginia. He died in 1843, in Alexandria, where he was buried. He held Democratic convictions, but had no aspirations for political honors or emoluments of official station. Meredith Edmonds married in Westmoreland county Mary Cauthern, a native of that county, and to their union were born eight children: (1) Roberta married Charles B. Miller, and is now living in Palo Alto, Cal.; (2) Frances (now deceased) married Capt. John Kendrick, who preceded her to the grave; (3) Jane A. married John H. Parr, and both died in Baltimore; (4) Silas Noel is mentioned below; (5) Albert died in Ohio; (6) Henry died in Baltimore; (7) James is in the United States navy, and was in the late Spanish war; (8) Milton died in the Civil war while serving under Gen. McClellan. Mrs. Edmonds died in Washington in December, 1845. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and a woman of the most estimable character.

Silas Noel Edmonds attended the city schools of Alexandria, and was only fifteen years old when his father died. The following year he removed to Baltimore, where he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade with Charles Webb, a contract builder of that city, remaining with him until he came of age. Young Edmonds had nothing with which to face the world except his trade. In 1849 he came to Wallingford, and worked at his trade for five years, building in that time several of the more pretentious homes of the town. In 1855 he went to Georgetown, S. C., and built one of the largest and stateliest homes in that part of the State. In 1856 he came back to Wallingford, and was appointed station agent of the Hartford & New Haven Railroad, and at the same time was made agent of the Adams Express Co. For over forty years he filled these positions of trust and responsibility with satisfaction to the company and the public, as well as with credit to himself. During these years he witnessed the growth of a small railroad to the great corporation now known as the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. In the beginning only one man was employed about the depot, now there are fifteen. Mr. Edmonds superintended the construction of his own depot, freight house and other buildings, and during forty years took only one vacation. He was retired by the company at his own request, in consideration of his long and devoted services.

Mr. Edmonds was married in 1852 to Miss Seraphina Reynolds, who was born in Wallingford, daughter of Judge John D. and Lydia (Scarrett) Reynolds. Her father was a judge of probate in the towns of Wallingford, Branford and Cheshire, and was the son of Hezekiah Reynolds, well known to the last generation.

Mr. Edmonds belongs to the Blue lodge, hold-

ing membership in Compass Lodge, F. & A. M. He attends the Episcopal Church, in which he has served as vestryman. He is one of the oldest Democrats of Wallingford, and has served on the school board for five years. He was a member of the building committee when the high school was erected, and did valuable service in that connection. For two years he was a member of the court of burgesses.

LOREN RUSSELL CARTER, prominent in real estate business, fire insurance, loans, etc., Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, born Oct. 16, 1854, in Warren, Litchfield county.

Russell Carter, his father, was of the same nativity, born in 1792, a son of Buel Carter, who was born in 1766 in Warren, Conn., a son of Samuel (born in Hebron, Conn.), a son of Thomas Sr. (born in 1684, in Woburn, Mass.), a son of Thomas (born in England.) Of these, Samuel (great-grandfather of Loren R.) and his two brothers, Thomas and Joseph, all served in the Revolutionary war. This same Samuel Carter married on May 4, 1759, Martha Buel, of Litchfield, Conn., and settled on a farm in Warren, where they reared a family of eleven children; he represented Warren in the State Legislature in 1788 and 1797.

Buel Carter, grandfather of Loren R., was reared on the home farm in Warren, Conn., and died there in 1856. He married Eunice Peck, and by her had three children: (1) Martha (now deceased) married Burton Gilbert, a merchant, who accumulated considerable means. (2) Loraine married George Starr, a son of Rev. Peter Starr, who for fifty years was a minister of the Congregational Church in Warren; George Starr was a farmer and died in Warren. (3) Russell was the youngest.

Russell Carter, father of our subject, was a farmer in Warren, Conn., thence moving to Waterbury in 1856, where he died in 1870. He was twice married, first to Rebecca Stone, by whom he had two children, Buel and Harriet, of whom Buel died in May, 1900, in Warren, on the old homestead—the dwelling having been built about one hundred years ago; and Harriet (now deceased) married Charles V. Molthrop. Russell Carter married (second) Laura Hills, a daughter of John Hills (who was born in Glastonbury, Conn., and was a farmer by occupation) and his wife, Esther Hale (also of Glastonbury, and a collateral relative of Nathan Hale, of Revolutionary fame). Three children were born to this union, viz.: Rebecca, who died at the age of sixteen years; Loren R., our subject; Eleanor, who died when five years old. The mother is still living, now aged seventy-seven years, and makes her home in Waterbury, with her son, Loren R. Russell Carter was in politics a Democrat, and he represented the town of Warren in the State Legislature several times; was also a selectman—in fact held most of the town offices, being prominently identified with the place.

Loren R. Carter, the subject proper of this



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memoir, was about eighteen months old when his parents came to Waterbury, and here he attended the public schools, Wesleyan Academy and Eastman Business College. Laying aside his books, he was with F. L. Allen, hardware merchant, Waterbury, for some time, and then commenced building houses in the western part of the city, in 1892 taking up the business of real-estate, fire insurance, loans, etc. He is owner of considerable improved real estate in the town and city of Waterbury.

On Sept. 20, 1879, Lo en R. Carter married Irene E. Hendrick, of Waterbury, a daughter of Joseph Hendrick, a native of New York city, whose father was born in England. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carter: L. Russell, who is attending Yale College, Academic department; Earl Buel and Ethel L. In religious faith our subject and his wife are Baptists; in politics he is a Republican; and socially, he is affiliated with Townsend Lodge, No. 89, I. O. O. F.

GEORGE W. DIVINE (deceased). In every community there dwell men who rise by their own inherent ability to a recognized position as leaders in the social, intellectual and political life of the people. In the town of Seymour, the estimable business man whose name appears above, for many years took an active part in public affairs, wielding a wide influence for the general welfare, shaping and directing opinion by his clear insight into events and by his unflinching devotion to those causes which he believed essential to the public weal.

Mr. Divine was born in Newburgh, Orange Co., N. Y., Feb. 5, 1822, a son of Henry and Phoebe (Tilton) Divine, and grandson of Samuel Divine, who reared a large family and passed the declining years of his life in Sullivan county, N. Y. Henry Divine, the father of our subject, was born in Newburgh, N. Y., and acquired the blacksmith trade which he followed until his death at the age of thirty-eight years. His wife, Phoebe Tilton, was an aunt of Theodore Tilton, and was born in Sullivan county, N. Y., a daughter of Joseph Tilton, who served through the Revolutionary war on the staff of Gen. Washington. Like her husband, she died in middle life, at the age of thirty-nine years. They were members of the Baptist Church. To Henry and Phoebe Divine were born seven children, two of whom, Mrs. G. Leavenworth, of Seymour, and Mrs. Phoebe Blake, of North Haven, are yet living.

George W. Divine was reared at Newburgh. At the age of eighteen years he enlisted in the 2nd United States Infantry, and served five years, participating in the Seminole war. He followed brick making at North Haven, Conn., for a time, then engaged in the manufacture of bits at Hamden and later at Humphreysville, now Seymour. About 1853 he removed to Millville, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., where he lived four years. During that time he was actively engaged in politics, and was elected

justice of the peace. Returning to Seymour he continued bit making, and also the manufacture of edge tools until his death, April 18, 1887, at the age of sixty-five years. He was a skilled mechanic and was especially expert in operating the trip hammer, with which he manufactured bits. Mr. Divine possessed a judicial turn of mind, and for twelve years served as justice of the peace. He also transacted a large amount of legal business. He was a thoroughly informed man and was active in public affairs. He was elected in 1879 a member of the State Legislature, serving with credit to himself and to the complete satisfaction of his constituents. Among the local offices which he filled were selectman and grand juror. He was an eloquent speaker, convincing in argument, and conducted at one time in Westville a series of debates, which lasted fourteen weeks. In religious faith he was a zealous member of the Disciple Church. For six years he was captain of the Humphreysville Grays, and during the Civil war he raised two companies; one under Capt. William Wyant, became a part of the 5th regiment, and the other under Capt. W. Smith, a part of the 20th regiment. He also drilled many companies, preparatory to their active service in the field.

On Nov. 28, 1847, Mr. Divine married Miss Martha G. Bassett, a native of Humphreysville, now Seymour, daughter of Abel and Martha (Peck) Bassett and granddaughter of Abraham Bassett, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Abel Bassett was a carpenter and millwright by trade, and spent his entire life at Seymour. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. To himself and wife were born nine children, of whom two are living, Julia A. (Clark), and the widow of our subject, who is the youngest of the family. Abel and Martha Peck were members of the Episcopal Church. He died March 23, 1864, aged seventy-seven years, and his wife Sept. 6, 1850, aged fifty-seven years. To our subject and his wife were born two children. Julia A. married Willard G. Mitchell, who was a soldier in the Civil war, a member of Company A, 52d Mass. V. L., and who died Aug. 22, 1876. His widow now makes her home with her mother.

George A. Divine, the other child of George W. and Martha Divine, was born Sept. 6, 1850, in Seymour, where he was reared and educated, and where he spent most of his years. He is a skillful musician and in that profession he has traveled quite extensively. He was with P. T. Barnum one summer, and has played with Washburn and a number of other noted persons. He is a leader of the band and is a skillful player of the cornet, bass viol and the violin. He transposes music rapidly, and is a member of the Concordia Singing Society, and has played with the Second Regiment Band. In politics George A. Divine is a Republican, and in October, 1898, he was elected selectman, acting as first selectman; he is now serving his third term, having been re-elected in October, 1900, and again in 1901.

He is a member of Morning Star Lodge, F. & A. M., at Seymour, and a charter member of the Nonawank Lodge, Red Men. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, of which he is treasurer, and is a member of the Citizens Hook & Ladder Co. He married, Jan. 13, 1873, Jennie E. Short, who was born in Derby, daughter of Ephraim Short, a blacksmith of that town.

Both Mrs. Martha Divine and her daughter, Mrs. Mitchell, have been active and prominent members of the Eastern Star for twenty-seven years. They are also members of the Amaranth Society, and of the Bassett Family Association. They are members of the Disciple Church, and among the leading social families of Seymour.

Jason Bassett, a brother of Mrs. Divine, was a builder and architect of rare ability. He erected the Episcopal churches at Hartford, Naugatuck and Huntington before he was twenty-one years old. He followed his profession at New York and later at Rochester, where he made the specifications for the handsome court house in that city. He removed to Buffalo, and had there designed and constructed some of its more elegant structures when his useful and brilliant career was cut short in 1850, at the age of forty-four years. Another brother, David Bassett, settled at Racine, Wis., where he bought land, cleared it, erected the first water wheel there, and became one of its most prominent citizens. He died in California in 1853.

JUDGE GEORGE DEFOREST BISSELL, who is now living a retired life in Naugatuck, was born in Torrington, this State, April 24, 1828, and is a representative of a good old Colonial family. His grandfather, Elisha Bissell, was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1743, and died in 1808 in Torrington. He married Roxy Bissell, and located at Windsor Hill, Conn., where they reared a family of five children, namely: Seth, born in 1782, lived in Windsor, and died in 1798; Elisha, born in 1787, died in 1811; Roxy, born in 1788, married Richard Bristol, a farmer of Harwinton, Conn., and died in 1846; George, the father of our subject, was next in order of birth; and Sila, born in 1793, married Erastus Hodges, of Torrington, and (second) Rufus Pickett, of Morris, and died in 1869.

George Bissell, our subject's father, was born in Windsor Hill, in 1790, and there grew to manhood. He married Sarah Woodruff, of Torrington. Her father, John Woodruff, was a native of Oxford, and was a farmer by occupation; he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and saw Major Andre executed. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bissell located in Torrington, where the father was first engaged in farming and later in tanning, so continuing until his death, April 19, 1835. His wife, who long survived him, passed away Sept. 4, 1804. They had but two children, the older being Sarah A., who was born July 7,

1824, and died unmarried, Sept. 8, 1898. In politics the father was a Whig, and in religious belief both he and his wife were Congregationalists.

George DeForest Bissell was seven years of age when, with his mother, he removed to Litchfield, Conn., where he was reared and educated. In early life he engaged in farming and school teaching, and then went to Rock Island, Ill., where he clerked in a commission house for three years. Returning to Litchfield, Conn., in 1859, he was engaged in clerking there until 1863, when he went to New Haven and was employed as clerk in the "Tremont House" for three years. At the end of that time he entered the office of the probate judge at Hartford, and remained there for three years. In 1869 he came to Naugatuck, where he served as bookkeeper and secretary of the Tuttle Manufacturing Co., for about seventeen years, or until appointed postmaster at that place. He assumed the duties of that office April 1, 1887, and capably discharged the same for two years and a half, since which time he has lived retired.

On June 5, 1870, Judge Bissell married Miss Lillian Adella Clarke, of Prospect, Conn., a daughter of Sela Clarke, and they have one son, George De Forest, Jr. They attend the Congregational Church, and are held in high regard by all who know them. Fraternally the Judge is a member of Shepherd's Lodge, No. 78, A. F. & A. M., of Naugatuck; and politically, he is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He was the first warden of Naugatuck; has served as selectman; was town clerk for about six years; and judge of probate four years. He has been found true to every trust reposed in him, and has made a most efficient and popular officer.

ENSIGN NORTHROP, an honored veteran of the Civil war, has been for many years a resident of Waterbury, where he has established an enviable reputation for himself both as a man of unquestioned probity and as a skilled worker, connected with one of the largest industrial establishments of that busy city.

Mr. Northrop was born in Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y., March 13, 1834, son of Miles Northrop, who was born in Cornwall, Conn., July 20, 1805, and died in Orleans county, N. Y., in 1891. Miles Northrop left home at the age of sixteen, and what knowledge is now obtainable of his parentage and ancestry is very obscure. He went into Genesee county, N. Y., at that time far from the old home, not only in distance but in the time necessary to cover it. There was little communication, and the young man drifted away from all intimate touch with his family. He learned the cooper's trade, and worked at same in Genesee, Monroe and Orleans counties, N. Y. He married Eliza Ensign, who was born in Sheffield, Mass., a daughter of Freeman Ensign, and died in Orleans county, N. Y., in 1890:

she was about a year older than her husband. The Ensigns were long settled in Massachusetts, and were of French extraction. Miles Northrop was the father of nine children: George was a farmer in New York, and later removed to Florida where he died. Emeline married Edwin Hinche, a cooper in Chautauqua county, N. Y., and is now deceased. Sarah is the wife of George Phillips, a Genesee county farmer. Warren is a farmer in Orleans county. Ensign is our subject. Betsy married Henry Pierce (who died in the Civil war), and is now deceased. Mary married George Oswell, and they are living in Cherry Creek, N. Y. Ellen married Henry Hale, and they live in Michigan. Esther died unmarried.

Ensign Northrop lived in Genesee county, N. Y., until he was twenty-two years of age, and then engaged in farming in Chautauqua county. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in Company K, 112th N. Y. V. I., serving three years, and seeing much active duty. He was a faithful soldier, and made a record of which he may be justly proud. In 1869 he went into Virginia to try northern farming in the South, but the result of the experiment was not encouraging, and in the spring of 1870, returning North, he located at Waterbury, where his home has been to the present time. Mr. Northrop entered the employ of the Scovill Manufacturing Co. in 1870, and is still with them. For twenty-seven years he has been engaged in sawing brass on the same machine.

Mr. Northrop and Miss Eunice Hinche were married Sept. 20, 1855. Mrs. Northrop was born in Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y., daughter of Joseph Hinche, a farmer, and is of French extraction. To this union were born three children: Miles, who died at the age of fourteen; Charles, a foreman in the White Dental Works, at Princess Bay, Staten Island; and Anna, wife of Edward Smith, of Naugatuck, Conn., a contractor and builder of more than local standing. Mr. Northrop is a Republican, and is a member of Wadhams Post, G. A. R. Since early youth he has been a member of the Baptist Church.

JOHN M. REDSHAW, the father of Samuel G. Redshaw, was born in Leeds, England, and remained in his native country, following the business of a cloth manufacturer, until after his marriage. When he came to this country he settled in Derby, where he resumed his trade, and followed it for some years in connection with the firm of Plumb & Beach. Mr. Plumb finally came to Ansonia, and started a business in this city under the name of Plumb & Co., John M. Redshaw being the "company." When the establishment passed into the hands of a stock company, Mr. Redshaw remained as a stockholder and superintendent of a department as long as the business was continued. He lived retired from active labor for a time before his death, on Feb. 3, 1899, at the age of seventy-nine

years. He married Sarah Gaunt, who was born in the same town as her husband, a daughter of Samuel Gaunt, and they had five children, three of whom are living: Moses W. living in Bridgeport, Conn. Samuel G. is mentioned below; and Joseph, who lives in West Haven. The father was a well-known and active member of the community in his time. He came to Ansonia about 1844, and saw it change from a farming community to a great industrial center. Fraternally he was a Mason, and was enrolled in George Washington Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Mt. Vernon Chapter, R. A. M., and other Masonic organizations. He belonged to the Congregational Church. John M. Redshaw's only brother, Thomas M., served in the Union army during the Civil war, and was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, and Thomas M. Redshaw Post, G. A. R., at Ansonia, commemorates his name.

Samuel G. Redshaw was born in Ansonia, Conn., July 27, 1849, and there he spent his early life in attendance upon the local schools. On reaching manhood he entered the woolen mill, and after a time bought out the box factory of A. B. Hendricks, carrying on the business in a small way, without the aid of machinery, and employing only three girls. By close attention and the constant effort to please his patrons he has steadily increased his trade. On July 1, 1896, he became the owner of the factory in Derby, and working the two together he doubled his output, but he sold the latter in November, 1899, removing part of the machinery to his plant in Ansonia. His trade is strictly local, and the demand crowds the productive power of his business to the utmost.

Mr. Redshaw was married in 1877 to Amelia Lawton, a daughter of Lewis Lawton, who lived in Winsted, and was a spinner by trade. Mrs. Redshaw is one of a family of four children. Her parents are both deceased, both passing away at the age of sixty-nine years, and within a month of one another. They were members of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Redshaw have two sons: John Lewis, the elder, is a stenographer and book-keeper for his father. Charles Joseph, the younger boy, is fitting himself for college.

Mr. Redshaw is a Republican in politics, but has refused all propositions to accept local offices. Long ago he united with the Masonic fraternity, being now a veteran Mason, and holding membership in Washington Lodge, A. F. & A. M., the chapter, R. A. M., New Haven Commandery, and Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, having progressed as far as the 32d degree. He has held all the offices in the Blue Lodge, and those up to master in the chapter. He is also a member of the Eastern Star, of which he was grand patron of the State in 1898, in that year making more than forty official visits, calling on every chapter in the State. Mr. Redshaw is also a veteran Odd Fellow, being enrolled in

Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, where he has filled all the offices; in Hope Encampment, No. 26, of which he is past chief patriarch; and in the Grand Encampment. He is connected with the A. O. U. W. and the Improved Order of Heptasophs. For twenty-five years Mr. Redshaw has been a member of Eagle Hose Co., No. 6. He and all his family are members of Christ Church.

FREDERICK WILLIAM BROCKSIEPER (deceased). The country that has produced a Bismarck and a Schiller, a Von Moltke and a Goethe, has contributed in no small way to the best development of America, for the habits of industry, the stern self-denial, the sterling integrity, and the faculty of true enjoyment and cheerful living are characteristic of the German race, and this combination forms a citizen of value to any country. A native of the Fatherland, Frederick William Brocksieper was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of North Haven, Connecticut.

Frederick W. Brocksieper, Sr., his father, was born in Iserlohn, in the northern part of Westphalia, Germany, where he engaged in the manufacture of hardware very extensively, being the first manufacturer of screws in that country. A thrifty and industrious man, he never gave up labor until within three days of his demise, which occurred when he was eighty years old. He married Anna Maria Grueber, a native of Westphalia, the daughter of a learned man of that country, and the family born to this union consisted of five children: Helena married in Germany, and came to America, her husband locating in Posey county, Ind.; Theodore, a scholarly man, speaking and writing six languages, died in Germany from over-study; Elizabeth married and lives in Germany; Frederick W. is mentioned below; Moritz remained in Germany, where he is a skilled mechanic and engraver.

Frederick W. Brocksieper was born July 25, 1826, in Iserlohn, Westphalia, Germany, and was given excellent educational advantages. At the age of eighteen years he was apprenticed to an engraver and modeler, where he was taught mechanical drawing, remaining in the employ of the same engraver for a number of years. However, he began to feel a desire to see more of the world, and the land across the Atlantic seemed to possess untold attractions, hence the year 1849 found him on a sailing-vessel from Bremen, on his way to the United States. This vessel was a new one, requiring some work upon it when the time set for starting arrived, but the passengers were not willing to wait longer and volunteered to make the finishing touches themselves, in order to get under way. Our subject so impressed his companions with his superior knowledge of mechanics that he was unanimously elected leader, and the tedium of the long voyage was relieved for him by painting the vessel as it ploughed the water. It required much stamina to

land in a strange country, with limited means and the necessity of facing a new language and new customs, but the courage that made him finish the "Elbe," when already floated, finally brought him employment, and he went to work making dies and patterns in the iron foundry of James Beebe & Co., on the corner of Central and Reed streets, New York City. This concern afterward became a very wealthy one, and they were the first range makers in the United States, the Beebe range being the most successful attempt in that kind of modern stoves. Going to New Britain, Mr. Brocksieper there engaged as a contractor with Peck & Walter, manufacturers of house and builders' hardware. The establishment passed into the hands of J. B. Sargent, still later to J. B. Sargent & Co., and at present Sargent & Co., and is now one of the largest manufactories in the country, the line of manufacture now including locks, builders' and harness hardware, in connection with former lines. When the business was removed to New Haven Mr. Brocksieper remained with them, and until September, 1899, he so continued in their factory, but at that time he concluded that a faithful service of fifty-one years entitled him to take the remainder of his life at ease, and with regret parted with his employers, who had also been personal friends. He passed away at his home in Montowese, April 27, 1900.

When Mr. Brocksieper retired from the factory he was the oldest employe, having been a witness of its growth from infancy to sturdy maturity. The first firm consisted of Mr. Sargent as president and treasurer, and Mrs. Sargent as secretary, with Mr. Brocksieper as superintendent. That the long and faithful connection was appreciated by Mr. Sargent has been shown in many ways, perhaps in none more happily than in the presentation of a unique, valuable and beautiful work of art which now adorns the late home of our subject. While traveling in China, in 1887, Mr. Sargent purchased a beautiful painting, on rice paper, representing the native insects and butterflies of China, a work of art exquisite in design and workmanship. While this gift was valued for its beauty, Mr. Brocksieper attached still more value to the inscription which was placed upon it by Mr. Sargent, viz.: "Canton, China, Oct. 1st, 1887, Annual Moon-day. To show that my long-time and true friend is in my memory forever, I purchase these four pictures of Chinese insect life for F. W. Brocksieper. J. B. Sargent."

In 1869 Mr. Brocksieper came with his family to Montowese, Conn., making their summer home at that place, spending their winters in the city. In the beautiful family lot is erected a monument in memory of the wife and mother who made a home wherever she was, but who passed away Dec. 10, 1898. In New York Mr. Brocksieper married Antoinette Hoelscher, a native of Elberfeld, Rhineland, Germany, born Nov. 2, 1828, and to her he



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attributed much of his success in life, and her devoted family will ever feel the value of her life of kindness, sympathy and encouragement. The following named children were born to this union: Antoinette, who married Francis T. Busse, is now deceased; Adrienne, born in 1851, died in the same year; Frederick W. married Adella J. Moulthrop, and now lives in Los Angeles, Cal., engaged in the fruit-growing business; John H. married Lucy Corcoran, and is a farmer in North Branford; Theodore died young; Carl Moritz, who married Mrs. Jennie Buckley, is now lessee and manager of the Lyric Hall, New London, and was assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A.; Anna Maria; Emma L.; Adele; Charles died when seven months old; Joseph Bradford, who graduated at Yale Medical School in 1897, is a leading physician of New Britain.

In 1895 Mr. Brocksieper erected a home which is the largest and most complete and attractive in North Haven. For many years he had been a collector of butterflies, minerals and semi-precious stones, and had a large collection, gathered from all parts of the globe, some specimens of great rarity. He was the owner of considerable real estate, some of which he rented for farming purposes, and also the property which is occupied by the Montowese Brick Co., from which he received royalties for the fine quality of clay used in the manufacture of its brick. Originally Mr. Brocksieper was a Democrat, but later became a Republican, and fraternally he had attained the 32d degree of Freemasonry, affiliating with Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Franklin Chapter, R. A. M.; he was also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and Order of Chosen Friends. Brought up in the Lutheran Church, he was always an attendant of the same, although he gave liberally to every religious denomination.

GEORGE W. NETTLETON, a representative and prominent citizen of Naugatuck, is a native of New Haven county, born Sept. 5, 1828, in what was then called Osborne Hollow, as there were many Osbornes living in that locality at the time. His father, Caleb Nettleton, was born in Old Milford, and was a son of Caleb and Anna (Stone) Nettleton, farming people, who lived and died in Old Milford. They had three children: Jehiel, a farmer of Goshen, Litchfield Co., Conn.; Elijah, a Baptist minister, who lived and died in Goshen; and Caleb, our subject's father. The grandfather was twice married, and by his second wife, Louise Clark, who was likewise a native of Old Milford, also had three children, Alfred, David and Amy.

Caleb Nettleton was a young man when he removed to Middlebury, and there he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy A. Clark, a native of that town, and a daughter of Andrew Clark, who was born in Old Milford. After their marriage they located on a farm in Middlebury, where they reared their family. They were consistent and faithful

members of the Congregational Church, and the father was a Whig in politics. Their children were: Clark, a farmer, who is now deceased; Sarah A., who married E. G. Stone, a farmer of Middlebury, both now deceased; Julia A., who married Chester C. Hitchcock, a wheelmaker of New Haven, both also deceased; Mariette, who married Charles C. Woodruff, a farmer of Watertown, Conn., both deceased; Enmerett L., wife of Henry W. Sperry, a carpenter of New Haven; Alma C., who married Walter Lake, a farmer of Bethany, both deceased; Royal O., who married Louise Sperry, of Bethany, and has been a carpenter of New Haven for half a century; and George W., our subject.

George W. Nettleton is indebted to the district schools near his boyhood home for his educational advantages. On leaving the parental roof, at the age of sixteen years, he went to New Haven to learn the carpenter's trade with his brother Royal O., and remained there until twenty-five. During the following six months he worked at his trade in Cheshire, this county, and then followed that occupation in Waterbury for some time. While there Mr. Nettleton was married, April 8, 1855, to Miss Eunice Morris, who was born in that town Aug. 26, 1832, and died Sept. 2, 1896. Her father, Amos Morris, a cooper by trade, was also born in Waterbury, in 1790. Our subject and his wife had two children: Mary, now the wife of Charles A. Smith, a laborer of Naugatuck; and Charles L., a carpenter of Middlebury.

Shortly after his marriage Mr. Nettleton removed to the farm in the town of Naugatuck, which has since been his home. It consists of sixty-two acres of well-improved and highly cultivated land, pleasantly located two and a half miles from Naugatuck borough. Mr. Nettleton has devoted his time and attention principally to his trade, leaving his farm to be operated by hired help. He is an earnest member of the Congregational Church and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN SMITH TYLER, a popular and influential citizen of East Haven, was born in the house where he now resides, on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1834. His father, William Tyler, was born June 26, 1799, in the same dwelling.

John Tyler, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Branford—near a well-known sea-side resort, Short Beach—and by occupation a shoemaker. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. After residing in East Haven a short time he married Mabel Bradley, who was also born on the farm now owned and occupied by the subject of this notice. Simon Bradley, her father, built the house about one hundred and fifty years ago, and it is still in excellent repair. He died July 22, 1802, aged seventy-one years; his wife, Abigail, passed away May 18, 1810, aged sixty-eight. To John and Mabel

(Bradley) Tyler came six children: Ammi, born Feb. 20, 1780; John, June 29, 1792; twins, June, 1796; William, June 26, 1799; Jerusha Louisa, May 2, 1805.

Upon the farm mentioned, the ownership of which has descended down through many generations, and a portion of which is in the center of the town and very valuable, William Tyler spent his entire life. He was a shoemaker by trade, an active worker in and a prominent member of the Congregational Church, and widely known as a useful and respected citizen. He married Julia A. Thompson, who was born in 1799, a daughter of Abraham Thompson, and they had two children: Harriet A., born Feb. 6, 1838, who died at the early age of fourteen years; and John Smith, the only son. The father died at the age of sixty-four years, and the mother was fifty-six years old when she entered into rest, both of them honored and esteemed.

John Smith Tyler passed his youth upon the ancestral farm, and acquired a good practical education in the public schools and in the select or academic institute at the town hall, Messrs. Potter and Wolcott, instructors and principals. Although he was born within a few miles of the third largest city of New England he never at any time left the parental roof, and has always devoted his energies and time—except when called to official positions of trust and responsibility—to the management of his farm. He is a thorough agriculturist and skilled in all the details of general farming.

On June 3, 1866, Mr. Tyler married Miss Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Lovisa Thompson. Two children were born to them: William Joseph and John Alexis Dibble. The first named was born May 12, 1867, and died Nov. 18, 1873, aged six years, six months and six days. The second, who was born Nov. 11, 1875, died July 16, 1879, when three years and eight months old.

Mr. Tyler is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, but the usual narrow confines of partisanship have not prevented him in his official life from acting for the good of all concerned. His manners are most gracious and pleasing, and marked by an affability not possessed by every person. In the Eastern States the office of selectman—like that of the town clerk—ranks as first in importance and one of the most difficult to administer in a satisfactory manner. Notwithstanding this, Mr. Tyler has held the office continuously—elected annually—since 1886. No official in this town (nor probably in any other) has such an enviable and remarkable record. The laying out of the suburban electric road, the erection of a new town hall, a magnificent new school house, and the building of a new State highway, with new roads on the north shore of Long Island Sound, also an engine house for a recently organized fire department, have all taken place during his term of office. Mr. Tyler ranks deservedly among the most prominent and

public-spirited citizens of his town. He and his wife are members of the Grange, No. 106, and are active officials in this fraternal association.

DAVID BOUGHTON HAMILTON (deceased) was born in Danbury, Conn., Oct. 19, 1824. He was in the sixth generation from Sir William Hamilton, who was born in Scotland in 1643, and died in Danbury in 1746, aged one hundred three years.

(I) Sir William Hamilton was the son of Galatin Hamilton, of Glasgow, Scotland, and he settled with his family first on Cape Cod, where he was so fortunate as to capture a whale, which had been driven on the beach during a storm, and for this he was accused of witchcraft and of being in league with the Devil. In consequence he fled to Rhode Island, and later moved to Danbury, Conn. There, on the verge of civilization, he established his home at "Bear Mountain," where remains of the old house could be found as late as 1835. William had six children, all of whom lived to remarkable ages, and died in Danbury: Joseph, aged eighty-six; David, aged seventy-nine; Benjamin, aged ninety; Ezra, aged ninety-three; Thankful (spinster), aged one hundred two; Mercy, aged fifty-two.

(II) Joseph Hamilton, son of Sir William, had three sons, all of whom were born at Bear Mountain, and died in Danbury: Silas, Benjamin and Joseph, Jr.

(III) Silas Hamilton, son of Joseph, had five sons: Silas, Jr., Paul, James, John, and Orpha.

(IV) Paul Hamilton, son of Silas, was born Nov. 19, 1752, and died May 31, 1830. He married Anna Stevens (born 1757, died 1829), who was the daughter of Lieut. Ezra Stevens, an officer in the American Revolution. Lieut. Stevens' mother, Abigail Barnum, was a daughter of Thomas Barnum, and the first white child born in Danbury. Paul had six sons and four daughters, all born at Bullet Hill, Pembroke District, Danbury: Anna, born 1775, married Jesse Hoyt, and died in Danbury in 1848; Hannah, born 1776, married Elias Boughton, and died in Danbury, in 1843; Betsy, born 1779 (spinster), died in Danbury in 1859; Elizabeth, born 1781, married John Knapp, and died in Danbury in 1862; James, born 1783, married Waity Budlong, and died in Danbury in 1865; Daniel, born 1785, married Miss Aiken, and died in New Haven in 1823; Paul S., born 1789, married Reiney Wood, and died in Hartford in 1841; David, born 1791, married Deborah Knapp Boughton, and died in Hartford in 1834; Silas, born 1793, married Isabel Williken, and died in Albany in 1861; and Ezra, born 1801, married Sybil Prichard, of Waterbury, and died in Hartford in 1879.

(V) David Hamilton, son of Paul, born 1791, died 1834. He married Deborah Knapp Boughton, born in 1790, and died in 1864. They reared the following children: Julia Ann, born 1812, mar-

ried William G. Ellis, died in Hartford in 1850. Clarissa Mariette, born in 1815, married Hiram Wildman, died in Hartford in 1889; Lorenzo, born in 1818, married Lavinia Delliber, died in California in 1869; Orville, born in 1821, married Elizabeth Lyon, died in Texas in 1888; David Boughton, born in 1824; Elizabeth, born 1827, married Henry Champlin, and is still living, a widow, in Hartford.

David Boughton Hamilton spent his boyhood days in Danbury, and received his education in his native town, and at a select school in Hartford. In early youth he had a desire for the ministry, and began preparation for a life work in the pulpit, but the bent of his mind was neither in that direction nor in the legal profession, to which he turned his attention for a time. His was a distinctively business nature, and, by a process of natural selection, he became a business man of high standing. In early youth he taught school for two years, and in 1851 became a clerk in the postoffice at Hartford. Two years later when the Rogers' Brothers organized for the manufacture of silver-plated ware, he became a salesman for the new firm. In 1858 he joined the firm of Rogers & Bros., and his connection with the silver plating industry was interrupted during forty-two years only on two occasions, once when he visited California in 1856 for the benefit of his health, and again during his service in the Union army in the Civil war.

Mr. Hamilton entered the service in 1861, almost immediately on the breaking out of the Rebellion. On that memorable April 19, 1861, he was in Baltimore, just after the attack upon the Union soldiers. The next day he was in Washington, and joined a company of volunteers raised by Col. Cassius M. Clay for the defense of the capitol. In a few days he returned to Connecticut, and enlisted for regular service in the 5th Conn. V. L., where he received a commission as first lieutenant. He was promoted to be captain in 1862, and was honorably discharged for serious disabilities Jan. 10, 1863. Capt. Hamilton made a fine record as a soldier, and was highly esteemed by all his old comrades.

Mr. Hamilton was secretary of Rogers & Bros. from the incorporation of the firm until 1868, when he was elected treasurer. In 1878 he became president also, filling both positions to the eminent satisfaction of all interested in the enterprise. Capt. Hamilton was president of the Manufacturers' National Bank from its incorporation in 1881, of the Waterbury Lumber and Coal Co. from its reorganization in 1883, and of the Connecticut Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co. from 1891 to 1894. He was also extensively interested in various important business enterprises throughout the State, more especially in the William Rogers Manufacturing Co. of Hartford, the Meriden Britannia Co. and the Bridgeport Brass Co., being a director in each.

Politically Capt. Hamilton was a Republican, and in his time filled many important official positions, which were chiefly municipal and business in their character. In 1881 he was elected to fill the State Senatorial vacancy created by the death of Senator Brown. He served the city as councilman and alderman, and was a member of the Board of Water Commissioners from 1885 to 1893. He had been selectman of the town, and chairman of the Board of School Visitors. As a member of a committee of three, appointed by the Wadhams post, G. A. R., to raise money for a soldiers' monument, he rendered material assistance to that commendable enterprise. Capt. Hamilton belonged to the New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion, the I. O. O. F., and the Masonic fraternity, where he was also a Knight Templar. Capt. Hamilton was a man of much ambition and business energy, and, in his business character, had visited every State of the Union. He was an independent thinker, much interested in philosophical and social problems, and deeply devoted to the progress of the world.

On May 6, 1847, Capt. Hamilton married Mary Rogers, daughter of S. Rogers, of Hartford, and she died May 22, 1859, leaving one son, Charles Alfred, born May 3, 1849. On June 9, 1863, Capt. Hamilton was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth, daughter of William Birely, of Frederick, Md. He became acquainted with Miss Birely while doing detached duty under Gen. Banks. She died Aug. 27, 1870, leaving two children, Lewis Birely and Katherine, of whom the former, born in 1864, is a graduate of Yale, class of 1886, and is a civil engineer by profession. Capt. Hamilton was married, Sept. 1, 1871, to Isabel L., daughter of John Griswold Ely, of Lyme. This union was blessed by the birth of one child, Paul, who was born Sept. 1, 1873, and is a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, class of 1894. Capt. Hamilton's last illness resulted from the lodging of a small fish-bone in the larynx, where it caused ulceration, and ultimately resulted in death. Eminent specialists were employed, but without avail, and Capt. Hamilton died Sunday morning, Aug. 14, 1898.

Mrs. Hamilton, the widow of this gallant soldier, distinguished leader in the business world, and old-school gentleman, still survives. She is eighth in line from Richard, "the settler." This Richard Ely, first of the Ely family in America, came from Plymouth, England, in 1660, and settled in Boston. His grandfather, Leonard Ely, Elder of Wouston, who died in 1615, was the grandson of John Ely, born about 1492, and who was Warden of the palace of the Bishops of Winchester in 1540.

When Richard Ely came to this country he was a widower with two sons, William and Richard. A carved oak chest which he brought with him is in a state of perfect preservation to-day, in the family of one of his descendants. In 1664 he married

Widow Culliek, sister of Col. Fenwick, and settled at Lyme, on the Connecticut river, where he and his sons, in a few years, owned 4,000 acres of land. He died in 1690, and a few years later a stone was erected to his memory, in the Ely burying ground at Lyme, on which is recorded the following: "His descendants besides peopling these mansions of the dead, are greatly multiplied in the land."

(II) William Ely, son of Richard, born 1647, died 1717. He married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Simon Smith, who with twenty-eight others took up all the land between Haddam and Saybrook, except Six-Mile Island; the latter was the home of William. To William and Elizabeth were born the following children: Ann, Elizabeth, Richard, Mary, Daniel (had four wives), William, Jr., Deborah and Johanna.

(III) William Ely, Jr., son of William, married, first, in 1715, Hannah Thompson, of Ipswich, Mass., and, second, Mary Noyes. He had ten children, seven of whom were born of his first marriage, namely: Jacob, James, Martha, Deborah, Mary Ann, Samuel and Ammi; by his second marriage: Hannah, Mary and Ann. The first six were baptized by the first minister of Lyme.

(IV) James Ely, son of William, Jr., born 1718, died 1766. He married Dorcas Andrews, of Ipswich, in 1742. They had ten children: Elizabeth, James, Ruhama, Jacob, Dorcas, Tabitha, Aaron, Andrew, John and Gad. Of these, all six of the sons served in the Revolution, and Aaron was killed at the battle of Kings Bridge in 1776.

(V) James Ely, son of James Ely and Dorcas Andrews, born in 1743, married Catherine Hays, in 1768, and afterward Prudence Hewitt. By his first wife he had nine children: Richard, James, Dorcas, Phebe, Aaron, John, Kate, William and Calvin.

(VI) John Ely, son of James and Catherine Hays, born 1781, died 1817, married Lucy Miller (died 1850, aged eighty-two). They had six children: Horace, William, John Griswold, Rodney, Ansel and Calvin.

(VII) John Griswold Ely, son of John and Lucy (Miller) Ely, born in 1810, died 1863, was the father of Mrs. Hamilton. In 1830 he married Sally Pratt Williams, who was born in 1812, and died in May, 1901, in Lyme. They had eleven children: John Heber, Elizabeth, Oscar, Ellen, Patterson, Isabel L. (Mrs. Hamilton), Ernest, Emma, Lewis, Edna J. and Edward W.

CAPT. ELBERT L. FORD, an influential citizen of Milford, was born in that town Feb. 21, 1847, son of Samuel A. Ford, and grandson of Samuel Ford. The family has been well known in the town for several generations, our subject's line of descent being as follows: Thomas Ford, Jr., Thaddeus, Samuel, Samuel A. and Capt. Elbert. The Fords are a very long-lived people, some living to be over one hundred years of age, and many to be over ninety.

Samuel Ford, the grandfather of Capt. Elbert, was a native of the locality, and passed his life there as a farmer. He married Polly Smith, of Milford, and had the following children: David S., who was a farmer and shoemaker in Milford; Lewis, a carriage-maker, who was last heard from while serving as a soldier in the Civil war; Samuel A., our subject's father; James, a carriagemaker, now residing in New York State; and Catherine, who married Everett Smith, a shoemaker in Milford, where she now resides.

Samuel A. Ford was born and reared in Milford and became a farmer there. Politically he was a Republican, and in religious faith both he and his wife were Congregationalists. He died March 7, 1882. He married Sarah E. Smith, a native of Stratford, Conn., and a daughter of John Smith, of that town. Mrs. Ford passed away Dec. 28, 1898. Our subject was the eldest in the family, the others being: Elizabeth M., wife of Alonzo W. Burns, of Milford; Emily E., wife of Merritt C. Ford, of Milford; Lauren A., a mason of the same town; and Edwin E., who died in infancy.

Elbert L. Ford attended the district schools near his home and the high school in Milford village. On leaving school he chose a seafaring life, and when only twenty-two years old was master of a vessel, and his skill as a master and pilot won him a high reputation. In November, 1881, he passed a successful examination and received a United States master's license for steam vessels, upon the Atlantic coast, its sounds, bays and harbors. In 1883 he became captain of William M. Merwin & Sons' oyster steamer, which position he held for twelve years. In 1869 Capt. Ford married Miss Elva W. Whittlesey, daughter of Samuel and Wealthy Whittlesey, of Stratford, Conn. She died in 1872, leaving one child, Bertha E. In 1875 Mr. Ford married Miss Carrie W. Sherwood, daughter of Capt. Joseph Wakeman Sherwood, of Southport, Conn., and by this marriage there are nine children: Lillian W., Grace S., Ethel S., Samuel E., Ada F., William A., E. Lewis, Cecil and Arthur S.

Capt. Ford is deservedly popular in his town. He was elected selectman in 1893-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01, and for five years was first selectman and town agent. He is one of the oldest members of the Milford Fire Department, of which he served many years as foreman. Fraternally he is identified with Ansantawae Lodge, No. 89, F. & A. M.; Solomon Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M.; Harmony Council, No. 8, of New Haven; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; Pyramid Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Bridgeport; Lucia Chapter, No. 25, O. E. S.; and Wopowage Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., Milford. Capt. Ford and family attend St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Milford.

RUFUS NORTON LEETE (deceased) is remembered as one of the prominent and influential members of the Leete family, one of the oldest and



Albert L. Ford

best known in Guilford. He was born at Leete's Island, near Guilford, Aug. 17, 1812, the second son of Miner and Lucinda (Norton) Leete, and a descendant of Gov. William Leete, the progenitor of most of the Leetes in America. He was prominent in the Menuncatue plantation and in the town of Guilford, and in his official relations to the Colony of New Haven, and later the United Connecticut Colonies.

Gov. Leete came to America in the Rev. Henry Whitfield Company, and was one of the signers of the Plantation Covenant, on shipboard, Jan. 1, 1639. He was born in Dodington, Huntingdonshire, England, in 1612 or 1613, and was a grandson of Thomas Leete, of Ockington, Cambridgeshire, England, who married Maria Slade, of Rushton, Northamptonshire, daughter of Edward Slade. To Thomas Leete were born four children: John, of Dodington (the elder); John, of Islington; Jane, who married Richard Dale; and Rebecca, who married Thomas Fowler. John Leete, of Dodington, son of Thomas of Ockington, married Ann Shute, daughter of Robert Shute, one of the Justices of the King's Bench. To this union three children were born: William; John, of Medlow Grange, Huntingdonshire, England; and Ann, who married Robert Ruly.

William Leete, son of John, of Dodington, was bred in the law, and served for a considerable time as clerk in the Bishops' Court, at Cambridge, where, observing the oppressions and cruelties then practiced on the conscientious and virtuous Puritans, he was led to examine more thoroughly their doctrines and practices, and eventually to become a Puritan himself and to give up his office. Coming to America as noted above, he arrived at New Haven about July 10, 1639. When they had agreed upon Guilford as a place of settlement, he was one of the six selected to purchase the land from the native Indians in trust for the plantation until their organization. He selected for himself about 250 acres of land three miles west of Guilford, now known as Leete's Island. He filled many public offices in the New Colony, and was clerk of the plantation from 1639 to 1662. He was also one of four to whom was intrusted the full civil power of the plantation, without limitation, until a church was formed. He was selected one of the "seven pillars" of the foundation work. He was deputy from Guilford to the General Court in New Haven from 1643 to 1650 and from 1651 to 1658 he was magistrate of the town. In 1658 he was chosen deputy governor of the Colony, and continued in that office until 1661, when he was elected governor, an office which he held until the union with Connecticut, in 1664. After the union he was an assistant until 1669, when he was elected deputy governor of the Connecticut Colony, holding that office until 1676, when he was chosen governor. He retained the office by continuous re-elections until his death.

April 16, 1683. Upon being elected governor he removed to Hartford, where he lived continuously until his death, and was buried there.

William Leete married first in England, about 1638, Anna Payne, daughter of Rev. John Payne, of Southoe. She died Sept. 1, 1668. For his second wife he married April 7, 1670, Sarah, widow of Henry Rutherford; she died Feb. 10, 1673. He married for his third wife, Mrs. Mary Street, who had been twice married before, first to Gov. Francis Newman, and later to Rev. Nicholas Street; she died Dec. 13, 1683. His children were: John, born in 1639, is mentioned below; Andrew, born in 1643, married Elizabeth Jordan; William married Mary Fenn; Abigail married Rev. J. Woodbridge; Caleb, born Aug. 24, 1651, died Jan. 13, 1673; Gratiana was born Dec. 22, 1653; Peregrine, born Jan. 12, 1658, died young; Joshua, born in 1659, died Feb. 22, 1660; Anna, born March 10, 1661, married John Trowbridge.

(II) John Leete, son of Gov. William, was born in 1639 in Guilford, and is said to have been the first white child born in the town. He married, Oct. 4, 1670, Mary, daughter of William and Joanna (Sheafe) Chittenden. She was born in 1647, and died March 9, 1712. John Leete died Nov. 25, 1692. Children: Ann, born Aug. 5, 1671, married John Collins; John, born Jan. 4, 1674, married Sarah Allen; Joshua, born July 7, 1676, married Mary Munger; Sarah, born Dec. 16, 1677, married Eliakim Marshall; Pelatiah, born March 26, 1681, is mentioned below; Mehitabel, born Dec. 10, 1683, married Dr. Anthony Labore; Benjamin, born Dec. 26, 1686, married Rachel Champion; Daniel, born Dec. 23, 1689, died young.

(III) Pelatiah Leete, the fifth child of John Leete, was married July 1, 1705, to Abigail, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Fowler, and they soon after removed to Leete's Island, where no settlement had before been made. The land had been allotted to his grandfather, Gov. Leete, after proper purchase from the Indians, and the title to the greater part of this soil has never been out of the family name. Upon these ancestral acres seven generations of Leetes have resided as farmers, members of each generation being content to remain and follow the occupation of their forefathers, most of them with success and profit. Originally the soil was very fertile, and it is said of Deacon Pelatiah Leete that he farmed so successfully that he did not consider a hundred bushels of shelled corn to the acre more than an average yield. He also had a herd of one hundred head of neat cattle. In 1735 he erected a large house on a commanding spot on his farm, overlooking the waters of the Sound, in which he lived until his death, Oct. 13, 1768, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven. This house was later occupied by descendants in several generations. Pelatiah was deacon of the Fourth Church of Guilford. He was also a representative

of the town in the General Court. His wife died Oct. 22, 1769, aged ninety years. Their children were: Abigail, born Sept. 13, 1707, died June 2, 1792; Daniel, born Oct. 14, 1709, is mentioned below; Mehitabel, born Sept. 28, 1711, died Oct. 21, 1711; Pelatiah, born March 7, 1713, married Lydia Crittenden; Mehitabel, born in 1714, married John Brewster.

(IV) Deacon Daniel Leete, eldest son of Deacon Pelatiah, was also a deacon of the Fourth Congregational Church of Guilford. He was engaged in farming and stockraising at Leete's Island and built a house near the residence of his father, which became noted in the Revolution. In 1874 it was demolished and upon its site was erected the present residence of Calvin M. Leete. Deacon Daniel Leete died Oct. 1, 1772. He married, June 14, 1738, Rhoda, daughter of Caleb and Sarah (Meigs) Stone, of Guilford, born Nov. 2, 1719, died Dec. 23, 1760. Both are buried in the Guilford cemetery. Children: Rhoda, born April 14, 1739, married Noah Rogers; Daniel, born April 17, 1742, married Charity Norton; Ambrose, born Jan. 19, 1748, is mentioned below; Abraham, born Sept. 25, 1753, died Oct. 26, 1753; Abraham (2), born April 5, 1755, died Nov. 5, 1757.

(V) Deacon Ambrose Leete, son of Deacon Daniel, was born on the homestead at Leete's Island, Jan. 19, 1748. Like his father and grandfather he was a deacon of the Fourth Congregational Church, chosen to that office in 1786, and to the same office in the First Church in 1807. He married, Nov. 10, 1773, Miranda, daughter of William and Rachel (White) Chittenden, and died Feb. 14, 1809; his widow survived until Sept. 16, 1838, reaching the age of ninety-one years and six months. Children: Ambrose, born Nov. 10, 1774, married Catherine Ward; Miranda, born Jan. 8, 1777, died Dec. 21, 1822; Miner, born June 30, 1779, is mentioned below; Abraham, born Jan. 1, 1784, died Feb. 26, 1848; Wealthy, born Oct. 27, 1785, died March 23, 1870.

(VI) Miner Leete was born on the Leete's Island farm, where he spent his life in agricultural pursuits, a well-known citizen. He died comparatively young in life, Nov. 7, 1826, aged forty-seven years, and was buried in the Leete cemetery. He married, Nov. 17, 1807, Lucinda Norton, born Nov. 18, 1780, in Guilford, daughter of Col. Rufus and Hannah (Cook) Norton. She died Aug. 28, 1848, and was buried in the family cemetery. Their five children were as follows: (1) Edward Lorenzo, born June 28, 1810, resided through life at Leete's Island, was a deacon in the church, and died May 3, 1884. He married Sylvia Fowler, and had two children, Edward Walter and Lucy Louisa. He compiled the Leete genealogy. (2) Rufus Norton, born Aug. 17, 1812, is mentioned below. (3) Theodore Adgate, born May 18, 1814, married Mary C. White, and died April 28, 1886, leaving three chil-

dren, Ella Louisa, Rev. William White, and Theodore Woolsey. He graduated from Yale College in 1839, subsequently from Yale Theological Seminary, and filled several pastorates. (4) Calvin Miner born Oct. 18, 1816, married Lucy Maria Leete. (5) Louisa Maria, born Aug. 20, 1822, died unmarried July 29, 1855.

(VII) Rufus Norton Leete passed his entire life in the locality of his birth, revered by the associations of six generations of ancestors. He was reared on his father's farm, and upon reaching manhood adopted agricultural pursuits as his life vocation, following same with merited and signal success all his days. In 1848 he erected a residence at Leete's Island, which he occupied until his death, which occurred Dec. 28, 1894, when he was aged eighty-two years. His remains were interred in Leete's Island cemetery. Mr. Leete was of a retiring disposition, and was known to be a man of unflinching honor and unimpeachable integrity, steadfast in his convictions and principles. In politics he was an earnest and consistent Democrat, in religious faith an active member and liberal supporter of the Baptist Church in Guilford during its existence. He was largely interested in the industrial development of his native town, aside from his farm pursuits; was a large stockholder in the Guilford Manufacturing Co., and for a number of years was an efficient member of the Guilford Savings Bank.

On Oct. 23, 1833, Rufus N. Leete married Sarah Bishop, daughter of Ezra S. and Abigail (Norton) Bishop, who survives him. Mrs. Leete is a descendant of an old New England family. She is of the seventh generation from (1) John Bishop, the founder of the family in Guilford. (11) John Bishop, his son, married Susannah Goldenham, and to them were born nine children, of whom (111) Nathaniel Bishop, the fourth child, was born in 1666, and died May 16, 1714. He married, Feb. 9, 1693, Mercy Hughes, who was born May 20, 1676, and died Dec. 7, 1760. Their children were as follows: Nathaniel, born Nov. 17, 1693, married Abigail Stone, and died Sept. 24, 1760; Samuel, born July 20, 1695, married Hannah Hull, and died Feb. 24, 1771; Mary, born Nov. 20, 1697, died young; Ebenezer, sketch of whom follows; Experience, born April 2, 1705; Temperance, born April 27, 1709, married Nathaniel Lee, and died March 29, 1751.

(IV) Ebenezer Bishop, youngest son of Nathaniel, was born Sept. 22, 1701, in North Guilford, where he engaged in farming. In 1729 he married Mehitabel Chittenden, who was born Sept. 30, 1712. Their fourteen children were as follows: Aliah, born March 26, 1730, married Ruth Srow, and died Nov. 30, 1705; Temperance, born March 1, 1732, married Giles Chittenden; Mabel was born Dec. 17, 1733; Amos, born May 5, 1735, died young; Ezra, born Nov. 27, 1736, died young; Ebenezer, born March 1, 1738, died young; Eber,

born Sept. 1, 1740, resided in New Milford; Beulah, born Dec. 10, 1742, married Thomas Fowler; James, born June 3, 1745, married Eliza Wetmore, and died June 16, 1832; Nathaniel was born May 6, 1747; Olive, born June 6, 1749, married Noah Griswold, and died Nov. 28, 1817; Neriah, sketch of whom follows; Jared was born Aug. 17, 1753; Luther was born Aug. 20, 1755.

(V) Neriah Bishop, born Aug. 28, 1751, in North Guilford, died April 22, 1799. He married, May 10, 1781, Rachel Stone, who was born July 30, 1757. Their three children were: Rachel, born Feb. 13, 1782; Neriah, born May 16, 1783 (married Harriet Handy); and Ezra Stone, sketch of whom follows.

(VI) Ezra Stone Bishop, born June 13, 1786, in Guilford, died June 29, 1873. He married, April 23, 1809, Abigail Norton, born Feb. 11, 1791, daughter of Jared and Sarah (Brockett) Norton. She died Nov. 5, 1829. Their seven children were: Eliza, born Sept. 9, 1810; Sarah, born Sept. 18, 1812, widow of Rufus N. Leete, our subject; Margaret, born Sept. 11, 1815, who died Sept. 7, 1879; William H., born March 23, 1819, who married Sarah Griffing; Charles, born Dec. 12, 1823, who married Emily Cochrane; George, born Sept. 12, 1825, married to Florilla C. Fowler; and Abigail, born in October, 1829, who died Dec. 13, 1882.

To Rufus N. and Sarah (Bishop) Leete, were born six children: (1) Nancy, born Oct. 23, 1834, married, Feb. 12, 1862, Walter G. Bishop, of Meriden, and died in Guilford, April 4, 1886. (2) Richard Miner, sketch of whom follows. (3) Roger Calvin, sketch of whom follows. (4) Ellen Lucretia, born Aug. 20, 1840, married, Feb. 22, 1887, W. G. Bishop. (5) Rufus Burton, born June 22, 1843. (6) Margaret Elizabeth, born March 11, 1846.

RICHARD MINER LEETE, eldest son of Rufus N., was born on the homestead Nov. 20, 1836, and received his education at the district schools and the Guilford academy. Until his marriage he remained at home with his parents, working on the farm during the summers and teaching school in the winter seasons. After his marriage he commenced farming on his own account on a farm owned by his father in the Leete's Island District, and also kept store for seven years, though agricultural pursuits have practically been his life vocation. In religious faith he is a member of the Third Congregational Church, as are also his wife and the several members of his family. In his political predilections he was originally an ardent Democrat, but is now an equally zealous Prohibitionist, and for a term of years has faithfully served his town as justice of the peace.

On Nov. 14, 1861, Richard M. Leete was married to Mary E. Norton, a daughter of Anson and Fanny Norton, the former of whom descended from an old Guilford family, whose genealogy is given below. A brief record of the seven children born

to Richard and Mary Leete is as follows. (1) Anson Miner, born Jan. 19, 1863, married Nellie Snow. (2) Arthur Bishop, born Jan. 13, 1864, married Eunice Stannard; he is station agent at East Haven for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. (3) Ellsworth Norton, born June 26, 1866, married, Oct. 30, 1889, Annie B. Fowler, who died June 3, 1896, leaving two sons, Richard F. (born Feb. 14, 1891) and Edgar R. (born April 30, 1893). He married second, Oct. 17, 1900, Elizabeth Dudley. He is a bookkeeper in New Haven. (4) Jennie Elizabeth, born June 27, 1868, married Nathan S. Rose, of North Branford. (5) Fanny Helen was born Feb. 2, 1870. (6) Sarah Ellen was born April 19, 1872. (7) Carrie May, born March 20, 1875, died March 29, 1875.

NORTON FAMILY. John Norton, son of Thomas and Grace Norton, the first of the name in Guilford, was a native of England, born in 1628 in Ockley, County of Surrey. He came with his parents to America, locating in Guilford, where in 1664 he married Hannah Stone, born in 1644. For his second wife he wedded Elizabeth Hubbard, born in 1638. He died March 5, 1704. His son John, who was the second of that name born to him, first saw the light in East Guilford, Conn., May 29, 1668. On Nov. 14, 1694, he married Hannah Buck, born April 12, 1671, in Wethersfield, Hartford county; he died March 15, 1712, in Guilford and was buried there; she died Oct. 22, 1739. For her second husband she married John Fowler. To John and Hannah Norton were born ten children.

John Norton, third in order of birth in the family of John, was born Dec. 13, 1699. He married Elizabeth Robinson, and died Jan. 9, 1797.

John Norton, son of John, was born in December, 1734, and died in Guilford Aug. 17, 1804. He married, Dec. 27, 1758, Lucy Lee, born in 1740, who died in March, 1802, the mother of eight children: (1) Ambrose, born Feb. 15, 1760, married Hannah Hall, and died in March, 1813. (2) Sarah, born in May, 1761, married Caleb J. Hall, and died Aug. 24, 1843. (3) William, born in 1762, served in the Revolutionary war, and died in 1782. (4) John, born in 1763, died Aug. 27, 1773. (5) Ruth, born in 1765, married Jehiel Strong. (6) Silas, sketch of whom follows. (7) James, born in July, 1774, married Huldah Chittenden, and died Sept. 1, 1850. (8) Andrew, born Sept. 13, 1776, married Ruth Chittenden, and died July 9, 1859.

Silas Norton, born Feb. 20, 1760, died Nov. 29, 1821. He married, Feb. 18, 1792, Lucy Chittenden, born Feb. 9, 1774, died July 22, 1859. Their children: (1) Alatheia, born Jan. 12, 1795, died July 22, 1811. (2) Harriet, born March 16, 1797, died Oct. 14, 1875. (3) Huldah was born June 18, 1798. (4) Polly, born Oct. 26, 1800, married Martin Hoadley. (5) John Ward, born Feb. 26, 1802, married Jane Nichols. (6) Anson, sketch of whom follows. (7) Silas, born Aug. 28, 1805, married Eliza Everts, and died Aug. 17, 1848. (8)

Lucyette, born Jan. 31, 1807, married George Stannard. (9) Augustus Dennison, born Dec. 1, 1810, married Julia Perow. (10) James Austin, born Dec. 22, 1814, married Ann Gale.

Ansen Norton, father of Mrs. Richard M. Leete, was born Dec. 7, 1803, and died Sept. 3, 1859. He married, Oct. 7, 1838, Mrs. Fanny Bishop, who was born Sept. 2, 1804, and died Nov. 10, 1871. Their children: Mary Emma, born Jan. 3, 1840, wife of Richard M. Leete; and James Lewis, born May 14, 1842, who married Minnie A. Hotchkiss.

ROGER CALVIN LEETE, second son of Rufus N., was born at Leete's Island, Guilford, Aug. 30, 1838, and received a good education, in part at the district schools, in part at the high school at Guilford. Until he was thirty-one years of age he remained on the homestead, and then removed to his present farm, which was part of the homestead, and where he has since followed agricultural pursuits.

In October, 1869, Mr. Leete married Miss Helen A. Park, who was born in Sheshequin, Pa., a daughter of Amos and Arlette M. (Griffen) Park, and two children came to them, viz.: Irving P., born Jan. 22, 1875, attended the district school of his neighborhood, also the Guilford high school, and entered the third year of a course at Yale University; he died Aug. 2, 1896. R. Wayne, the second son, born Aug. 9, 1876, received a similar education at the district schools, and had just entered Yale when he, too, was called from earth, Dec. 8, 1896. The mother died May 3, 1898. She and her sons were highly respected in the community, and their taking away—the sons within a brief period of a few months—the mother following so soon afterward, was a terrible blow to the bereaved father, who still finds in the genuine sympathy of the community some little solace to his sorrow. He is a quiet inmostentatious citizen, and a useful member of society, one who lives up to the "golden rule." In politics he is a Democrat, and at the present time is serving as selectman of Guilford.

WALTER A. MAIN, one of the most influential and esteemed citizens of Orange, was born in that town Aug. 6, 1854. His grandfather, Bradley Main, was a farmer of Coventry, Tolland county, Conn., where he passed his life, and where he died at an advanced age.

Elias T. Main, father of Walter A., was one of a family of six children, only one of whom is yet living, Abbie, wife of Elijah F. West, of Hartford, whose son Fred A. is a member of the board of aldermen of that city. Elias T. Main was a man of high personal character and great public spirit, and was universally respected and beloved by his fellow townsmen, who repeatedly evinced their admiration for, and confidence in, him by electing him to offices of grave responsibility and high trust. He was born in New Haven in 1819. In early life he was a carriage maker, and while yet a young man

took an active part in public affairs, being foreman of a (hand) tire engine company and captain of the military organization known as the Governor's Foot Guards. In 1852 he disposed of his business in New Haven and removed to Orange, where he purchased a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1858 he was elected town clerk, which office he held, through successive re-elections, for thirty years, or until his death, Sept. 20, 1888, at the age of sixty-nine years. In 1873, the location of the town offices being moved to the borough of West Haven, he abandoned farming and devoted himself wholly to his public duties. In addition to the office of town clerk he held that of registrar of vital statistics. His acquaintance was co-extensive with the limits of the town, and his incorruptible probity, joined to a keen business sagacity, commanded universal respect. He was an ardent Republican in politics, and was for many years chairman of the town committee and a delegate to numerous conventions. In 1872 he was elected a member of the Lower House of the General Assembly. He was of a genial disposition and fond of social pleasure. A charter member of New Haven City Lodge, I. O. O. F., he filled all the chairs in that body, including that of past noble grand, and was for forty years a member of the Grand Encampment. He was an earnest and consistent member of the Baptist Church of New Haven, as was also his wife, who preceded him to the grave, dying at the age of forty-three. Her maiden name was Jane E. Smith, and she was the only child of William A. Smith, a prosperous farmer of Orange, of which town her family were early settlers, and where she herself was born. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Elias T. Main, five are yet living, Walter A. being the fourth. Martha is the wife of William M. Russell, of Tyler City, in the town of Orange; William D. is a resident of Hartford; Mary E. resides in West Haven; Arthur L. is manager of the Spring Lake Co. of West Haven. Clifford L., who was in the employ of the Electric railway, died during the summer of 1901, leaving a wife and four children, who reside in West Haven.

Walter A. Main passed his boyhood upon his father's farm in Orange, and his early education was received at the common schools and academy of that town. After graduating from the latter institution he entered his father's office, as assistant. Here under the care of a wise and loving father, he received his first business training, readily mastering all details and proving himself a capable and efficient clerk. In fact, he continued to render more or less aid to his father in the discharge of the duties of the office until the latter's demise, when he became his successor. Meanwhile he was made the incumbent of various other important offices. From 1874 until 1883 he was deputy postmaster at West Haven, the actual supervision of the office devolving almost wholly upon him. In addition thereto he was chosen tax collector for the town and



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borough in 1877, and was annually re-elected until 1885. In 1887 he was elected first selectman, but resigned that office to accept the post of town clerk, which, as has been said, was offered him upon his father's death. In 1891, however, failing health compelled him to seek recuperation in the more salubrious climate of California, where he remained until June, 1893. During his sojourn on the coast he was connected with various local companies for irrigation, besides being interested in orange culture. The following year, upon his return to Orange, he was again elected first selectman, and has been annually re-elected, holding the office at the present time. Like his father, Mr. Main is an earnest Republican, and a valued man in the councils of his party, having been for many years chairman of the town committee, and a frequent delegate to county and state conventions. In 1900 he was elected a member of the General Assembly to represent the town of Orange, and has served as clerk of the committee on Cities and Boroughs, which was one of the important committees of the session.

In 1883 Mr. Main embarked in the real estate and insurance business, which he resumed on his return from the West, and represents some of the oldest and soundest companies in the country, among them the German American, Aetna, London and Commercial Union. He is treasurer of the Spring Lake Ice Co., in which concern he is a large stockholder. Mr. Main's business career has been exceptionally successful, having been molded upon the principles of sound judgment and unwavering integrity.

Mr. Main is a member of the Royal Arcanum and a Mason of high rank, having passed through all the degrees of the fraternity up to the 32d, and affiliates with Annawan Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., of West Haven; Franklin Chapter, R. A. M., and Harmony Council, of New Haven; New Haven Commandery, K. T.; La Fayette Consistory; and Pyramid Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Second Company of Governor's Foot Guards, of New Haven.

In November, 1879, Mr. Main was married to Carrie E., daughter of Sidney Smith, a shoe dealer in West Haven, and his wife, Sarah (Goodell), of Westville. Mrs. Main is one of a family of four children, of whom only she and a brother, Edward E., survive; her parents are also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Main have been born three children, Mildred L., Florence S. and W. Raymond. In religious faith Mr. Main is a Congregationalist, and attends the services of that denomination.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS WILCOX was born in Madison, New Haven county, Sept. 30, 1830, and makes his summer home in his native town. He comes of one of the oldest families of New England and is seventh in line of direct descent from John Wilcox, the first of the family

in America, who settled in Hartford prior to 1639, was one of the original proprietors and held several responsible offices; he had his home on the present site of the Park, near the State House, and had a good estate. He died in 1651 and left one son, John, who came with him from England, and two daughters.

George Augustus Wilcox is a son of the late Jonathan S. Wilcox and Chloe (Hand), a sister of Daniel Hand. He was graduated from Yale College in 1852, and after spending a year at the South, went to Detroit, Mich., where he entered the law office of his uncle, Judge George E. Hand, and was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1854. Mr. Wilcox began the practice of his chosen profession, and continued it until 1880, when he returned East, and has since spent his summers in Madison, and his winters in the city of New York. Mr. Wilcox is a gentleman of genial character and much culture. He has traveled quite extensively both in this country and abroad, and has occasionally contributed literary articles for publication. Independent in politics and religion, he holds his own views and does not hesitate to express them on occasion clearly and positively.

Mr. Wilcox was married, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Mary H. Grenelle, a daughter of William H. Grenelle, and has one child, Constance.

MARTIN KELLOGG NORTHAM, a progressive and prominent farmer of the town of Branford, was born in Chatham, Middlesex Co., Conn., Oct. 16, 1818, son of John Cone and Rachel (Kellogg) Northam.

Jonathan Northam, the paternal grandfather of Martin K., was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and received a pension on account of his service in the Continental army. He was a farmer, and died at Marlboro at the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

John Cone Northam was born in Marlboro, Conn. He was reared to farming, but became a quarryman, and was employed for many years in the quarries at Haddam Neck. He died at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Northam first married Rachel Kellogg, a native of Chatham, and daughter of Martin and Rachel (Hosford) Kellogg, the former of whom was a farmer in the town of Chatham. To this union were born children as follows: John M., Martin K., Lucy A. (wife of Hubbard Fuller), Joel K. and William B., of whom Martin and Lucy survive. By his second wife, Anna Brainerd, daughter of Frederick Brainerd, Mr. Northam became the father of two children: Laura B., who married William Bishop; and Frederick B., a farmer, who married Ellen Lee.

Martin Kellogg Northam was reared in his native town, where he received a common school education, and at the age of sixteen years started out in life for himself as a driver in the quarries, in

which employment he acquitted himself creditably, and won the good opinion of his employers. When he had become somewhat older he worked at stone cutting, beginning at this trade in 1836, and continuing in same until 1867. In 1859 Mr. Northam located in Branford, and there followed the stone cutter's trade up to 1867, when he turned his attention to farming, which has been his occupation ever since. He owns and cultivates a fine tract of eighty acres. Our subject is active in local affairs, especially in the advancement of educational interests, having been a member of the school board for twelve consecutive years, during which period he has given his time and influence with such good effect that three new school houses have been erected in Branford and Stony Creek. He has also acted as selectman of the town, and in his public service, as in his private life, his duties are ably and promptly performed. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party.

Mr. Northam was married July 2, 1863, to Ellen L. Palmer, who was born May 24, 1843, only child of Hezekiah and Mary (Beach) Palmer, of Branford. Both her parents died in 1892, within two weeks. Mr. Palmer was a sailor, as was also his father, James Palmer, who was drowned off the coast of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Northam have had two children, John H. and Calvin K. John H. Northam was born Feb. 15, 1865, married Cora Bishop, who was born June 19, 1868, and has four children—Robert H., born Nov. 22, 1889; Adeline E., born May 12, 1891; Frederick R., born July 25, 1892; and Martin P., born Sept. 22, 1896. John H. Northam is an engineer in the Norcross Quarry, Stony Creek. Calvin K. Northam was born June 17, 1866, married Jennie Botsford, Nov. 16, 1897, and has one child, Eva May. He is a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Northam both belong to the Stony Creek Congregational Church, and their long career of honorable industry and fine character are known and recognized in the community.

CHARLES THERON HOTCHKISS, a prominent and influential citizen of Cheshire, was born in the town of Bethany, July 9, 1834, and traces his ancestry back to Samuel and Elizabeth (Cleverly) Hotchkiss, natives of Essex, England, who came to New Haven, Conn., in 1641, and were married there the following year. Samuel Hotchkiss was a tiller of the soil, and was the founder of the settlement in Wallingford, where he died. His children were John, who was born in 1643, and died in 1682; Samuel, born in 1645; James, born in 1647; Joshua, born in 1651; Thomas, born in 1654; and David, born in 1657. Of this family, Joshua Hotchkiss was born in Wallingford, and wedded Mary Hotchkiss, of New Haven, by whom he had twelve children, namely: Mary, Stephen, Martha, Priscilla, Abraham, Desire, Isaac, Jacob, John, Elizabeth, Mary (2), and Mary (3). Jabez Hotchkiss,

a son of one of these, was born in Bethany, New Haven county, and there spent his entire life. His children were Stephen, the grandfather of Charles T.; Mary, born June 3, 1763; Timothy, born Jan. 22, 1766; Lydia, born April 1, 1768, died in 1773; Eleazer, born June 4, 1770; Lydia (2), born June 7, 1774.

Stephen Hotchkiss was also a life-long resident of Bethany, where he was born Oct. 31, 1761, and he died in 1847, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Brown, passed away at the age of eighty. In their family were the following children: Harleley, father of Charles T.; Rebecca, wife of Minott Collins; Wealthy, who died young; Eber, who married Thurza Driver; Stephen, who married Abigail Hotchkiss; Hannah, wife of John Russell; Jared, who married Amy French, still a resident of Bethany; Jesse, who married Caroline Lounsbury; and George, who married Laura Sperry, who died in New Haven. All lived in Bethany and are now deceased.

Harley Hotchkiss was born Sept. 12, 1791, and reared in Bethany, where he married Harriet Collins, also a native of that town and a daughter of Benjamin Collins. (Her mother's maiden name was Ford.) They continued to make their home there throughout life, the father devoting his time and attention to agriculture. He died March 29, 1860, and his wife was burned to death by the destruction of a house two years later, when she was aged seventy years. To them were born four children: (1) Wealthy Ann married William Gilyard, of Seymour, and died in 1892, leaving three children, Mary, Thomas F. and Sarah L. (2) Andrew T. married Belinda Buckingham, and died in Bethany in 1877, leaving four children: Ernest Z., Isa A., Harley D., and Andrew T., now of New Haven. (3) Harris died young. (4) Charles T. completes the family.

Charles T. Hotchkiss was reared in his native town and obtained a good practical education, which enabled him to successfully engage in teaching for a period of thirty-six winters. As a teacher he came to Cheshire in early life, and here he purchased a farm in April, 1861. While following his profession during the winter season until recently he has engaged in farming, with marked success, through the summer months. He also gives considerable time to work at the mason's trade.

In 1861 Mr. Hotchkiss was married, in South Canaan, to Miss Emma Victoria Watson, a native of Torrington, Conn., and a daughter of George and Jane (Belden) Watson, the former of whom died in Roseville, Illinois, the latter in Norfolk, Conn. By this union were born three children, namely: Mary Claribel, Mrs. Warren Andrews, of Cheshire; Clarence H., who died at the age of six and one-half years; and Harriet I., wife of Everett Pardee, of New Haven. Both of the daughters have been teachers. Fraternally Mr. Hotchkiss is a member of the Patrons of Hus-

bandry, and politically is a staunch Democrat. He is now serving as justice of the peace, and is the present chairman of the board of education. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Hotchkiss reunions, which held their twentieth annual meeting in 1900, when 175 representatives of the family were present. He is regarded as one of the leading and most highly respected citizens of Cheshire, and it is, therefore, consistent that he be represented in a work whose province is the portrayal of the lives of the prominent men of New Haven county.

ALBERT PHELPS is the president of the Phelps & Bartholomew Co., well known as manufacturers of clocks of all grades, and is prominent among the business men whose enterprise and energy have created the thriving city of Ansonia. The product of their factory is in demand in all parts of the United States, and the reputation of the firm for excellent workmanship is constantly increasing their trade. The business, which was established nineteen years ago under the firm name of Phelps & Bartholomew, was reorganized in 1886 as a stock company, with a capital of \$15,000, and our subject has been at its head ever since. At present the other officers are A. H. Bartholomew, treasurer, and Howard D. Phelps, secretary. They started with twelve hands and a small shop, the Gardner building, and now employ over a hundred hands, and have a factory 125 feet long, 45 feet wide and four stories high, with a wing 30x25 feet in size. The firm has had some difficulties to overcome on account of persecution by larger firms on the question of patent rights, but they have fortunately been free from labor troubles and in the regular receipt of good orders.

Albert Phelps was born July 13, 1839, in Marlboro, Conn., where his ancestors were early settlers. Oliver Phelps, his grandfather, was a leading farmer of that locality and an active supporter of the work of the Methodist Church. He died at the age of sixty-seven, and his wife, Mary (Hills), who was born in that vicinity, died at the age of seventy-four. Their family consisted of six children, all of whom are deceased. David Phelps, our subject's father, was born in 1810, and reared at Marlboro, and learned the trade of stonemason. Later he went to Bristol and worked in a clock factory for a time, and for twenty years he was similarly employed in Hartford, but he retired a few years previous to his death, which occurred July 10, 1873. Politically he was a Republican, and he took an active interest in local affairs, serving on the board of relief and as justice of the peace. He was prominent in religious work as a member of the Methodist Church and for a number of years he led the choir, his voice being unusually fine. He married Hannah Freeman, a native of Hebron, Conn., who is now living in Bristol. Of their five children four are living, viz.: Jane, wife

of William Garlick, of Bristol; Albert, our subject; Mary, wife of George Lewis, of Bristol; and George, who is employed in our subject's factory at Ansonia.

At the age of fourteen Albert Phelps accompanied the family to Bristol, and his education was secured in the common schools. At eighteen he began work in the Bristol clock shop, where he remained a number of years, and in 1871 he located in Ansonia, taking the contract to make movements for the Ansonia Clock Co. After a time he was made superintendent of the movement department, but on the removal of the company to Brooklyn he engaged in business for himself, in partnership with Arthur H. Bartholomew, as stated above. In politics Mr. Phelps is a Democrat, and he has served on the board of relief. Socially the family is prominent, and he is a member of Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., of Bristol. He is identified with the Episcopal Church, his family being active workers in that organization.

In 1864 Mr. Phelps married Miss Nellie Oakley, a native of New York City, and they have two children: (1) Howard D., who is connected with our subject's factory, married Miss Annie Tuttle, and has two children, Helen and Albert. (2) Miss Maud is at home.

HON. DANA BARTHOLOMEW, whose active, busy and useful life closed Sept. 1, 1900, while he was staying temporarily with his family at Saratoga, N. Y., was for many years one of the leading citizens and business men of Ansonia, and a representative of one of the State's early families.

The branch of the Bartholomew family to which our subject belonged traces its ancestry into the sixteenth century to John Bartholomew, of Warborough, England, who was married there in 1551. William Bartholomew, a great-grandson of this John, grandson of John, and son of William, all of England, born there in 1602-03, married Anna Lord, and came to Boston in the ship "Griffin" in 1634. In 1635 he was chosen a deputy to the General Court of Ipswich, Mass. From this first American ancestor the subject of this sketch was a descendant in the eighth generation, his line being through William (2), Isaac, Abraham, Abraham (2), Jonathan and Jeremiah H. Bartholomew.

Hon. Jeremiah Hotchkiss Bartholomew, the father of our subject, was born April 18, 1814, in that part of Farmington, Conn., now Plainville. He received a limited education only, attending the district school until fifteen years of age, and then learned the tanner's trade. Subsequently he clerked for a time for Adna Whiting, of Plainville, and followed various occupations, always with application, intelligence and perseverance, characteristics which afterward brought him power and influence. He was employed in the Wolcottville Brass Kettle Factory, became superintendent and ultimately general agent of a large business of the same character in

Ansonia, for which Anson G. Phelps, of New York, furnished the capital. Here Mr. Bartholomew's business capacity was given a field, and the Battery Mills, Brass & Copper, and Brass, Copper & Iron Wire Mills, with their numerous branches—which were built, started and operated most successfully for some twenty-five and more years by him as agent, superintendent, etc., of the very extensive manufacturing firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co.—are evidences of his ability. Mr. Bartholomew held such position until ill health, in 1876, compelled him to retire.

By the personal efforts of Mr. Bartholomew the New Haven & Derby railroad was built to Birmingham and Ansonia. He became its president in 1874, and continued as such until the time of his death, in 1884. In all matters of public interest Mr. Bartholomew was foremost in action, liberal in aid, and completed all his undertakings successfully. He represented his town and district in the House and Senate. His political affiliations were with the Republican party. He was a member of the Congregational Church from 1843 until his death.

On Sept. 15, 1834, Mr. Bartholomew was married to Polly H., daughter of Truman Root, of Bristol, Conn., and to the union were born children as follows: Sophronia, Adele (who died when ten years old), Dana, Frances, Arthur H. and Emma.

Dana Bartholomew, our subject proper, was born April 8, 1847, in what was formerly Wolcottville, now Torrington, Conn., where he attended the district school until he was sixteen years old, and he was also a student at the Eastman Business College. Then, in keeping with his father's opinion that the best school for a business life is the business life itself, he entered the employ of the Ansonia Brass & Copper Co. For fourteen years he familiarized himself with all the process of brass manufacture, and became a stockholder of the company. In 1877 he severed his managerial connection with the company and entered into partnership with A. B. Hendryx for the manufacture of wire bird-cages. This business venture was very prosperous, and when the business was moved to New Haven, Mr. Bartholomew's many interests at home requiring his attention, he severed his connection with this company and formed another for the manufacture, under patent, of bits, augers, screw-drivers and braces; but in 1884 the floods swept the entire plant away by the breaking of the dam of the Ansonia Water Co., in which he was a large owner. From that time until his death Mr. Bartholomew was occupied in caring for his many invested interests. He served as secretary, manager, then as president of the Ansonia Water Co., also as president, treasurer and agent of the Ansonia Hall Co., owning the principal building in the town for offices and hall. He was a director of the Ansonia Savings Bank, the Ansonia Ice Co. and the Naugatuck Valley Ice Co., of Bridgeport, a di-

rector and treasurer of the Meriden Ice Co., and vice-president of the Mallett Cattle Co. of Texas. At the time of his death he was president of the Ansonia Novelty Co. and the Ansonia Telephone Co. He was an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, and held at various times a number of the town offices. In 1880 he was a representative in the General Assembly from Derby.

Throughout life Mr. Bartholomew was closely identified with the Christian forces of the town. For years he was deacon in the Congregational Church and also church clerk. He was a Sabbath-school worker and teacher of great popularity. Like his father, too, he was for years one of the foremost supporters of the Young Men's Christian Association of the town, and whenever the general Christian enterprises of the section were in need of special help their appeals to him were not unheeded.

Mr. Bartholomew was twice married. On Sept. 17, 1867, he married Miss Lanette Wightman, of Southington, who died July 21, 1886, and on March 17, 1888, he married Miss Isabel H. Warner, of Springfield, Mass., a daughter of one of the old and honored families of Enfield, Conn. To the first union were born four children, namely: Ellen E., Dana W., Jeremiah Hotchkiss, and Valentine (who died in infancy). To the second marriage came Pauline, who died in infancy; and Helen Gertrude, born Nov. 25, 1890. The family home on South Cliff street is one where wealth has set its adornments and one from which its occupants have dispensed a generous hospitality.

ALLING. The New Haven branch of the Alling family to which the late Truman Alling and sons, Francis A. and John T. Alling, belonged, were descended from the first settlers of the Colony of New Haven.

Roger Alling, the first American ancestor of the New Haven branch of the family under consideration, was born in England, son of James, and came to New England, about 1638; he settled in the Colony of New Haven, then called Quinnipiac. About 1642 he married Mary, eldest daughter of Thomas Nash, of Bendley, England.

From this first settler the late Francis A. and John T. Alling, of New Haven, were in the eighth generation, their line being through John, Capt. Jonathan, John (2), Ebenezer, Jonathan (2), and Truman Alling.

John Alling, son of Roger, was born October 2, 1647, married at New Haven, in 1671, Susannah Coe, born in 1653. Mr. Alling died in 1717, and his widow in 1746.

Capt. Jonathan Alling, son of John, was born in 1683, and married in 1713, Sarah, born in 1693, daughter of John Sacket. Capt. Alling died in 1755 and his widow in 1766. His life had been a successful one, he became a prominent citizen, and was captain of a militia company. For twenty-three times he served in the Legislature, after 1730.



David R. Alling

John Alling (2), son of Capt. Jonathan, was born in 1714, and married, in 1738, Abiah Hitecock, born in 1715. They resided in Allingtown, where he died in 1761, and his widow in 1783.

Ebenezer Alling, son of John (2), was born in 1741 and married Lydia Punderson, born in 1745; and they resided in Allingtown, where he died in 1800, and she in 1832.

Jonathan Alling (2), son of Ebenezer, was born July 15, 1775, and Nov. 20, 1798, married Susannah Platt, born Jan. 3, 1780. By trade he was a carpenter, and his last days were spent in New Haven, where he died in 1861, and his wife passed away in 1854.

Truman Alling, son of Jonathan (2), was born on Feb. 7, 1800, and was married Aug. 20, 1820, to Clarissa Hendrick, born in 1801. He died June 15, 1892, and his wife Jan. 9, 1871. By trade Truman Alling was a carpenter, his principal work being the making of boats and suitably fitting them for the carriage of horses to the West Indies. A part of his time was occupied in farming. His children were: Mary, who married M. Armstrong, a skilled carriage builder; William, deceased, left two sons, Burton and Leonard, of New Haven; Francis A.; Robert; Julia, who is Mrs. Patrick, of Norwalk, Conn.; Amelia, who died at the age of eleven years; John Truman; and Harriet.

FRANCIS A. ALLING, son of Truman, was born Sept. 8, 1825, and married Dec. 29, 1853, Mary J. Briggs, born Dec. 13, 1829. Their children were: Charles F. Alling, born Dec. 29, 1854, married Oct. 31, 1888, Carlie A. Sweet, born Oct. 9, 1867, and the tenth generation came in with the birth of Gladys H., born Jan. 17, 1892; Truman F., born March 8, 1894; Hazel Z., born Nov. 14, 1896; and Olive A., born Dec. 27, 1897.

Francis A. Alling spent his early school days in New Haven, attending the public schools. His first important work in building was on the railroad on the first bridge across the meadows on the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., and he was foreman at the time the second track and bridge were put in. Early in his business career, he went into partnership with Charles Waterhouse, as bridge builders, pile drivers, joiners, etc., later continued in the business alone, and then the partnership of Case & Alling was formed about 1866, but this business was dissolved by the death of Mr. Case. A partnership was then formed between F. A. and D. R. Alling, cousins, this association still continuing.

John T. Alling, son of Truman, was born July 23, 1833, in New Haven, and in December, 1857, married Editha E. Baldwin, who died April 16, 1895. One daughter, Eva E., was born of this union, Nov. 23, 1863.

The early school days of John T. Alling were spent in New Haven, and he also worked on his father's farm, which was located where Spring street and vicinity make a thoroughfare through the city. When he began to learn the trade of

builder, he was under the instruction of M. Weaver, and continued in active life until his retirement, in 1893. Mr. Alling was well known in the building and contracting business where he possessed the esteem of his associates. His residence is at No. 203 Spring street. Mr. Alling has always been opposed to secret societies and also to insurance.

David Alling, son of Jonathan (2), was born in New Haven May 26, 1802, and died May 4, 1883. His education was obtained in New Haven and later he engaged in farming in this city, in Orange and in Westville. As a matter of interest, it is related that Mr. Alling was a winner in a plowing contest, which was held on the New Haven Green, many years ago, and he was considered one of the best judges of cattle in New Haven county. For many years he had been a member of Trinity Church. David Alling married Anna, daughter of Philo Beers, of Trumbull, Conn., and their children were: Jane, deceased; Phebe Ann, who married Eli Page, and has a daughter, Mrs. B. G. Skilton; Emily, deceased; Eliza, who married D. O. Camp; Jonathan B., deceased; David Royal and Augusta Jane, twins, of whom the latter married C. G. Smith, and has one daughter, Lillian J.

DAVID ROYAL ALLING was born Sept. 15, 1845, in New Haven, where his youth has been spent. After leaving the public school, he entered the Charles Fabrique school, later the Stevens & Wells Business College in New Haven. Then he became clerk, and later bookkeeper for Case & Alling, and in 1873 bought the interest of F. A. Alling. In 1876, upon the death of Mr. Case, F. A. Alling purchased his interest, and the firm became F. A. & D. R. Alling, and this house is now one of the leading business firms of New Haven.

David R. Alling is a member of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., Past Noble Grand; Sassacus Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., Past Chief Patriarch; Grand Grand Canton Sassacus, No. 1, Patriarchs Militant, Past Commandant; Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge; Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F. In Masonic circles he is also prominent. Raised in Hiram Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; affiliated with Wooster Lodge, No. 79, Past Master; Franklin Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council, No. 8, R. & S. M., Past Thrice Illustrious Master; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T., Past Eminent Commander; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, A. & A. S. R., Valorous Junior Grand Warden; Elm City Council, P. of J., A. & A. S. R., Most Excellent Senior Grand Warden; New Haven Chapter Rose Croix, A. & A. S. R., Most Wise and Perfect Master; Lafayette Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, A. & A. S. R., Second Lieutenant Commander; Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors—General of the thirty-third and last degree of A. & A. S. R. For some time he has been auditor in the Grand Lodge of Masons of Connecti-

cut, and is one of the managers of the Masonic and Odd Fellows Home. In his religious belief he is an Episcopalian, and is now serving as a vestryman in Trinity Church.

ALONZO GRANNISS was born March 27, 1820, in Waterbury, where he still resides, at his home on Prospect street, honored and respected by all who know him, and hale and hearty at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

Simeon Granniss, grandfather of Alonzo, was a native of New Haven county, Conn., and on marrying settled in Naugatuck, New Haven county, where he reared a family of five children, who were born in the following order: Emerilla married Leverett Benham; Polly married Lemuel Austin; Estella became the wife of Friend Sanford; Caleb was the father of Alonzo, our subject; Simeon settled in New York State, and was a farmer by occupation.

Caleb Granniss was doubtless born in Naugatuck, and was reared to blacksmithing and shoe-making. He married Miss Ruth Arnst, a native of Naugatuck, and a daughter of John Arnst, who came from France as captain's mate, and was the first professional tailor to settle at Salem Bridge, in that town. To Caleb Granniss and his wife were born children as follows: Edward was a carpenter and joiner in New York State, where his death took place (he served gallantly throughout the Civil war); Marshall was a mechanic in Waterbury, Conn., where he passed his life; James M. was a mechanic in Waterbury; Sarah became the wife of Frank Curtiss, and later married a Mr. Basford, and is still living; Alonzo is our subject. After the death of Caleb Granniss, the father of this family, his widow was united in marriage with Joseph Cook, to whom she bore two children: An infant that died unnamed and Sarah. She passed the remainder of her life in Waterbury.

Alonzo Granniss migrated back and forth with his parents between Waterbury and Salem Bridge (Naugatuck), and was a child when they last moved to the latter town. There he had his home for four years, when with his mother he returned to Waterbury, his father having died in the meantime. Here he has since resided. Mr. Granniss did not enjoy to any great extent the advantages of early education. At the early age of twelve years, or in 1832, he went to work in the factory of Benedict & Burnham, was shrewd and showed marked ability, and when sixteen years of age was made foreman of the rolling department, which position he held until 1893, making a continuous service of fifty-nine years—an unprecedented length of time in one employ in Waterbury.

In 1837 Mr. Granniss was married to Miss Esther D. Payne, who lived in the village of Prospect, New Haven Co., Conn., but was born in Ohio, a daughter of Silas Payne. This marriage was crowned with four children, viz.: Margaret, who

died at the age of nine years; Frederick A., who survives; and two that died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Granniss have been united in matrimony for sixty-five years, and together have attended the Episcopal Church that long period of time. In politics he was a Democrat in his early days, but of late he has affiliated with the Republican party. He has served his fellow townsmen six or seven years as a member of the council and as a member of the board of relief, as street commissioner, and was one of the organizers of the Mattatuck Engine Company, in 1839. He has never belonged to any of the fraternities. He has always relied on his own sterling integrity, and no man in Waterbury has ever been more respected for this than himself.

Hon. Frederick A. Granniss, only surviving child of Alonzo Granniss, was born Oct. 18, 1851, attended school in New Haven, in Litchfield, the Gunn School of Washington, Conn., the Episcopal Academy in Cheshire (Military Academy), and also a commercial college in Hartford, being better prepared in this respect, for the activities of business, than his father had been. He was educated practically in politics, and early became an adherent of the Republican party. In 1884 he was the Republican representative of the town of Cheshire in the State Legislature, but since then he has been attending to his father's and his own real-estate matters, being the owner of considerable real estate. Fraternally Hon. Frederick A. Granniss is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M., of Cheshire, and also of the Waterbury Club.

On May 3, 1873, occurred the marriage of Frederick A. Granniss and Fannie Charlotte McIntire, of Ottawa, Canada, a daughter of Thomas McIntire, and of Scottish descent. This union has been blessed with one child, Margaret McIntire, who is a musician of marked ability. She has been presented by her grandfather, Alonzo Granniss, with a Steiner violin over 200 years old, which was selected by Prof. Hermann, of New York City, from the collection of Dr. Von Derhor, of Europe. The summer home of Hon. Frederick A. Granniss is at Pine Orchard, Connecticut.

WALTER H. ZINK, M. D. (deceased), one of the oldest and most prominent physicians of Branford, New Haven county, was a man whose intellectual acquirements, professional character and enthusiasm, and open, candid countenance won the confidence and retained the respect of the public. His was a genial spirit, and he was very companionable, mingling freely in society, and taking an active and helpful interest in local affairs.

Dr. Zink was born in Nuremberg, Germany, March 21, 1841, son of Charles Frederick and Anna Maria (Ernst) Zink, the father a government forest master in the Province of Nuremberg. He was a son of Philip Zink, also a government forest master. Walter Zink was thoroughly educated in his

native country, passing through the preparatory schools with credit, and in 1858 entering the University at Wurzburg, from the Medical Department of which he was graduated in 1862, with honor. In the fall of 1863 young Zink came to America, locating in New York, where he took a post-graduate course in Columbia College and practiced until interested in the Civil war. The cause of the Union aroused his enthusiasm for liberty and progress, and he was almost immediately given the post of surgeon and attached to the 5th Army Corps, then under the command of Gen. Warner, of Virginia. He continued to discharge the trying duties of that position for some two years, gaining a valuable knowledge of surgery and the practical application of medicine. During one of the fierce fights, while he was caring for a wounded soldier, a spent bullet struck him in the eye. Dr. Zink did not stop, but continued his work on the patient before him until the leg was properly set, and then discovered that for the rest of his life he would be deprived of the sight of one eye. The Doctor was very popular with the soldiers, as might be expected on account of his self-forgetfulness and devotion to his work. When the war was ended Dr. Zink returned to peaceful life and settled in New York, where he married, in the fall of 1865, and made his home in Newtown, L. I. After eleven years and seven months he went to Trenton, where he lived one year, and then moved to Branford. For over eleven years of his residence in Newtown he acted as the local health officer. Upon the death of Dr. Hall he came to Branford, in 1878, and until his death, Aug. 26, 1900, at the age of fifty-nine years, was a familiar and beloved presence in the homes of the people, and by the bedside of the sick. A kindly heart and a sympathetic spirit animated all his work, and he brought to the healing of the sick all the resources of his great profession. He enjoyed a patronage highly complimentary to his medical skill.

In Branford Dr. Zink was actively interested in public affairs and filled many positions of honor and trust, having been at different times justice of the peace (ten years in all), member of the school board, acting school visitor and health officer. The Doctor belonged to numerous social orders in the city, and his funeral was conducted by Widows' Sons' Lodge, F. & A. M. He was an honored member of the I. O. O. F.; of Woodland Lodge, No. 39, K. P., in which he was first commander of the castle; and of Mason Rogers Post, G. A. R., in which he held the office of post surgeon from the time of organization; he was post surgeon of the State for twelve years prior to his decease. Professionally the Doctor held membership with the New Haven Medical Society and the Connecticut State Medical Society. In religion he united with the Lutheran Church. The Doctor's death was caused by a cancer of the stomach, with which he had been afflicted some two

years. The indomitable strength and courage of the man is manifest in the fact that he continued his active practice until about six weeks before his death.

Dr. Zink was married, Sept. 25, 1864, to Caroline A. Milling, daughter of Philip and Katherine (daughter of Lord Sminke) Milling, natives of Hessen-Cassel, Germany, and residents of the city of New York. To this union were born five children, three of whom survive: (1) Charles E., who graduated from the University of Vermont, and from the Medical Department of Baltimore University, in 1900; (2) Louisa A., who married Benjamin F. Hosley, warden of the borough; and (3) Walter R.

HARVEY G. DENNISTON. The family of Denniston is of Scotch-Irish descent. The progenitors of the American branch emigrated from Scotland and from County Longford, Ireland.

Abraham Denniston, the grandfather of Harvey G., was a farmer in Orange county, New York, where he was born, as was also his wife, Bathsheba Goldsmith. There they died, and there, too, they reared their three children, Harvey, Lydia and Goldsmith. The eldest son, Harvey, was a farmer, like his father, and passed his life in the county where he was born. Lydia married Aaron P. Johnes, an importer of, and wholesale dealer in, dry goods in New York City.

Goldsmith Denniston, the father of Harvey G., was born at Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y., in 1801. He was educated at Union and Princeton Colleges. After a short time spent at farming, he removed to Newburgh, N. Y., and later to Steuben county, that State. He passed away in 1878, while on a visit to his son, Harvey G. Denniston. He was a man of prominence, and served many years as county judge of Orange county. A staunch Whig, he was active in the affairs of his party, was for a long time chairman of the New York State Central Committee, and was a personal friend of Henry Clay, with whom he was in frequent correspondence, as well as with Webster, Calhoun and other leading statesmen and politicians of the day. About 1825 he married a second cousin, Fanny Denniston, of Orange county, who died in 1865. To their marriage were born three sons, of whom Abraham, the eldest, was a soldier in the Union army, during the war of the Rebellion, and lost his life in the service, in 1863. Aaron, born in Newburgh, N. Y., in 1840, is a farmer and justice of the peace in Steuben county, New York.

Harvey G. Denniston was born at Blooming Grove, Aug. 23, 1829. He passed his youth in Newburgh, N. Y., and received a collegiate education, graduating from Union College in 1846. The eight years following his graduation he passed in the employ of the wholesale dry-goods house of Johnes, Otis & Co., of New York City, the head of

which firm was his uncle. His preference, however, was for a professional life, and in 1854 he commenced the study of law in Hammondsport, Steuben Co., N. Y. He was admitted to the Bar in Poughkeepsie, and began practice at Branchport, Yates Co., N. Y. The outbreak of the Rebellion stirred his patriotism to its depths, and his impassioned oratory was constantly brought to bear in scathing and effective denunciation of slavery and secession. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in Co. H, 107th N. Y. V. I., and was mustered into the service in August following. While serving with this regiment he took part in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Falling Waters and Lookout Mountain. In 1864 he resigned his lieutenancy in the 107th, having received a captain's commission in the 188th, which regiment he joined on October 7 of that year. After the first battle, at Hatcher's Run, he was made assistant adjutant general of the Second Brigade, First Division, 5th Army Corps. Later he was appointed to the same position for the Fifth Corps, and was successively brevetted lieutenant colonel, colonel and brigadier general. He participated in the second engagement at Hatcher's Run and in the raid on the Weldon Railroad; was under fire at Lewis Farm, Boydton Plank Road, Gravelly Run and Five Forks; and was present at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox.

General Denniston was a soldier of magnificent qualities. Naturally impulsive and of doubtless courage, in action he was cool, determined, resolute and always ready to lead where his command was threatened with danger. In a work published in Hartford, and entitled "The Battle Flag," the following description of his conduct in battle is given: "Major H. G. Denniston has a gold badge which was presented to him on the field of battle. At the close of the fight at Five Forks, Va., a short time before the end of the war, Major General Charles Griffin commanded. It was supposed that the contest was over, when the enemy opened a sharp musketry fire on the right. General Griffin turned to Major Denniston, who was then assistant adjutant general of the Second Brigade, and said, 'Stop that little firing.' A detail from the First and Second Brigades was assigned for the duty, and Major Denniston and his command advanced upon the Confederate forces. The conflict was short, but exceedingly sharp. About four hundred Federal soldiers fell. In the end, however, the enemy was driven back and four guns and a number of prisoners fell into Major Denniston's hands. On his return he simply reported, with characteristic modesty, 'General, we have stopped that little firing.' Instantly the commanding officer unpinned from his breast the red and gold badge of the First Division, and presented it to the brave officer in recognition of his intrepid service. The badge bears the inscription: 'Capt. H. G. Denniston, A. A. General; presented by Major General Charles

Griffin, at Five Forks.'" General Denniston also enjoys the distinction of being one of the fifty officers to whom the New York Legislature awarded richly-painted diplomas, in testimonial of gallant, devoted service.

At the end of the war General Denniston returned to New York and resumed the practice of law, settling in Steuben county. In 1872 he married Miss Emogene A. Tuttle, a daughter of Philemon Tuttle, of Naugatuck. Thereupon he removed to that town, and, abandoning the law, for some time devoted his time to civil and electrical engineering. He has, however, retired from active pursuits, and in a serene old age is enjoying a well-earned rest. He is an independent in politics, while his religious affiliation is with the Congregational Church. He is an influential member of the G. A. R., but is connected with no other fraternal organization. Himself intelligent and well educated, he takes a lively interest in educational matters, and has been prominently identified therewith. In private life he is genial and warm-hearted, courteous and affable.

General and Mrs. Denniston have one son, Franklin T., who was born in 1882.

HOMER HEBER WELTON, one of Waterville's best-known citizens, is the possessor of a handsome property, and is enabled to spend his declining years in the pleasurable enjoyment of his accumulations. The record of his early life is that of an active, enterprising, methodical and sagacious business man, who bent his energies to the honorable acquirement of a comfortable competence for himself and family.

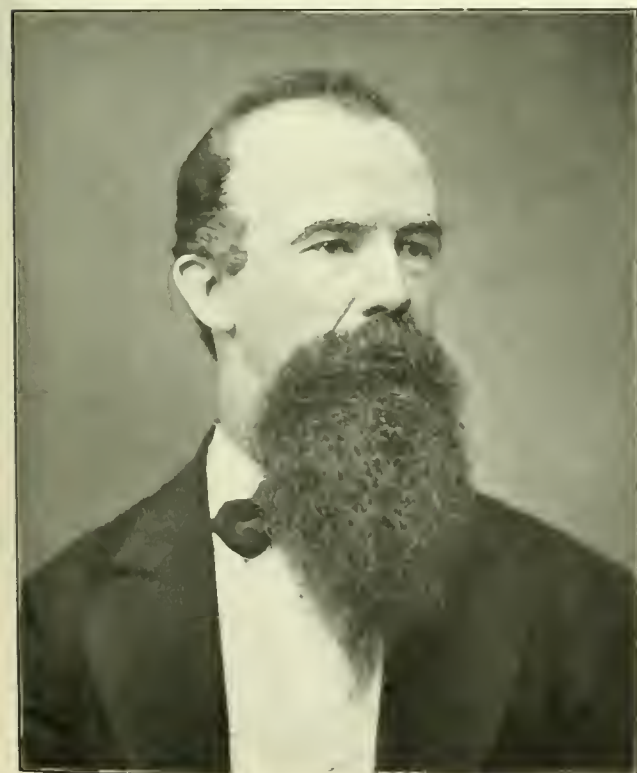
Mr. Welton was born at the old family homestead on Bunker Hill, Waterbury, Feb. 22, 1837. The progenitor of this family in America was John Welton, who came to this country from England or Wales about 1667, and was married while crossing the Atlantic to Miss Mary Upson, a native of England. They located first in Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn., and about 1679 came to Waterbury, New Haven county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Mr. Welton dying here June 18, 1726, his wife Oct. 18, 1716. Their remains were interred in Hartford. In their family were ten children, namely: Abigail married Cornelius Bronson; Mary married John Richards; Elizabeth married Thomas Griffin, of Simsbury, Conn.; John married a Miss Buck, of Wethersfield, Conn., a daughter of Ezekiel Buck; Stephen married Mary Gaylord, daughter of Joseph Gaylord; Richard, the next in order of birth, is mentioned below; Hannah, born April 1, 1683, married Thomas Squires; Thomas, born Feb. 4, 1684, married Hannah Gaylord, a daughter of Joseph Gaylord; George, born Feb. 3, 1686, married Elizabeth Mallory, of Stratford; and Elsie, born Aug. 16, 1698, married a Mr. Griffin, of Simsbury. The first five were born in Farmington, the others in Waterbury.



Joseph M. Welton



MRS. MARY S. WELTON.



Homer H. Welton



Mrs H. H. Welton

Richard Welton, son of John, was born in Waterbury Sept. 27, 1679, the first male child of European parentage born in Waterbury, and there spent his entire life, engaged in farming, dying in 1755. He married, Mary Upson, who was born March 5, 1683, a daughter of Stephen and Mary (Lee) Upson, and granddaughter of John Lee, of Farmington. Nine children came to this union: Richard, born Jan. 5, 1701 (married Anna, daughter of Jonathan Fenton); John, born July 13, 1703; Stephen, born March 12, 1706; Mary, born June 1, 1708 (married Ebenezer Warner); Thomas, born Oct. 25, 1710; Keziah, born Dec. 1, 1713 (married A. Warner); Eliakim, born Jan. 21, 1715 (mentioned below); Tabitha, born Feb. 17, 1721 (married Edward Neal); and Ede, born April 24, 1729 (married a Mr. Lewis).

Eliakim Welton, son of Richard, spent his entire life in Waterbury, and owned and operated a large tract of land on Bucks Hill, making farming his principal occupation. He died Nov. 20, 1794, and was buried on Bucks Hill. He married Eunice, daughter of Moses and Jane (Wiah) Bronson, and to this union came the following children: Eliakim, born Sept. 22, 1736, married Amy Baldwin; Eunice, born Oct. 19, 1738, married David Roberts; Avis, born Aug. 13, 1740, married Thaddeus Barnes; Richard, born Oct. 10, 1743, is mentioned below; Eli, born Oct. 10, 1746, married Ann Baldwin; Moses was born June 25, 1749; Aaron, born Feb. 19, 1752, married Zerah Bronson; Benoni died unmarried; and Benjamin Lewis, born Feb. 18, 1756, died in infancy.

Richard Welton, son of Eliakim, was a life-long resident of Waterbury, where he died Feb. 26, 1820. He was married April 27, 1766, to Margaret Warner, and they had two children: Noah, born Feb. 15, 1767; and Richard Warner, born Oct. 10, 1768, who died Dec. 14, 1768. The wife and mother died Oct. 19, 1768, and subsequently Richard Welton married Hannah Davis, who died Dec. 11, 1839, aged ninety-four years. By the second union there were seven children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Richard, May 10, 1770 (married Sarah Sunn); Margaret, July 2, 1772 (wife of Daniel Steel); Thomas, Dec. 8, 1774; Lydia, April 1, 1777 (married David Roberts and died Aug. 31, 1828); Hannah, Oct. 10, 1779 (wife of David Warner); Joseph Davis, April 15, 1783; Bela, Sept. 9, 1787.

Joseph Davis Welton, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Waterbury, was ordained a deacon Dec. 18, 1802, and priest of the Episcopal Church Dec. 23, 1810. He had charge of churches in Woodbury and Easton, but in 1819, on account of ill health, was obliged to give up the work of the ministry. He then returned to Waterbury and located upon his father-in-law's farm, which was formerly the Zara Warden place, where he spent the remainder of his life, conducting a private school, where he fitted many young men for college.

He died Jan. 16, 1825, and in St. John's Episcopal church, Waterbury, there has been erected to his memory a baptismal font of carved marble, presented by Hobert V. Welton. He married Eunice Tomlinson, a daughter of Victory Tomlinson. She was born April 27, 1788, and died Feb. 20, 1832.

Joseph Welton, father of our subject, was born May 15, 1814, and was the third in order of birth in a family of four children. He received an excellent education, and at the age of fourteen years, while still in school, made a careful survey and prepared an outline map of the Green, in Waterbury Center, which is still preserved, and has furnished useful information for the history of Waterbury. He spent his entire life in that town, where he owned a large tract of land. After residing at his birthplace on the Wolcott road until 1836, he removed to the west side of the Naugatuck River, to Bunker Hill, where he made his home throughout the remainder of his life, devoting his time to agricultural pursuits. As a business venture he and Leonard Platt imported a large number of Norway spruce trees, some of which are still growing upon his farm. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and religiously he was a member of the Episcopal Church. He died May 1, 1894, honored and respected by all who knew him, and was laid to rest in Riverside cemetery. He was married Jan. 20, 1836, to Miss Mary S. Pierpont, a daughter of Seabury Pierpont, a well-known and highly-respected citizen of Waterbury. Of the three children born of this union our subject is the eldest; Eunice C., born Oct. 7, 1839, married Orrin Scott, and for her second husband, Lewis Garrigus; Lucy A., born Nov. 14, 1841, married A. B. Pierpont.

Homer Heber Welton, the subject proper of this review, was educated in the district schools of Waterbury, and also attended the Waterbury Academy and high school. While very young he was in the field with his father one day. When he started for home he lost his way in the woods, and kept traveling all night. When his parents discovered the loss the church bells of Waterbury were rung as an alarm, and many searching parties were sent out. He was finally found, early the next morning, near Oakville, by Charles D. Kingsbury, father of Frederick J. Kingsbury, of Waterbury. He was at that time only four years old, and although he never saw his rescuer again for thirty-two years he remembered him at once as the man who had found him in the woods, Mr. Kingsbury being very tall. During his minority Mr. Welton aided his father in the work of the farm, and also taught school during the winter months at Bunker Hill, and East Side, Watertown. He worked in Wheeler & Wilson's sewing machine factory one and a half years. At the age of twenty-four he went to Hartford, where he worked in the Sharps rifle factory during the Civil war, and later was employed in the pin factory at Oakville for one year. He then came to

Waterville, where he embarked in the cutlery business in partnership with Messrs. Sprague and Boyden, continuing thus for ten years, and when he retired from the firm, in 1876, he became a contractor for a portion of their work and was so engaged for sixteen years. He is now practically living a retired life, though managing his father's estate on Bunker Hill and other property. Mr. Welton learned no trade, but worked as a machinist, tool-maker, and clock and watch repairer from boyhood. He spent his evenings at taxidermy (being the only one in the town engaged in that work), though he has never seen anyone else stuff a bird or other animal. In his collection are three scarlet tanagers that he shot on Lincoln's fast day; a night heron shot in front of the residence of Harriet Beecher Stowe, in Hartford, while it was in process of erection; a pair of the first pine grosbeaks seen in Waterbury; and the first mealy redpole on record in the State. He has made his greatest success doing his work in an original way, accomplishing more and better work with less outlay.

In 1868, in New York, Mr. Welton was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Jennette Garrigus, a native of Morristown, N. J., and a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Sheppard) Garrigus. To this union have been born three children: (1) Julia A. is now the wife of Walter Warner, a minister of the Adventist Church of Portland, Oregon, and they have three children, Ethel M., Harold and Millard. (2) Joseph Dennison is a resident of Waterville, and a member of Goodwill Lodge, K. of P. He married Martha Leapean, and they have two children, Clifford and Edith. (3) Edith J., the youngest child of our subject, died at the age of eight years.

Mr. Welton is a member of Mad River Grange, the Sons of Temperance, and St. John's Episcopal Church. His estimable wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Waterbury. They are people of prominence in the community where they reside, and are held in high regard by all who know them. In political sentiment Mr. Welton is a Republican.

ELLIS BENJAMIN BAKER, general superintendent of the Southern New England Telephone Co., now residing in New Haven, has taken prominent place among the business men of that city. He is a representative man of Connecticut, descended from two of the most respected families in the State, and was born Sept. 24, 1854, at Winsted, son of John F. and Clarissa (Benjamin) Baker.

(1) Anthony Baker, the first of his paternal ancestors of whom we have record, was born about 1740. He was a Tory, and he and three of his sons—Jesse, Simon and Anthony, Jr.—fought in the Revolution on the British side. After the close of the war many Tories were given grants of land in the British possessions, and it is said that Anthony and his family, with the exception of Scott, who

ran away and settled in Bridgeport, left the States and went to Nova Scotia. Anthony Baker had eight children: Jesse, Simeon, Anthony, Jr., Scott, Samuel, Lizzie, Sarah and Hannah.

(II) Scott Baker, born in 1768, died Sept. 19, 1852. He was a tanner and shoemaker by occupation. In 1790 he married Sarah Loveland, who was born in Glastonbury, Conn., and they had two children: Asa, born in 1791; and Jesse, born Sept. 18, 1794. Mrs. Baker's father, also a native of Glastonbury, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and died while in the army, at Roxbury, Mass., Oct. 24, 1775. For his second wife Mr. Baker married Mary Beush (or Beach). About 1810 Scott Baker and his family moved to Bakersville, Conn., where he died.

(III) Asa Baker followed farming. He was married, at South Salem, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1813, to Deborah Keeler, who was born in December, 1789, and died in New Hartford, Conn., Dec. 24, 1871. He died in Granville, Mass., Sept. 30, 1833. Their children were: William Swayze, born Nov. 28, 1814; Sarah, in September, 1816; John Fletcher, in October, 1817; Scott, March 2, 1819; Charles Linus, July 4, 1824; and Emily.

(IV) John F. Baker, born in Hartford, passed the greater part of his life in Winsted. He was married, in Salisbury, Conn., April 18, 1847, to Clarissa Benjamin, who was born in Sheffield, Mass., July 29, 1824. She died at New Haven, Conn., Oct. 16, 1890, and he died at Bristol, Conn., March 11, 1895. Three children blessed their union: Emerson John, born Feb. 18, 1848, who died Oct. 8, 1849; Emma Clarissa, born Sept. 25, 1850, who died Sept. 8, 1851; and Ellis Benjamin, born Sept. 24, 1854.

Through his mother Ellis B. Baker is descended from the ancient family of Benjamin, whose pedigree is traced back to the time of William the Conqueror. (1) John Benjamin, the first of the name in America, born in 1598, came over from England to Boston in the ship "Lion." Capt. Mason, on Sept. 16, 1632, with his wife, Abigail Eddy, two children and his brother Richard. Richard, in 1663, moved to Southold, Long Island, with his wife and daughter Ann, who was born Sept. 1, 1643. He was made a Connecticut freeman in 1664, and his descendants are influential in Queens county (N. Y.) politics at the present time. John and his wife, Abigail, and their children, John and Abigail, soon moved to Cambridge, where they owned considerable real estate. John was made a freeman Nov. 6, 1632, and was appointed constable by the General Court on May 20, 1633. Of him the history of Stratford, Conn., says: "John Benjamin, Esquire, Gentleman, was the first of that name who came to America. His ancestors were Welsh, and were among the first of the landed gentry of England. He came in company with Gov. Winthrop to the Massachusetts Colony and settled in Watertown, adjoining the present Cam-

bridge, where he died in 1645. His house, accidentally destroyed by fire, was unsurpassed in elegance and comfort by any in the vicinity. It was a mansion of intelligence, refinement, religion and hospitality, visited by the clergy of all denominations from far and near." In 1637 he removed to Watertown, where he died June 14, 1645; it is supposed at an advanced age, as he was excused from military duty eleven years before. His will is abstracted in the *Geneal. Register* III, 177. Abigail, his wife, died May 20, 1687, at the age of eighty-seven. Children: John, born about 1620, died Dec. 22, 1706; Abigail was born about 1624; Samuel, born about 1628, died in 1669; Mary died April 10, 1646; Joseph was born Sept. 16, 1633; Joshua, born about 1642, died in 1684; Abel.

(II) Joseph Benjamin, son of John and Abigail Benjamin, born at Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 16, 1633, married, at Barnstable, Mass., June 10, 1661, Jemima Lambert, daughter of Thomas Lambert. She died there, and he removed to Yarmouth, where, previous to Dec. 7, 1668, he married (second) Sarah Clark. He removed to New London, Conn., where he died in 1704. Children: Abigail; Hannah, born in February, 1668; Mary, born in April, 1670; Joseph, born in 1673; Mercy, born March 12, 1674; Elizabeth, born Jan. 14, 1680; John, born in 1682, who died Aug. 2, 1716; Jemima; Sarah; Kezia.

(III) Joseph Benjamin, son of Joseph and Sarah Benjamin, born at Yarmouth, Mass., or New London, Conn., about 1673, married, Aug. 25, 1698, Elizabeth Cook. Children: Obed, born Aug. 15, 1701; Elizabeth, November, 1703; Joseph, 1705; Sarah, Jan. 17, 1707; Grace, Jan. 10, 1709; Jedediah, July 15, 1711; Daniel, Sept. 7, 1714; John; Abiel, Dec. 17, 1716.

(IV) Joseph Benjamin, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Benjamin, born at Preston, Conn., in 1705, was married, at Preston, Conn., April 3, 1722, to Deborah Clark. He died about 1803. She died at Mount Washington, or Egremont, Mass., at the home of her son Nathan. Children: Joseph, born Dec. 17, 1723; Elizabeth, June 8, 1725; James, April 3, 1727; Barzillai, March 28, 1730; Deborah, March 26, 1732; Josiah, March 13, 1734; Nathan, April 19, 1737; Mary, June 22, 1739; Isaac, April 15, 1742.

(V) Joseph Benjamin, son of Joseph and Deborah Benjamin, born at Preston, Conn., Dec. 17, 1723, married, at Preston, Abigail Dibble. He settled at Hampton, Conn. Some of his children removed to Mount Washington, Mass. Children: William, born June 18, 1748; Samuel, in December, 1749; Peleg, March 5, 1752; Judah, July 8, 1755; Mary, about 1757. The last four were baptized at Hampton, Conn., Sept. 3, 1758.

(VI) Judah Benjamin, son of Joseph and Abigail Benjamin, born at Hampton, Conn., July 8, 1755, removed to Mount Washington, Mass., about 1760, with his brothers William, Samuel and Peleg,

and his sister Mary. He served as a private in the Connecticut militia in the Revolutionary war, from July 10, 1778, to July 14, 1779. He was married, about 1782, and had at least two children. In 1819 he resided in Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y. He died Aug. 16, 1834, in Pike township, Bradford Co., Pa., leaving a widow, Susan, who might have been his second wife. Children: Orange, born Jan. 26, 1784; and Lavinia, who married a Wooden. The following letters explain themselves:

State of Connecticut.
Adjutant General's Office,
Hartford, Feb. 16, 1898.

MR. E. B. BAKER,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir—This is to certify that Judah Benjamin served in the Revolutionary war, and the following is said service, according to the records of this office.

On page 378. Conn. Men in the Revolution:

Judah Benjamin, a private, enlisted July 10, 1778. Term of service, one year; from town of Milford; occupation, shoemaker; stature, 5 feet, seven in.; complexion, dark; eyes, grey; hair, dark; discharged in 5th Troop, Col. Elisha Sheldon's Light Dragoons, 177. —83.

Its field of service during war generally the East side of the Hudson, along the Westchester front. Occasionally its companies served at different points. In the spring of 1777 Major Tallmadge joined Washington in New Jersey with two troops and fought at Germantown, October 4th. At the same time, Captain Seymour with his troop was serving under Gates against Burgoyne. The other troops were under Putnam's command at Peekskill.

In the spring of 1778, the regiment was on the Hudson, and in the fall formed part of Gen. Charles Scott's Light Corps, on the lines in Winchester.

On page 535, same book, appears the following:

Judah Benjamin; a private in Captain Caleb Mix's Company. Arrived in camp July 17, 1778, in Colonel Moseley's Regiment.

Two militia regiments were ordered to the Hudson soon after the battle of Monmouth, June 28, 1778, and were stationed at different points, such as Fort Clinton, West Point. They were commanded by Colonel Moseley and Colonel Enos.

On page 641, same book, the name of Judah Benjamin appears as a Connecticut pensioner, Act of 1818, and as residing in New York.

In testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto the seal of this office.

[Signed]
WM. E. F. LANDERS,
Col. and Asst. Adjutant General.

Record and Pension Office,
War Department,
Washington, April 4, 1898.

MR. E. B. BAKER,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir—The records of this office show that one Judah Benjamin served as a private in Captain Caleb Mix's detachment of Connecticut militia, commanded by Colonel Increase Moseley, Revolutionary war. He enlisted July 10, 1778, to serve two months; re-enlisted July 17, 1778, in Captain John Shethar's troop, 2d Regiment of Light Dragoons, Continental troops, commanded by Colonel Elisha Sheldon, to serve one year, and he was discharged July 14, 1779.

The following remarks appear on the records: "State of Connecticut;" "Town of Milford;" "trade, shoemaker;" "stature, 5 ft. 7 in.;" "complex., dark; eyes, grey; hair, dark." No further information relative to his service has been found on record.

In view of the statement that the soldier was a pensioner, it is suggested as a possibility that additional in-

formation may be obtained from the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C., who is the custodian of the pension records of all wars, and whose office is separate and distinct from the Record and Pension Office of the War Department.

By authority of the Secretary of War,
[Signed] F. C. AINSWORTH,
Colonel U. S. Army, Chief of Office.

Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Pensions,
Washington, April 15, 1898.

MR. E. B. BAKER,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir—Replying to your recent communication, you are advised that Judah Benjamin made an application for pension on Oct. 11, 1819, at which time he was sixty-five years of age, and residing at Hamilton, N. Y., and his pension was allowed for one year's actual service as a private in the Connecticut troops, Revolutionary War; a part of the time he served under Col. Sheldon. He enlisted at Claremont, N. H.

Very respectfully,
[Signed] H. CLAY EVANS,
Commissioner.

Treasury Department,
Office of the Auditor for the Interior Department,
Washington, May 5, 1898.

MR. E. B. BAKER,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir—In reply to your letter of May 3rd, in case of Judah Benjamin, Certificate 15762, New York and Penna. Agencies, Revolutionary roll, you are informed that the records of this office show payment to have been made at \$8.00 per month in September, 1834, to August 16, 1834, date of death.

The pensioner died on the above date at Pike township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, leaving a widow Susan Benjamin, to whom the accrued pension was paid as above stated.

In July, 1820, pensioner resided at Hamilton, Madison County, New York.

Respectfully, yours,
[Signed] WM. YOUNGBLOOD,
Auditor.

(VII) Orange Benjamin, son of Judah Benjamin, born at Mount Washington, Mass., Jan. 26, 1784, married, at Sheffield, Mass., March 10, 1811, Clarissa Thorp. He died at Dover, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1846. She died at Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1852. Children: Joseph Seymour, born Dec. 3, 1811, died June 20, 1870; Hiram, born July 26, 1813, died Nov. 11, 1850; Mary, born July 15, 1815; Laura, born June 4, 1817, died June 20, 1859; Harriet Whipple, born July 8, 1819, died May 20, 1834; Jane, born July 20, 1822; Clarissa, born July 29, 1824, died Oct. 16, 1890 (the mother of Ellis B. Baker); Orange, born March 8, 1828; John Peck, born Oct. 10, 1830; Richard Graham, born Dec. 14, 1833.

The following in regard to Ellis B. Baker appeared in "Telegraphers of To-day": "Like most boys who have achieved success in business, he left home at an early age. His first employment was in the job room of the *Winsted Herald*, where he acquired a thorough knowledge of the trade. At the age of fifteen years he entered the employ of Beardsley & Alvord, a firm engaged in general

business in West Winsted, where he served three years as a clerk. In 1872 he entered the employ of Edward Miller & Co., of Meriden, holding the position of paymaster, and also acting as telegraph operator on the firm's New York wire.

"In the early part of 1878 Mr. Baker introduced the first set of telephones into Meriden. He soon saw the possibilities of the telephone, and on January 31st of that year he opened the Meriden District Telephone Exchange, which is said to be the second exchange opened in the world.

"Upon the consolidation of the Western Union and the Bell Telephone interests, in 1881, he was offered the position of general superintendent of the Connecticut Telephone Co., with headquarters at New Haven, which position he has held for the past seventeen years, during which time the corporation became the Southern New England Telephone Company, with the State of Connecticut as its territory.

"Mr. Baker is also the superintendent of the Connecticut Telegraph Company, a corporation operating several hundred miles of telegraph wires throughout the State of Connecticut. He was, for several years before his removal to New Haven, the superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, at Meriden."

On Sept. 21, 1876, Mr. Baker was united in marriage with Mary Gorham Frost, who was born at Bristol, Conn., Nov. 11, 1856, and two children have been born to them: Ellis Benjamin, July 24, 1877; and Carroll Frost, Jan. 2, 1880. The former is at Meriden, Conn., the latter at Springfield, Mass. Mr. Baker is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Hiram Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., Franklin Chapter, Harmony Council, New Haven Commandery, and E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, A. & A. S. R. He is a member of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guards, being a member of Major Clark's staff; of the Old Guard of New York; of Putnam Phalanx, Hartford; of the Pequot Association, New Haven; and of the Connecticut Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

FRANK POTTER, a successful farmer and market gardener of Waterbury, is a native of that town, born on the old Potter homestead in what is now Hopeville, Nov. 19, 1826.

Rev. Samuel Potter, his father, was born Sept. 23, 1778, a son of Lenuel and Rachel (Perkins) Potter; he was a prominent Baptist minister of his day, and was pastor of the Salem Church in the town of Waterbury, and also ministered to the spiritual wants of the people at Woodbridge, Conn., but made his home near Pearl Lake, Waterbury, where our subject now resides, and there he died Dec. 5, 1833, being laid to rest in Brackett cemetery. In 1799 he married Leva Judd, daughter of Roswell Judd, and to them were born two children: Samuel Darius, born Dec. 15, 1799, died in June,

1803; and Leva Maria, born July 25, 1801, married M. Baldwin. The mother of these died, and for his second wife Rev. Samuel Potter married Chloe Brockett, March 14, 1803. Our subject was the youngest child born of this union. The oldest, a son, was born in May, 1804, and died same month; Roxana, born June 23, 1805, married M. D. Root; Samuel, born April 25, 1807, died March 7, 1894; Zenas, born Aug. 8, 1809, wedded Mary Hotchkiss, and died Jan. 11, 1856; Thomas Perkins, born Nov. 12, 1811, died May 22, 1822; Miller, born July 27, 1813; Isaac Fuller, born July 23, 1815; Wilson, born June 19, 1817; Dr. Gano, born July 19, 1819; Chloe, born Sept. 13, 1821, married W. G. Chase; and Thomas Perkins, born June 2, 1824, died March 8, 1848.

On the maternal side Frank Potter is descended from John Brockett, a native of England, who was one of the early settlers of New England, and removed from New Haven to Wallingford in 1667 with John Moss. He was chosen by the people of New Haven as one of the committee to manage the affairs of the settlement. He filled many public positions in the village, and represented it in the General Court after its incorporation. He died in Wallingford, March 12, 1689, aged eighty years. His children were John B., who was born in England, and became a physician at Muddy River, North Haven; Benjamin, born in 1648, who married Lydia Elcock, and died May 22, 1679; Abigail, born March 10, 1649; Samuel, born Jan. 14, 1650; Jabez, born Oct. 24, 1654, who was married Nov. 20, 1691, to Dorothy Lyman; Silence, wife of Joseph Bradley; and Mary, wife of William Pennington, of New Jersey.

Samuel Brockett, son of John, was married, Nov. 21, 1680, to Sarah Bradley, and they had seven children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Samuel, Feb. 15, 1682; Daniel, Sept. 30, 1684; John, Nov. 8, 1685; Joseph, Oct. 25, 1688; Josiah, July 25, 1691; Alice, April 23, 1693; and Josiah, July 25, 1698. The last named married Deborah Abbott, and John married Huldah Ells.

Samuel Brockett (2nd), son of Samuel, was married, April 15, 1699, to Rachel Brown, who died Jan. 24, 1718, and on Aug. 5, 1718, he married Elizabeth Howe. In his family were the following children: Titus, who was born June 28, 1700, and wedded Mary Turnhand; Sarah, born Aug. 26, 1702; Isaac, who was born Sept. 3, 1705, and was married, June 16, 1733, to Mary Sedgwick; Rachel, born March 20, 1708; Abigail, born Feb. 11, 1711; and Samuel, born June 21, 1714.

Samuel Brockett (3rd), son of Samuel (2nd), married and by his wife, Ruth, became the father of six children, namely: Eunice, born Jan. 15, 1744; Zuer, born March 24, 1746; Joel, born June 14, 1749, died in infancy; Joel, born July 28, 1750, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war; Zenas,

born July 12, 1752; and Benjamin, born Oct. 1, 1760.

Zenas Brockett, son of Samuel (3rd), was born and reared in Wallingford, and when a young man came to Waterbury, locating on what is now known as Brockett Hill, near Pearl Lake, where he purchased a large tract of land from the Indians for a small consideration. He was a farmer by occupation, and was well known and highly respected as a man of sterling integrity, upright and true in all his dealings, and he was beloved by all who knew him. He was one of the first members of the Baptist Church in the town of Waterbury, in which he served as deacon. Before the Baptist Church in Waterbury was organized, there being no church of that denomination nearer than Wallingford, he would go sixteen miles to that town to worship, in the absence of roads finding his way through the thick forest by marked trees. He would transact no business on Sunday. He gave a small piece of land for the cemetery now known as the Brockett cemetery, and the first bodies buried there were those of his grandchildren of the Potter family. He died on his farm on Brockett Hill, and was also laid to rest there by the side of his wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Abigail Johnson, of Wallingford. They had eight children: Chloe, born July 15, 1781, was the mother of our subject; Anna, born June 3, 1783, married Benjamin Farrell; Peter, born Sept. 17, 1784; Abigail, born Jan. 21, 1787, died Sept. 16, 1787; Abigail (2nd), born July 1, 1788; Rebecca, born April 30, 1790, married Loveland Judd in 1812; Rhoda, born Sept. 24, 1792, married Jesse Wooster; and Zenas, born April 28, 1794, died May 14, 1794.

Frank Potter, whose name introduces this review, received a district school education, and at the age of fifteen years began his business career as a buttonmaker, working in the ivory button shops of Union City, Waterbury and Bridgeport, Conn., for over a quarter of a century. Since then he has given his entire time and attention to farming and market gardening on the old homestead at Pearl Lake, where he has made many useful and valuable improvements.

In Waterbury, Feb. 20, 1850, Mr. Potter was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Chase, a native of New Preston, and a daughter of Chauncey and Clarissa (Clemens) Chase. She died of heart trouble Aug. 6, 1898, and was laid to rest in the Brockett cemetery. To them were born three children: (1) Edna C. married William Snagg, of Waterbury, and they have four children, Gertrude, a stenographer and typewriter; Anna, a school teacher; Burton; and Adella. (2) Adella married John Buchanan, of Simonsville, and they have one child, Frank, who is studying dentistry in Philadelphia. (3) Frank, the youngest child of our subject, died at the age of two years and a half. Mr. Potter also had an adopted son, Frederick, now

deceased, who married Fanny Lum; for her second husband she wedded Samuel Clark, and they make their home with our subject. Their children are Helen and Marion M.

In early life Mr. Potter affiliated with the Democratic party, but since the Civil war has been a staunch Republican. He is a temperance man and active member of the Second Baptist Church of Waterbury, in which he has served as deacon for the past five years. He has been a member of the school committee, and has always given his support to those enterprises calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his town or county. He is therefore numbered among the valued and useful citizens of his community, and by all who know him he is held in high regard.

JOHN JUSTUS WARNER, a well-known farmer and highly-esteemed citizen of Cheshire, New Haven county, was born in the town of Hamden, this county, Sept. 8, 1840, son of Alonzo and Ruth Ann (Chatfield) Warner, and grandson of Simeon T. and Cynthia T. (Tuttle) Warner. The grandfather was also a native of Hamden and a farmer by occupation. His children were Alonzo; Emma; James, a sea captain; Truxon; Vina; and Justus.

Alonzo Warner, father of our subject, was born in 1812 in Hamden, and there passed his boyhood and youth. He was married in Bethany, this county, but continued to make his home throughout life in Hamden, where he died in 1892. His widow is still living, and resides in Birmingham, Conn. In their family were seven children, namely: Charles, who was a member of the 10th Conn. V. I. during the Civil war, and now resides on the old home farm in Hamden; John Justus, our subject; Sarah, wife of Wales Chatfield, of Oxford; George William, of New Haven, now deceased; Emma, Mrs. Daniel Holbrook, of Ansonia; Frank, a resident of Florida; and Birdsey, a resident of Ansonia.

In the town of his nativity John Justus Warner grew to manhood and attended school. Later he engaged in farming there until after the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted, in September, 1861, in Company K, 6th Conn. V. I., for three years, as a teamster. He was appointed wagonmaster under Gen. Sherman's command at Port Royal, S. C.; was at City Point, Va.; and later was under Gen. Grant at Bermuda Hundred, Fort Fisher and Raleigh, N. C. On the expiration of his three years term of enlistment he was honorably discharged in Virginia, in September, 1864, and later served in the government employ as a civilian wagonmaster until the close of the war, looking after teams, having wagons painted, and keeping everything in order. When hostilities ceased and his services were no longer needed he returned to Hamden and resumed farming. For some time he made his home in Bethany, where he still owns a good farm, but in 1896 he came to Cheshire and purchased the

Daniel Humiston farm, upon which he has since successfully engaged in agriculture.

In 1866, in Hamden, Mr. Warner was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary E. Smith (widow of Edgar Smith), who was born in Bethany, a daughter of Kneeland and Ann (Andrews) Downs, natives of Wolcott and Bethany, respectively. Mr. Warner and his wife have four children: John, who is married and lives in New Haven; Minnie, now Mrs. Harry Munson, of Cheshire; Burton; and Marshall. Socially Mr. Warner is a member of Admiral Foote Post, No. 1, G. A. R., of New Haven, and politically he is identified with the Republican party. He served as assessor in the town of Bethany, and his duties of citizenship have always been most faithfully and conscientiously discharged.

HENRY BEVERLY HALL was born May 31, 1835, in South Main street, Wallingford, a son of John Parsons Hall, whose birth occurred Nov. 18, 1808, in Wallingford, where he died June 4, 1894.

The father of our subject was a farmer, and at one time in his life manufactured razor strops and combs. A Whig in early life, he became a Republican on the formation of the party, and served on the school committee. A member of the Congregational Church, he stood well in the community. A home man in every sense of the word, the domestic virtues strongly prevailed in his character, and to his family he was all a husband and a father should be. Mr. Hall and Miss Eunice Hotchkiss were married Oct. 20, 1833. Mrs. Hall was born July 9, 1812, a daughter of Timothy Hotchkiss, of Wolcott. To Mr. and Mrs. Hall were born the following children: (1) Henry Beverly is mentioned below. (2) John Randolph, born in 1837, died in Chicago June 4, 1893, while in attendance upon the World's Fair, representing the William Rogers Mfg. Co. For many years he was a wholesale dealer in notions and hosiery in New York. (3) Frederick Hotchkiss, born July 28, 1849, lives in New York City, where he is connected with the wholesale house of Porter Brothers. He married Miss Agnes Hall, daughter of Joel Hall. (4) Charles S. is mentioned below.

Dr. Rice Hall, the grandfather of the above named children, was born in Wallingford May 8, 1784, and followed farming. He was also extensively engaged in teaming, before the era of railroads, running an express between Wallingford and New Haven. A man of strong convictions, he was a staunch Whig, and a devout member of the Congregational Church. It is said that he only missed one service in fifty years, and that was caused by an accident which compelled him to stay at home.

Henry Beverly Hall was born in Wallingford, where he received his education in the common school. For one year he was a student in Rus-

sell's Military School, New Haven. Leaving school when nineteen years of age, he helped his father on the farm for about two years, when he went to the city of New York to take a position as entry clerk with the jobbing house of John J. Hinchman & Co., later on becoming a partner in the concern. In 1874 he returned to Wallingford to clerk for Leonard B. Bishop, the proprietor of an agricultural implement store in New Haven, Conn. After a year with that gentleman Mr. Hall secured a position as traveling salesman for the R. Wallace & Sons Manufacturing Co., being the first representative of that company to go on the road. For ten years he remained with them, covering the territory from Maine to Kansas City, and from Canada to Kentucky. Mr. Hall's next engagement was with Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., and he was their representative in New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore. After one year spent with that house, Mr. Hall went on the road in the interest of the Bristol Brass & Clock Co., continuing with them for four years. At the present time he is devoting all his thought and care to his extensive real estate interests. In 1893 Mr. Hall was one of the originators of the Biggins-Rodgers Co., manufacturers of all kinds of hollow ware, and employing about fifty hands. Mr. Hall is secretary of that corporation. Our subject is a strong Republican, and active in political affairs. He was elected warden in 1896, again in 1897, and a third time in 1899. An attendant of the First Congregational Church, he takes a deep interest in the welfare of the church, and is a liberal supporter of its principles.

Mr. Hall and Miss Susan Parker were married Oct. 17, 1866. They had no children. Mrs. Hall was born May 25, 1835, daughter of Dr. Lyman Parker, who practiced medicine in Wallingford. She died July 19, 1892.

CHARLES STORRS HALL was born Nov. 13, 1852, in Wallingford, obtained his early education in the public schools of that city, and supplemented same by a year in Hopkins Preparatory School, and another year in French's Private School. At the age of nineteen he left school and secured a clerkship in New York with the firm of Tooker, Waring & Co., dealers and jobbers in Yankee notions and hosiery, in which concern his brother Henry B. was a partner. He remained there about seven years, and for the last year and a half that he was in New York clerked for Hall & Co., dealers and jobbers in the same line. About 1880 he came to Wallingford, and took a place in the postoffice under Judge Hubbard, which position he held for a year and a half. For the next three years he was connected with Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co. as order filling and stock clerk. Mr. Hall was then connected with the Domestic Manufacturing Co. for about three years, as order filling clerk, and had charge of the stock department. In 1890 he entered the postoffice as assistant to Postmaster W. Burr Hall. When Mr.

Hall retired and Mr. Jones assumed the duties of the office Mr. Hall was still continued as assistant postmaster. On Feb. 1, 1898, he was appointed postmaster, entering upon the duties of the position the 1st of the following month. Mr. Hall was instrumental in securing free delivery in Wallingford while assistant to Postmaster George T. Jones. As postmaster Mr. Hall is very efficient. In September, 1900, he succeeded in introducing free delivery throughout the town of Wallingford. Charles S. Hall is a staunch Republican, and has never hesitated at any labor in behalf of the party organization. From 1880 to 1894 he was on the Republican town committee, and for nine years served as its chairman. In religion Mr. Hall is a Congregationalist, while his wife attends the Baptist Church.

On June 14, 1894, Mr. Hall married Miss Flora A. Fordham, of Essex, Conn., a daughter of Theodore P. Fordham, a prominent surveyor and farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are the parents of two children: Randolph Fordham, born Nov. 7, 1896, and Theodore Parsons, born Dec. 18, 1898. Mr. Hall belongs to the N. E. O. P., the Masonic fraternity and the Pilgrim Fathers. He was a charter member of the local lodge of the last named order, as he was of Robert Wallace Court, No. 123.

JAMES CALLAN, the efficient superintendent of the tube department of the Holmes, Booth & Hayden Manufacturing Co.'s extensive works in Waterbury, was born April 12, 1841, in Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland, son of John and Jane (Fleming) Callan, who were born in the same place.

John Callan, the son of a farmer, was a weaver by trade. He and his wife had eleven children, of whom all save two reached mature years, and of the other nine three—Adam, William and James—came to Connecticut. Adam is now a machinist in Waterbury. William died in New Haven.

James Callan attended school in his native town until ten years old, at which age he lost his father. His mother having a large family to care for, he was obliged to exercise his best activities in providing for himself and in aiding in the support of his mother and the little ones at home. He labored on the farm until twenty years of age, when he went to Glasgow, where he found employment in a store for some time, and then, in 1871, came to America and to Waterbury, where he has ever since been employed by the Holmes, Booth & Hayden Co., with the exception of two and a half years passed with the Randolph & Clows Co.

In 1866 Mr. Callan married Elizabeth Harriott, who was born near Edinburgh, Scotland, a daughter of William and Alice Stratton, and to this union six children have been born, viz.: John, William H., Adam, James A., Alice H. and George S., all still living. John and William H. are married.

In politics Mr. Callan was a Liberal in the old country, and since coming to America has been a

Republican. He is very popular with his party, and has represented the Third ward of Waterbury in the common council two terms, while a member of this body serving on the committee on Lights and Lamps at the time the first electric lights were placed in the city. He has just concluded a term of two years in the board of aldermen, has been re-elected for a similar term, and is now vice-president of the board.

As a Freemason Mr. Callan stands very high. He was "made" a Mason in Scotland in 1859, and has attained to the Mystic Shrine. He affiliates with Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., of Waterbury, of which he was three years master; with Eureka Chapter, of which he has been high priest three years, and at the present time is grand high priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Connecticut; he also holds membership in Clark Commandery. He is a charter member of the Third Congregational Church, which his family also attend. Socially they all are held in the highest estimation by their neighbors and acquaintances, and they have made hosts of friends during their residence in Waterbury.

WILLIAM COOK WILLIAMS, M. D., deceased, who was for many years a leading physician of Cheshire, was born Aug. 21, 1828, in Roxbury, Conn., the eldest son of William Chauncey Williams, M. D., and his wife, Julia White Cook. Through his father he was descended from Robert Williams, who settled in Roxbury, Mass., in 1637, and on his mother's side from Major Aaron Cook, who located at Dorchester, Mass., in 1630.

Robert Williams was born in England about the year 1593, perhaps in Norwich, County of Norfolk, and was married before coming to America to Elizabeth Stratton. He disembarked at Boston, with his wife and several children, in the year 1637. Before the close of that year he had joined the neighboring settlement at Roxbury, and, this early, his name and that of his wife are found upon the records of Roxbury Church, to which the Rev. John Eliot then ministered. He was there made a freeman, May 2 of the following year. That he was a staunch and typical Puritan, whose scruples forbade his conformity with the tenets of the Established Church in England, during the intolerant reign of the first Charles, and encouraged his departure thence for Massachusetts Bay, where he could the more freely exercise his individual rights of conscience, may readily be believed from the single glimpse had of him, as signer of the petition to the governor of the Colony, in 1672, in censure of Harvard College. He was one of the five townsmen or selectmen in 1647 and 1653, and was interested in the early founding of schools in Roxbury. Ellis speaks of him as "one of the most influential men in the town affairs," and Farmer calls him "the common ancestor of the divines, civilians and warriors of the name who have honored the country

of their birth." His wife, Elizabeth, died July 28, 1674, aged eighty years. He married Nov. 3, 1675, for his second wife, Margaret, widow of John Fearing, and upon her death he married, according to tradition, a Martha Strong, who died Dec. 22, 1707, aged ninety-two. His last will and testament is dated Nov. 26, 1685, and was probated Sept. 29, 1693. He died at Roxbury, Sept. 1, 1693, aged one hundred years.

Capt. Isaac Williams, born Sept. 1, 1638, baptized in September, 1638, in Roxbury, Mass., married in 1660, for his first wife, Martha Park, born March 2, baptized March 13, 1643, the third daughter of Deacon William and Martha (Holgrave) Park, of Roxbury. In 1661 he settled in Cambridge village, now Newton, Mass., and was there made freeman in 1685. He and his wife were among the earliest members of the first church instituted at Cambridge village, and he was afterward deacon therein. He served as captain of a military company and was selectman, 1691-93, and deputy to the General Court, 1692, 1695, 1697, 1699, 1701 and 1705. In 1706 he was chosen with two others on the first school committee. His wife died Oct. 24, about the year 1676, aged thirty-four. He married, Nov. 13, 1677, for his second wife, Judith Cooper, of Taunton, Mass., who died in 1724, aged seventy-six. He died Feb. 11, 1707, aged sixty-eight, and was buried under arms by the Company of Foot, at Newton, Feb. 14, 1707. His last will and testament bears date Jan. 31, 1704, but was set aside by the court for undue influence, July 27, 1708, on petition of disaffected heirs.

Isaac Williams, born Dec. 11, 1661, baptized March 11, 1662, in Cambridge village, Mass., married, about 1685, for his first wife, Elizabeth Hyde, born Sept. 4, 1659, the eldest daughter of Jonathan and Mary (French) Hyde, of Cambridge village. They were both early members of the church in Cambridge village, in which settlement he continued to reside until within a few years of his decease. He was captain of the military company at Newton and selectman for that town, 1734. His wife, Elizabeth, died June 26, 1699, aged thirty-nine years. He married, in 1709, for his second wife, Mary, widow of Nathaniel Hammond, Jr., and, upon her death, a third wife, Hannah. He soon afterward removed to Roxbury, where he died June 27, 1739, aged seventy-seven. His last will and testament is dated Dec. 12, 1738.

Ebenezer Williams was born Oct. 16, 1691, in Newton, whence he early removed to settle in Lebanon, Conn., soon after its organization as a town. The deed for his first purchase of land is dated Nov. 17, 1718. He was married there on July 27, 1721, to Mary, eldest daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Veach, of Lebanon. His name is found on the records of Lebanon (Goshen) Church as a member thereof, April 2, 1732, and upon the records of the town as a lieutenant and selectman, 1736 and 1738. His last will and testament is dated March



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5, 1740, and he died Aug. 6, 1740, aged forty-eight years. His widow died prior to March 25, 1782, at which date letters of administration were granted upon her estate to Jonathan, the eldest son.

Veach Williams, born April 23, 1727, baptized April 29, 1727, in Lebanon, was married Oct. 12, 1753, to Lucy Walsworth, born Dec. 3, 1732, fourth daughter of William and Mary (Avery) Walsworth, of Groton, Conn. He resided in Lebanon from birth until death, and the names of both himself and wife appear on the records of the Third (or Goshen) Church as admitted to membership Nov. 24, 1776. He was captain of a company of Connecticut Colonial militia, and for the fourteen consecutive years from 1765 to 1778, inclusive, was townsman or selectman, together with Jonathan Trumbull, governor of the Colony, William Williams, signer of the Declaration of Independence, Hon. Joshua West, Capt. Seth Wright, and one or two others, who constituted the remaining members of that board during the greater part of this period. Here, at the home of the governor of the Colony and of the speaker of the Colonial House of Representatives, at a time when all was busy preparation in anticipation of an eventful war, it may be presumed those called into the service of the town were its most patriotic and representative citizens. He was deputy to the General Court of Connecticut in 1785. His last will and testament bears date of Oct. 27, 1795, and his death occurred Sept. 11, 1804, at the age of seventy-seven. His wife Lucy died Aug. 10, 1795, aged sixty-two years.

William Williams, born Aug. 2, baptized Aug. 8, 1762, in Lebanon, married May 20, 1784, for his first wife, Lydia, daughter of Samuel Williams, of Lebanon. She died June 22, 1790, aged twenty-six. He married, in 1793, for his second wife, Lydia, daughter of Joseph Loomis, of Lebanon. William Williams was a farmer in Lebanon, and served as a member of the House of Representatives in the Connecticut Legislature, session of 1813. He died Nov. 5, 1818, aged fifty-six. His widow, Lydia, died in Lebanon, Nov. 5, 1861, aged ninety years.

Dr. William Chauncey Williams, born Oct. 23, 1800, was baptized Jan. 25, 1801, in Lebanon. He married, June 7, 1827, Julia White Cook, daughter of Aaron Cook, of Ashford, Conn. He was a physician, and was entered as a student of medicine, about 1820, with Dr. Stephen Hubbard, of Pomfret, Conn. He was an undergraduate in the Medical Department of Yale College in 1821-22, and removed in 1829 to Manchester, Conn., where he remained in active practice until his death. He received the degree of M. D. from Yale College in 1841. He died Oct. 6, 1857, aged fifty-six years, and his widow died July 19, 1875, aged sixty-seven.

Dr. William Cook Williams, the subject of this sketch, received his preparatory education at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., and was graduated from the Yale Medical School in 1850. On June 19, 1850, he married Lucinda, daughter of

Beman Fairchild, of Brookfield, Conn., a descendant of Thomas Fairchild, one of the first settlers of Stratford, Conn. Their children were William Edward, who died at the age of twenty-one years; George Clinton Fairchild and Elizabeth Julia, both of whom are living.

Immediately after his graduation Dr. Williams began the practice of medicine in New Hartford, Conn. In 1851 he removed to New Milford and thence, in 1854, to Cheshire, where he remained in active practice through the remainder of his life. The following remarks concerning his professional career are quoted from the "Obituary Record of Graduates of Yale University," published in June, 1894: "He had by far the most extensive practice of all physicians ever located in that place (Cheshire), including a large clientele in all the surrounding towns. His success in his profession was phenomenal, and he left the remarkable record of having never lost an obstetrical case in all his long career. He was gifted with the faculty of inspiring patients with confidence in his skill, while his gentleness and cheerfulness made him welcome in the sick room as a friend as well as a physician." In his method of practice he was liberal, and did not limit his resources for the treatment of disease by allegiance to any of the "schools" of medicine.

In other respects he was equally broad-minded and progressive. He never interested himself in politics and would not accept political office, but was among the foremost in supporting and encouraging all measures for the public welfare and for the benefit of his town. In the early years of his residence in Cheshire he took a lively interest in public matters. He was active in the religious work of the Congregational Church, of which he was a member, and he bore a prominent part in the organization and maintenance of a Young Men's Christian Association under the auspices of which courses of lectures were delivered—an organization which made, in many ways, a marked beneficial impress upon the young men of that time. He delivered lectures on anatomy and physiology at the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, and contributed articles to the public press. He was the means also of securing to Temple Lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M., the restoration of its charter, which was surrendered during the dark days of free-masonry in this country, and he was the first master of that lodge after the charter was restored. During his later years, as the demands of an extensive practice absorbed his time and bore heavily upon him, he withdrew from other affairs and devoted his energies exclusively to his professional work. His devotion to duty was absolute. He rarely took a vacation. With him the interests of his patients were first and personal welfare a secondary consideration. Despite the wearing effects of much continuous work, he was always cheery and jovial, never failing in sympathy for the suffering, and ever ready with jest or anecdote to cheer the dispirited

and to brighten the irksome days of convalescence. He was a trustee of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association of Connecticut, a director in various business enterprises, and, to the time of his death, post-surgeon and medical examiner of his district. On May 18, 1894, he died of septicemia, contracted in the course of professional work. He was a "beloved physician," and he will be long remembered as an able and conscientious physician, a wise and trusted counselor, a firm friend, a genial companion, and a moral and upright man.

RANSOM CHIPMAN (deceased) was in his day one of the most progressive and highly respected residents of Waterbury. He traced his descent from one of the earliest of the New England Colonists.

Thomas Chipman, the first of this family to come to America, was born in Dorchester, England, in 1570. John Chipman, his son, was born in the same place, and came to America in 1630. In 1646 he here married Hope, daughter of John Howland, and granddaughter of Gov. John Carver, the two last named passengers on board the famous "Mayflower." Twelve children were born to this union. John Chipman was an elder in the church at Barnstable, Mass., and was a deputy, or representative, to the General Assembly of the Colonies. Deacon Samuel Chipman, of Barnstable, son of John and Hope (Howland), was born in 1661, and died in 1723. His son, Samuel Chipman, also called "Deacon," of Barnstable, was born in 1680, and died in 1780. John Chipman, of Stratford, Conn., was born in 1728, son of Deacon Samuel (2), and his son, Joseph Chipman, was the father of Samuel Chipman. Samuel Chipman became the father of eleven children, including Sherman B. and Daniel L. Chipman, of Waterbury (whose sketches are given in full elsewhere), and Ransom Chipman, whose name stands at the opening of this memoir, and who, it will be seen, was of the eighth generation of the Chipman family in America.

Ransom Chipman was born in 1810, in what is now called Town Plot, and passed his early days on the home farm. He began the active business of life by making regular trips to New Haven with his father, Samuel Chipman, who was then a stage driver to that city. Many thousands of dollars were in this manner transferred to New Haven, there being at that time no bank in Waterbury. When he was about thirty-five Mr. Chipman entered the employ of Holmes, Booth & Hayden, manufacturers, and for twenty-five years was foreman of the rolling department of their immense concern, a reliable indication of his steady-going habits and executive ability.

Ransom Chipman was twice married. By his first wife, Charlotte Hurd, of Newtown, Conn., he had three children, viz.: Harriet R., who married George Speer, of Bridgeport; Edgar H., foreman in Holmes, Booth & Hayden's factory, Waterbury; and

Charlotte M., who married Hollis D. Segur, of Waterbury, a native of Suffield, and a representative of one of the oldest families in New England, the Segurs having been among the early settlers of Hartford. Mrs. Charlotte (Hurd) Chipman died, and in 1857 Ransom Chipman wedded, for his second wife, Martha Beach, who was born in Hartland, Conn., a daughter of Elias and Betsie (Hayden) Beach, both also natives of Hartland. Col. Nathaniel Hayden, father of Mrs. Betsie Beach, was colonel of his training district, and was quite a prominent agriculturist. He married Sallie Ransom. The Beach family descended from William Beach, who settled in America in 1640; Elias Beach was a son of Zopher, who was born in Goshen, Conn. To the second marriage of Mr. Chipman no children were born.

Mr. Chipman was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for many years was a trustee of the society. He died in this faith Oct. 31, 1884, and no citizen's decease was ever more deeply deplored by the residents of Waterbury. Possibly no more fitting tribute can be paid to his memory than the following obituary notice, published in the *Waterbury American* immediately after his demise:

"In the death of Ransom Chipman his wife loses a good husband, his children a kind and faithful father, and the community at large a generous and faithful citizen. Ever ready to give in a good cause, hundreds have reason most substantial for blessing his memory. In the beautiful Riverside cemetery we have laid away all that remains of our loved friend—the friend of the poor, and the man whose life will in many respects serve as a worthy model for the youths of to-day. Peace to his ashes, blessed be his memory."

The honored widow of Mr. Chipman still makes her residence in Waterbury, and is passing her days in retirement, surrounded by a host of loving friends, and devoting her time to acts of kindly charity.

RICHARD WOODWARD (deceased), for many years a highly respected citizen of East Haven, was a native of that town, born Jan. 17, 1815, in the house now occupied by his daughter.

Hezekiah Woodward, his father, was born on the same farm Jan. 13, 1763, it being the home of the grandfather, who was born in 1742. The latter was a grandson of Rev. John Woodward, who was graduated from Cambridge College in 1693, and was ordained a minister Dec. 6, 1699. Both the father and grandfather of our subject took up arms against the mother country and aided the Colonies in achieving their independence during the Revolutionary war. Hezekiah Woodward married Asenath Bradley, who died in the fall of 1854, and his death occurred May 21, 1815.

Throughout his active business life Richard Woodward engaged in farming upon the old homestead in East Haven, and he was numbered among the leading and prominent citizens of that town. He married Miss Annie M. Potter, who was born June

17, 1815, a daughter of James Potter. She died in August, 1855, and Mr. Woodward departed this life Aug. 25, 1855. To them were born three children: Mary A., who is mentioned below; George R., who served for three years as a member of the 10th Conn. V. I. during the war of the Rebellion, and died in 1867; and James, who died at the age of two years.

On May 9, 1860, Miss Mary A. Woodward was united in marriage with Collis B. Granniss, who was born Nov. 13, 1830, on the farm in East Haven where his brother Lyman now lives, and is now successfully engaged in dairy farming on the old Woodward homestead. He has served as school treasurer for several years, and for fifteen years has been a deacon in the Congregational Church, of which he and his wife are active and prominent members. They have one child, Mary W., who was born Aug. 19, 1867, and was married Oct. 27, 1891, to Andrew P. Allen, who was born Sept. 24, 1861. This union has been blessed by one daughter, Estelle M., born June 18, 1893, in New Haven. Mr. Allen resides with Mr. and Mrs. Granniss, aiding in the operation of the farm. The family are widely and favorably known, and are quite prominent in the community where they make their home.

DUDLEY FAMILY. (1) William Dudley, one of the original settlers of Guilford, and a signer of the Plantation Covenant, was born at Richmond, County of Surrey, England. He was a member of Rev. Henry Whitfield's Church and parish at Ockley, in Surrey, where he married Aug. 24, 1636, Miss Jane Lutman. They came with Mr. Whitfield's company to America in 1639, and their eldest child, William, was born at sea, during the voyage. On their arrival at Guilford they established their home on the east side of what is now Fair street, where Dr. R. B. West now lives. William Dudley's homelot contained three and one-fourth acres, and he had also considerable outlying land. He was a farmer as appears by his will and inventory. He died March 16, 1683-84, and his wife on May 1, 1674. They had five children: (1) Deacon William, born at sea June 8, 1639, died in May, 1701; he married Nov. 4, 1661, Mary Stow. He removed in 1670 to Saybrook, Conn. (2) Joseph, sketch of whom follows. (3) Ruth, born April 20, 1645, married June 20, 1664, John Whittlesey, of Saybrook. (4) Deborah, born Sept. 20, 1647, died in October, 1681. In June, 1671, she married Ebenezer Thompson, who died in May, 1674. They had two children—Jabez, born Oct. 16, 1672; and John, born in November, 1674. She married for her second husband Thomas Scranton, who died Nov. 10, 1711, and they had two children—Samuel, who married Elizabeth Bishop, and Hannah, who married Joseph Evarts. (5) There was another child, whose name is not known.

(11) Joseph Dudley, second son of William and

Jane (Lutman) Dudley, was born at Guilford April 24, 1643, and died there June 3, 1712. He married Oct. 6, 1670, Ann Robinson, daughter of Thomas and Mary Robinson. He was a cooper by trade, also a farmer, and owned part of a sawmill which he bequeathed to his son Caleb. He lived, probably, on the homestead of his father on Fair street. His father mentions him in his will as follows: "I give and bequeathe to my son Joseph Dudley, all my housings and lands and rights of lands in Guilford, etc." In 1691 he was chosen by the town "for the making of coffins on all occasions of death." At the time of his death the inventory of land, distributed to his six sons as designated by his will, amounted to £751, 10s, 6d. Movables, £166, 15s, 6d. Joseph Dudley had nine children: (1) Joseph, born June 11, 1671, died Feb. 22, 1726. He married July 27, 1704, Abigail Hubbard. (2) Benjamin, twin of Joseph, died Feb. 23, 1720; he married Jan. 5, 1703, Tabitha Avered. (3) Caleb, sketch of whom follows. (4) Joshua, born Dec. 17, 1674, died Jan. 29, 1750; he married Oct. 20, 1712, Sarah Perry, of Stratford. (5) Miles, born Dec. 17, 1676, died Aug. 10, 1753; he married Jan. 23, 1706, Rachel Strong, daughter of Thomas Strong, of Northampton, Mass. She died Jan. 4, 1769, aged ninety-three. (6) William, born Oct. 18, 1684, died Feb. 28, 1761; he married Ruth Strong, daughter of Thomas Strong, of Lyme; she died Sept. 18, 1743; and he married (second) Widow Rebecca Fisk, daughter of Joseph Elliot. (7) Anna, born in 1687, died April 27, 1687. (8) Mary married Joseph Wright, of Colchester, Conn. (9) Mercy married Josiah Bartlett, of Northampton, Massachusetts.

(111) Caleb Dudley, the third son of Joseph and Ann (Robinson) Dudley, was born in Guilford in June, 1673, and died March 20, 1730. He married June 23, 1700, Elizabeth Buck, of Wethersfield, who was born June 4, 1676, and died April 14, 1738. She was a daughter of Emanuel Buck and Mary (Kirby), and granddaughter of John Kirby, one of the first settlers of Middletown, Conn. Caleb Dudley was a farmer, and the first one of the Dudley name who made his home on "Clapboard Hill," the neighborhood afterward called "Dudleytown." His father, in his will, gave him the portion of his real estate lying in that vicinity. Caleb Dudley built his house on what is now (1902) the home-lot of Joseph E. Dudley (the old house stood a little west of Joseph E. Dudley's present home). It was afterward successively the home of his son Caleb; grandson Nathaniel; great-grandson John; and the birthplace of his great-great-grandchildren Hooker, Elon, John, Horace Dudley and Ruth (Dudley) Norton, the mother of Deacon J. W. Norton. The value of (111) Caleb Dudley's estate, as inventoried after his death, was £2,108. He had eight children, seven sons and one daughter: (1) Thomas, born April 23, 1701, died May 22, 1776; he married June 11, 1733, Abigail Seward, of Durham. (2) Caleb,

sketch of whom follows. (3) Ruth, born Dec. 28, 1704, died April 13, 1730; she married March 9, 1732, Samuel Evarts (Daniel, Daniel, John). (4) Daniel, born April 3, 1707, removed to Bethlehem, Conn.; he married Jan. 20, 1732, Joanna Rose, of Branford. (5) Josiah, born Aug. 30, 1709, died Oct. 20, 1755; married in 1738 Silence Dowd. He lived at East Guilford. (6) Samuel, born Dec. 4, 1711, died Nov. 10, 1789. He married May 3, 1738, Jane Talman, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer and Ann (Morrison) Talman, and they had but one son, Samuel, born Nov. 27, 1747, who died Dec. 17, 1819, he married Hannah Evarts (Jonathan, Jonathan, James, James, John). Their only son Deacon Asher Dudley, born April 2, 1770, who died Oct. 27, 1862, was the father of Maria Dudley, born April 30, 1802, who married Oct. 13, 1819, Jonathan Parmelee. Samuel Dudley lived in (and probably built) the old house now occupied by his great-great-grandson, Charles E. Parmelee, west of the residence of Herbert E. Parmelee, in the Clapboard Hill District. (7) Noah, born Aug. 15, 1716, removed to Roxbury, Conn.; he married May 28, 1752, Submit Talman, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer Talman (Dr. Peter, Peter). (8) David, born Nov. 27, 1718, died Feb. 17, 1807; he married Feb. 17, 1742, Mary Talman, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer Talman (Dr. Peter, Peter). They had one son who died young, and five daughters, one of whom, Anna, born April 13, 1752, married Timothy Field. They were the parents of Rev. David Dudley Field, D. D., born May 20, 1781.

(IV) Caleb Dudley, son of Caleb and Elizabeth (Buck) Dudley, was born in the Clapboard Hill District, Guilford, Nov. 20, 1702, and died Oct. 10, 1793. He married May 31, 1739, Hannah Stone, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Graves) Stone. He was a farmer, and lived upon the homestead of his father. Caleb Dudley had five children, all sons. The eldest died in infancy, and the others settled near their parents at Clapboard Hill. (1) Caleb, born Feb. 24, 1740, died in March, 1740. (2) Caleb (2), born July 24, 1741, died Sept. 14, 1802. (3) Abraham, sketch of whom follows. (4) Nathaniel, born Oct. 3, 1745, died Feb. 21, 1826; he married March 12, 1777, Mary Hart, daughter of Thomas and Concurrence (Bartlett) Hart. (5) Amos, born Nov. 3, 1747, married Feb. 27, 1771, Mary Evarts, daughter of Eleazer Evarts (Samuel, Judah, John). She died Aug. 23, 1797, aged forty-seven, and on July 15, 1799, he married (second) Deborah (Johnson), widow of Elon Lee. Of this family

(V) Caleb Dudley married Nov. 28, 1764, Hannah Evarts, daughter of Eleazer Evarts (Samuel, Judah, John). She died Sept. 6, 1765, aged twenty-one, leaving one child, (1) Caleb, born Aug. 28, 1765, who died June 30, 1815. Caleb Dudley married (second) Jan. 18, 1769, Anna Munger, daughter of Ebenezer, and they had five children: (2) Hannah, born Oct. 31, 1769, died Feb. 17, 1828

(married Jan. 13, 1790, John Griswold). (3) Anna, born May 11, 1773, died Aug. 20, 1866 (married Amos Bartlett; their daughter Ruth, born April 15, 1802, married Capt. George Bartlett). (4) Ruth, born July 19, 1777, died June 30, 1847 (married Peter Talman). (5) Abel, born Sept. 3, 1781, died March 11, 1821 (married Betsey Minor). (6) Huldah, born Oct. 29, 1784, married Timothy Terryl, of Woodbury, Connecticut.

(V) Abraham Dudley, son of Caleb and Hannah (Stone) Dudley, was born March 2, 1743, and died July 24, 1818. He married Jan. 28, 1773, Deborah Cruttenden, daughter of Joseph Cruttenden (Joseph, Abraham, Abraham) and Lucy (Spencer). For some years after his marriage he lived in the "Sabbath Day House," on the west side of Guilford Green, near the present home of Rev. G. W. Banks; but some time between 1785 and 1790 he built and removed to the house nearly opposite his father's, now the home of his great-grandson, Charles A. Dudley. He was a farmer and weaver.

Abraham Dudley had three children: (1) Lucy, born August 3, 1775, died April 13, 1837; she married June 11, 1796, Deacon Asher Dudley (Samuel, Samuel, Caleb, Joseph, William). They had two children—Horace, born Nov. 10, 1798, was drowned July 9, 1810; Maria, born April 30, 1802, who died April 25, 1893, married Oct. 13, 1819, Jonathan Parmelee (see sketch of Parmelee family). (2) Deacon Abraham, born Feb. 2, 1779, died July 18, 1852. (3) Joel, born July 13, 1788, died Nov. 14, 1869. He married Dec. 8, 1814, Harriet Griswold, daughter of John Griswold and Hannah (Dudley) (Caleb, Caleb, Caleb, Joseph, William). She died Feb. 26, 1849, aged fifty-eight. They had four children—Hon. Lewis Joel, born Nov. 11, 1815, graduated Yale College in 1838; lived in Northampton, Mass. Henry Nelson, born Nov. 9, 1818, died Aug. 1, 1894; he married Maryette Minor, of Woodbury, and had two children, Katherine Minor and Harriet Griswold. Mary, born Dec. 29, 1820, died July 31, 1892, unmarried. Emily was born Sept. 17, 1825.

(VI) Deacon Abraham Dudley, the eldest son of Abraham and Deborah (Cruttenden) Dudley, was born Feb. 2, 1779, and died July 18, 1852. He married Dec. 8, 1802, Mary Bassett, who was born March 10, 1781 (died June 23, 1863), daughter of Elisha Bassett and Hannah (Stone) (Deacon Thomas, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, John), of East Guilford (now Madison). Abraham Dudley lived in the house built by his father, at Clapboard Hill, and like him was a weaver and farmer. In 1808 he and his wife united with the First Congregational Church, of which he was chosen a deacon Aug. 20, 1827; this office he held until his death, almost twenty-five years later. Deacon Abraham Dudley had three children: (1) Clarissa, born Dec. 23, 1804, died Dec. 10, 1873; she married Oct. 22, 1834, Joel Evarts, son of Nathaniel and Julia (Parmelee)

Evarts, of the Nutplains District. (2) George, sketch of whom follows. (3) Eliza, born March 2, 1810, died May 10, 1894, unmarried.

(VII) George Dudley, only son of Deacon Abraham and Mary (Bassett) Dudley, was born Nov. 30, 1807, and died Dec. 8, 1869. He married May 3, 1832, Lucy Evarts, who was born May 31, 1809, daughter of Nathaniel and Julia (Parmelee) Evarts, of the Nutplains District, and died Jan. 6, 1888. George Dudley lived in the house with his father till 1840, when he built and removed to the house on the opposite side of the street, now the home of Eli T. Dudley. He was a member of the First Congregational Church, with which he united in 1831, and his wife in 1827. He died at the age of sixty-two, after a week's illness with erysipelas, which developed in an injured limb. George Dudley had six children: (1) Lydia Clarissa, born Sept. 9, 1833, died Dec. 15, 1889, unmarried. (2) George Edwin, born Dec. 10, 1836, died July 16, 1847. He was drowned in East river while bathing. (3) Lucy Jemette, born Nov. 7, 1839, died Feb. 20, 1842. (4) Charles Ellsworth, born Feb. 11, 1842, died April 28, 1844. (5) Eliza Jemette was born Sept. 8, 1845. (6) Charles Abraham, sketch of whom follows.

(VIII) CHARLES ABRAHAM DUDLEY, born Aug. 14, 1849, became a farmer of the Clapboard Hill District, Guilford. He married April 10, 1872, Lucy E. Anger, born May 26, 1849, daughter of the late Deacon Phineas M. Augur, of Middlefield, Conn., who married May 7, 1846, Lucy Eliza Parmelee, daughter of the late Jonathan Parmelee, of Guilford (see sketch of Hon. Phineas M. Augur). Mr. Dudley lives in the house built by his great-grandfather, Abraham Dudley, between 1785 and 1790. He is a member of the First Congregational Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley have had six children: (1) George Edwin, born July 12, 1873, died June 23, 1888; he was drowned in a vain attempt to save his brother. (2) Alice Lucy was born June 27, 1875. (3) Charles Parmelee, born May 19, 1877, died June 23, 1888; he was drowned in East river, while bathing. (4) Susan Marilla was born Dec. 11, 1878. (5) Arthur Augur was born Nov. 4, 1881. (6) Ruth Christine was born Oct. 9, 1891.

PARMELEE FAMILY. (1) John Parmelee, Sr., one of the original settlers of Guilford, Conn., and a signer of the Plantation Covenant, was one of the older men who came from England in Rev. Henry Whitfield's company, in 1639. His home-lot, consisting of one and one-half acres, embraced the land now occupied by the First Congregational Church and the buildings in the rear. Hannah, his first wife, was the mother of his children. He married (second) Widow Elizabeth Bradley, of New Haven, who after his death married, May 22, 1663, John Evarts, of Guilford. John Parmelee died in 1659 [Steiner's History of Guilford gives the date of his death as Nov. 8, 1659, but another record

says that his will was proved on that date]. His children were probably all born in England, and dates of birth are not known. The only ones of whom we find record are: (1) John, sketch of whom follows; (2) Hannah, who married Sept. 3, 1651, John Johnson, of New Haven, afterward of Guilford; and (3) Mary, who married Sept. 16, 1660, Dennis Crampton, and died March 16, 1667. Widow Elizabeth Bradley, second wife of John Parmelee, Sr., was the mother of Stephen and Nathan Bradley, who afterwards settled in Guilford.

(II) John Parmelee, Jr., born in England, son of John and Hannah Parmelee, came to Guilford in 1639. He had a home-lot on the east side of what is now State street, his house standing on or near the site of the house of the late J. Seymour Benton. He was the "town drummer," serving in that capacity on "training days," and from a very early period he beat the drum to call the people to church on Sabbath-days, and to summon them to town-meetings. He died in January, 1869. The first wife of John Parmelee, Jr., Rebecca, died Sept. 29, 1651, leaving one son, Nathaniel, born in 1645, who died in the Indian war; he married Sarah French, daughter of Thomas French. John Parmelee, Jr., married (second) in 1651 Widow Ann Plane, who died March 30, 1658. He and his third wife, Hannah, were married in February, 1659 (the maiden names of his first and third wives do not appear on any Guilford records). They had nine children: (2) John, born Nov. 25, 1659, died March 21, 1725; he married June 29, 1681, Mary Mason. (3) Joshua, born in 1664, died June 7, 1729. (4) Isaac, sketch of whom follows. (5) Hannah, born Nov. 5, 1667, married in November, 1688, Tappan Hill. (6) Stephen was born Dec. 6, 1669. (7) Job, born July 31, 1673, died March 6, 1765; he married Elizabeth Edwards. (8) Caleb was born in 1675. (9) Priscilla was born May 8, 1678. (10) Joel, born in 1679, died in July, 1748; he married June 30, 1706, Abigail Andrews, and lived in Durham.

(III) Isaac Parmelee, son of John Parmelee, Jr., and his third wife, Hannah, was born in Guilford Nov. 21, 1665, and died Jan. 23, 1749. He married Dec. 30, 1689, Elizabeth Hiland (or Highland), who was born June 18, 1666, daughter of George and Hannah (Cruttenden) Hiland, and died Jan. 3, 1746. They had nine children: (1) Ebenezer, born Nov. 28, 1690, died Sept. 27, 1777; he married July 24, 1718, Hannah Cruttenden, daughter of Abraham and Susannah (Kirby) Cruttenden. (2) Abraham, born May 18, 1692, died Sept. 19, 1752. (3) Joseph, sketch of whom follows. (4) Elizabeth, born Jan. 20, 1696, married April 8, 1718, Nathaniel Baldwin. (5) Sarah, born Aug. 11, 1699, died May 6, 1780; she married Oct. 17, 1720, Michael Hill. (6) Isaac, born May 20, 1702, died July 13, 1752; he married May 20, 1725, Elizabeth Evarts, daughter of Sergt. James Evarts

(Daniel, John) and Anna (Bow). (7) Andrew, born July 20, 1704, died Aug. 7, 1794; he married Anna Crampton. (8) Rachel, born Nov. 18, 1707, died Nov. 9, 1793; she married June 27, 1730, Samuel Evarts, son of Daniel Evarts (Daniel, John) and Mary (West). (9) Josiah, born in December, 1709, died in August, 1739.

(IV) Joseph Parmelee, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Hiland) Parmelee, was born at Guilford Sept. 14, 1694, and died April 14, 1750. He married Sept. 19, 1716, Abigail Kimberly, who was born July 28, 1696, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Downs) Kimberly, of West Haven, Conn. Mrs. Parmelee died Nov. 28, 1763. They had six children: (1) Abigail, born Jan. 21, 1719, died Feb. 8, 1780; she married Caleb Bishop. (2) Joseph, born April 3, 1721, died in July, 1804. (3) William, sketch of whom follows. (4) Elizabeth, born Nov. 21, 1728, married Ebenezer Chittenden. (5) Beulah, born Aug. 30, 1732, died Sept. 16, 1818; she married Jan. 3, 1754, Nathaniel Elliott. (6) Samuel, born July 27, 1737, died Jan. 2, 1807.

(V) William Parmelee, son of Joseph and Abigail (Kimberly) Parmelee, was born in 1724, and died March 13, 1799. He united with the First Congregational Church in 1749. On June 6, 1749, he married Mary Rossiter, and they had five children: (1) Jerusha was born Feb. 27, 1750. (2) Eunice, born March 27, 1751, married Ebenezer Hopson. (3) William, born Dec. 12, 1752, died Dec. 31, 1835. (4) Nathaniel, born Oct. 6, 1754, died Nov. 17, 1828. (5) Amos, born Nov. 19, 1756, died Dec. 8, 1820. William Parmelee married (second) Dec. 17, 1764, Widow Mary (Kirby) Johnson, daughter of John and Hannah (Stow) Kirby, of Middletown, Conn. She was born in December, 1727, and married (first) Nov. 8, 1753, Amos Johnson, of Middletown, who died in camp at Lake George, in September, 1758, while serving in the French and Indian war. She died Feb. 13, 1813. William Parmelee and his second wife had three children: (1) Jonathan, sketch of whom follows. (2) Mary, born March 1, 1767, died March 7, 1854; she married Oct. 8, 1787, Thomas Hart, son of Thomas and Concurrence (Bartlett) Hart. (3) Eli, born May 28, 1772, died Jan. 27, 1805, unmarried; he was a sailor.

(VI) Jonathan Parmelee, son of William Parmelee by his second marriage, with Widow Mary (Kirby) Johnson, was born in Guilford Oct. 4, 1795, and died Dec. 7, 1835, aged seventy. He was a shoe-maker by trade, and lived in a house which stood just west of the residence of Isaac Kelsey, on Boston street. He married Feb. 15, 1792, Elizabeth Hart, who was born July 17, 1765, daughter of Thomas and Concurrence (Bartlett) Hart, of Guilford, and died Dec. 21, 1846. The graves of Jonathan and Elizabeth Parmelee are in one of the front lots of the west or oldest part of Alderbrook cemetery. They had seven children: (1) Jerusha, born Sept. 8, 1793, died Sept. 2, 1795. (2) Elisha,

born May 21, 1795, died July 21, 1821; he married Clarissa B. Elliot, daughter of Reuben and Grace (Fairchild) Elliot. (3) Sarah, born Feb. 28, 1797, died Oct. 31, 1884; she married (as third wife) April 30, 1851, Rev. Silas McKee, D. D., of Bradford, Vt. (4) Jonathan, sketch of whom follows. (5) Mary, born Sept. 18, 1801, died Aug. 18, 1882; she married (as second wife) Charles E. Fowler. (6) Charles S., born Oct. 11, 1804, was a sailor, and was drowned at sea. (7) Eli, born June 7, 1808, died Aug. 28, 1882; he married Betsey Ann Benton, who was born May 8, 1808, daughter of Dan Lindley and Betsey (Seward) Benton, and died Nov. 10, 1891.

(VII) Jonathan Parmelee, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Hart) Parmelee, was born Sept. 3, 1798, and died June 18, 1880, aged eighty-one years and nine months. He married Oct. 13, 1819, Maria Dudley, who was born April 30, 1802, and died April 25, 1893, being only five days less than ninety-one years of age. She was a daughter of Asher Dudley (Samuel, Samuel, Caleb, Joseph, William) and Lucy (Dudley) (Abraham, Caleb, Caleb, Joseph, William). They lived together sixty-one years and eight months. The fiftieth anniversary of their marriage (Oct. 13, 1869) was celebrated by a Golden Wedding, at which nearly one hundred guests were present, including all their children; all their grandchildren, except one; and a great-grandchild.

In his youth Jonathan Parmelee learned the shoemaker's trade with his father, but after his marriage was engaged as a farmer, and lived in the house built by his father-in-law, now the home of his grandson, Herbert E. Parmelee. In 1821 he and his wife united with the First Congregational Church, from which they were dismissed in 1843, with those who left to form the Third Congregational Church, of which they continued active members until their death. Two weeks after the organization of that church Jonathan Parmelee was chosen superintendent of the Sunday-school, and served faithfully in that relation for many years. After the marriage of his youngest son, Henry E., he left to him the care of the farm and removed to the borough, where he built a house south of the "Old Stone House," on Whitfield street. This house was destroyed by fire in 1898. There he was for many years connected with a fishing company, until obliged to give up work because of the infirmities of age. He was a genial, upright, Christian gentleman, universally respected and beloved. He died suddenly, of heart disease, having been in the street an hour or two before his death.

Jonathan and Maria (Dudley) Parmelee had a family of five children: (1) Horace Dudley Parmelee, born March 22, 1821, died Dec. 10, 1901. He married Oct. 20, 1842, Clarissa Chapman Seward, who was born Feb. 24, 1824, daughter of Samuel Lee Seward (Timothy, David, Deacon William, John, William) and Sarah (Bartlett), of

Guilford. Their children—(a) Charles Edward, born Oct. 28, 1844, a farmer of Guilford, married May 15, 1868, Ann E. Grosvenor, who was born May 15, 1849, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Oakley) Grosvenor; they had one child, Frank Ernest, born April 17, 1869, who died May 20, 1870. (b) William Henry, born Jan. 1, 1858, a merchant of South Norwalk, married Dec. 31, 1885, Mary E. Monroe, who was born Sept. 2, 1857, daughter of Beverly and Elizabeth (Fowler) Monroe; no children. (c) George Head, born Sept. 26, 1868, a lawyer of Johnstown, Pa., married April 22, 1891, Mary E. Bishop, who was born April 22, 1871, daughter of William C. and Abigail L. (Davis) Bishop; they have three children—Harry Bishop, born Jan. 23, 1892; Earle Lindley, Jan. 18, 1894; and William Horace, Jan. 21, 1897.

(2) Mary Maria Parmelee, born May 18, 1823, died Dec. 3, 1887. She married Sept. 11, 1845, Alfred G. Hull, who was born May 10, 1822, and died Jan. 31, 1894. He was a son of Joseph and Fanny (Chittenden) Hull, of Clinton, Connecticut.

(3) Lucy Eliza Parmelee, born July 15, 1825, died Jan. 4, 1895. She married May 7, 1846, Phineas Miller Augur, who was born Feb. 8, 1826, son of Phineas and Esther (Kirby) Augur, of Middlefield, Connecticut.

(4) Sarah Marilla Parmelee, born April 30, 1828, died Sept. 9, 1892. She married Dec. 3, 1858 (as his third wife), Josiah Pierson, son of Rev. Josiah Pierson, of Bergen, New York.

(5) Henry Elisha Parmelee, born Jan. 1, 1830, died Sept. 7, 1896. He married May 27, 1851, Georgiana Elvira Rossiter, who was born April 21, 1829, daughter of Theophilus and Eliza A. (Chittenden) Rossiter, of North Guilford. The former traced his line through William, Theophilus, Josiah, Dr. Bryan. Mrs. Eliza A. (Chittenden) Rossiter is descended from Amos, Jared, William, William, Thomas, William. Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Parmelee had three children: (1) Herbert Eugene, born Nov. 27, 1853, farmer and sawyer, married Oct. 31, 1888, Mary Potter, of North Guilford, who was born Nov. 6, 1862, daughter of Russell and Polly A. (Hull) Potter; they have one child, Sarah Elvira, born Oct. 29, 1889. (2) Ella Louisa, born June 23, 1855, died Sept. 12, 1857. (3) Edgar Pierson, born Oct. 16, 1859, farmer and sawyer, of Guilford, married Oct. 16, 1884, Helen Hill, of North Guilford, who was born July 17, 1863, daughter of George and Mary (Kimberly) Hill; they have three children—Mabel Maria, born Sept. 30, 1885; Ernest Eugene, born March 14, 1890; and Ella Hill, born Jan. 29, 1892.

HON. PHINEAS M. AUGUR (deceased), who in his lifetime was prominent in agricultural affairs of the State, and especially active in the Prohibition movement, being that party's candidate for governor at the last election before his death, was born Feb. 8, 1826, in the town of Middletown, Middlefield Society. Mr. Augur was in the sixth generation from

(1) Robert Augur, his first American ancestor, who came to the New Haven Colony from England. He was the son of John and Ann Augur, of London, England, and nephew (as shown by Nicholas Augur's will) of Nicholas Augur, a physician and trader at New Haven. Robert Augur was married Nov. 20, 1673, to Mary Gilbert, born June 11, 1651, daughter of Deputy Gov. Matthew Gilbert.

(II) John Augur, son of Robert, born Nov. 16, 1686, married July 1, 1710, Elizabeth Bradley, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Bradley, of East Haven, Connecticut.

(III) Isaac Augur, son of John and Elizabeth (Bradley) Augur, born about 1718, died July 27, 1808. On Oct. 25, 1748, he married Eunice Tyler, born Oct. 6, 1729, died Feb. 3, 1812; she was a daughter of Abraham and Eunice (Arnold) Tyler, of Haddam, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Augur lived in Haddam, and had twelve children, six sons and six daughters, all of whom married and had children. One son, Felix, was the grandfather of the late Gen. C. C. Augur, of Washington, D. C. Prosper Augur, a sketch of whom follows, was the fourth child.

(IV) Prosper Augur, son of Isaac, born Jan. 18, 1756, married May 30, 1781, Thankful Miller, born Oct. 16, 1755, died Sept. 16, 1825. She was a daughter of Deacon Giles Miller, of Middlefield, Conn., who was a prominent man of that community, a descendant of Thomas Miller (through Joseph), who came from Massachusetts to Middletown, Conn., soon after its settlement, and located at South Farms. The children of Prosper Augur and his wife were: Elizabeth, who married Comfort Johnson; Sally, who married Luman Wetmore; Polly; and Phineas. The parents settled in Middlefield. Prosper Augur was self-educated, a man of sound mind, much stability of character, sterling integrity and great usefulness. He was for many years a deacon in the Congregational Church of Middlefield. He died Dec. 16, 1836.

(V) Phineas Augur, only son of Prosper, born Aug. 11, 1788, settled in the neighborhood of his father. On Oct. 29, 1821, he married Esther Kirby, of Upper Houses, Middletown (now the town of Cromwell), who was born June 24, 1790, and died April 16, 1872. At the age of sixteen years Mr. Augur commenced teaching school; at the close of his first examination, before Dr. David Dudley Field, of Haddam, the Doctor quoted Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth." After teaching very successfully for several years he died, Nov. 18, 1825, in early manhood. His only child (posthumous), Phineas Miller, was born Feb. 8, 1820.

(VI) Phineas M. Augur received a common-school education and later attended an academy. During his early life he was appointed surveyor for the county, and later deputy surveyor-general of Middlesex county. He made the first survey and maps of Middlefield, with the necessary post route.

which was used successfully in Washington, D. C., in obtaining a post office at Middlefield, by the late David Lyman. When the town of Middlefield was set off from Middletown, in 1866, Mr. Augur was chosen assessor, and made out the first assessment list of the town. At the same time he was chosen a member of the board of education, and held the place continually until his death, which occurred July 14, 1891. He served one term on the State board of education in 1869, and declined re-election. In 1869 he was elected to the General Assembly, serving on the committee on Incorporations, and several bills that he introduced now form part of the general statutes. When the Middlefield Farmers' Club was organized Mr. Augur became one of its leading lights. In 1872 he was elected pomologist by the State board of agriculture, and continued to serve in that capacity until his death; he made a collection of Connecticut products for the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. Mr. Augur was always an independent thinker, anti-slavery in old times. He believed in economy in government, and that good teaching should be given in the public schools and to children at home. He was faithful to Temperance reform, became an ardent Prohibitionist, was prominent in their gatherings, and was nominated for the highest office in the State by that party at the State convention some time prior to his death. He was for more than thirty years a deacon in the Congregational Church of Middlefield.

At the age of twenty Mr. Augur was married to Miss Lucy Eliza, daughter of the late Jonathan Parmelee, of Guilford. To them came children as follows: (1) Edwin Prosper, born Jan. 31, 1847, surveyor and civil engineer of the town of Middletown, Conn., was for twenty-nine years, from 1872 to 1901, city surveyor of Middletown. On May 20, 1860, he married Susan Buell Case, who was born April 16, 1848. (2) Lucy Elizabeth, born May 26, 1849, married April 10, 1872, Charles Abraham Dudley, born Aug. 14, 1849, of Guilford, Conn. (3) Mary Eliza, born April 27, 1852, married Oct. 13, 1874, Horace Francis Dudley, born March 9, 1846, of Guilford, Conn. (4) Alfred Henry, born Feb. 5, 1855, married May 25, 1880, Anna Elizabeth Camp, born Oct. 18, 1855, daughter of Charles E. and Elizabeth (Hart) Camp, of Durham, Conn. He has been for several years town clerk of Middlefield. (5) Charles Parmelee, born Feb. 17, 1857, resides in Middlefield and is a florist, in business with his brother Alfred. He married Nov. 18, 1880, Ida Eulalie Bradley, who was born March 20, 1857, and died April 4, 1901. She was a daughter of Edward J. and Harriet (Wilex) Bradley, of Westfield Society, Middletown.

LEWELLYN BEAUMONT, a prosperous farmer and stockman of the town of Wallingford, where his industrious habits and upright character have made him many friends, was born in that town Nov. 12, 1830, a son of John and Ann (Tyler)

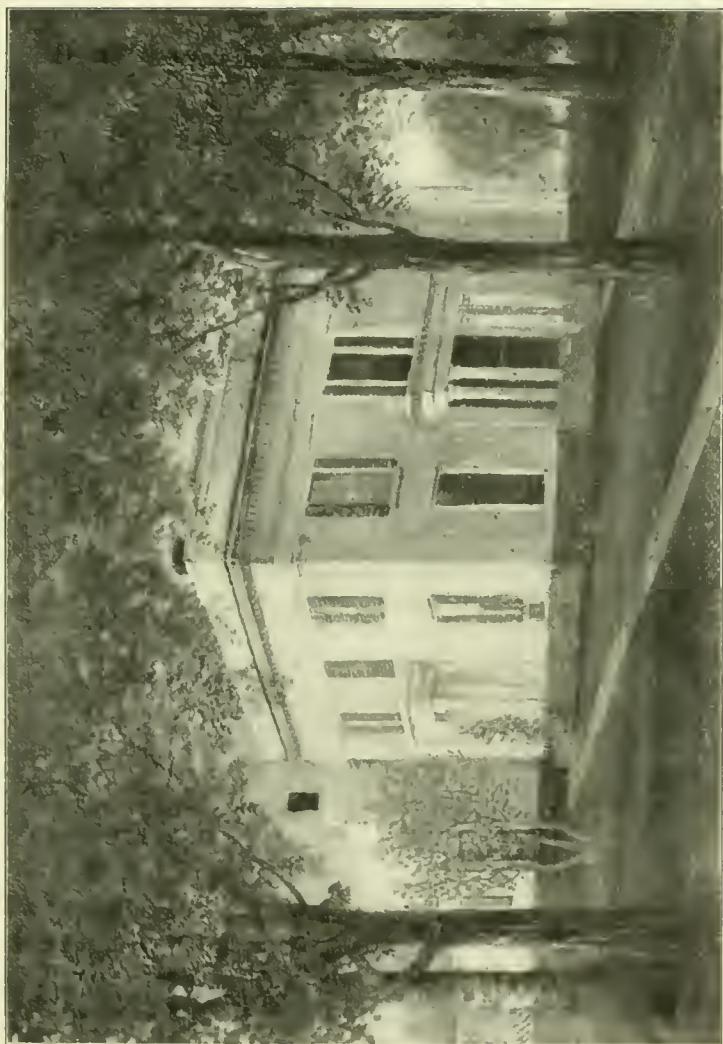
Beaumont, well and favorably known in the early part of the last century in that locality. Mr. Beaumont received his education in the district school, and remained at home helping with the farm work until the outbreak of the Civil war. The appeal of his country for help in her hour of need found in him a ready response, and he enlisted in Company K, 15th Conn. V. I., serving throughout the war, and participating in numerous battles and engagements. He passed through all the scenes and experiences of that great struggle safely, and returned home to resume the occupations of peaceful life, thankful that the war had not been in vain, and that the Republic still lived. He settled down to farming on the place where he now lives, and has seventy acres of good land under cultivation, the intervening years having brought him the prosperity that is the reward of honest effort.

Mr. Beaumont has never married, and is a happy and contented gentleman, with a genial spirit. Well read on all questions of the day, he is a Republican with independent habits of thought. A hard-working man, he practices the strictest economy, and has a horror of debt. A good all-around man, with industrious habits and an honest spirit, is the judgment of all who know him.

ELIZUR EDWIN PRICHARD (deceased) was born in Waterbury, New Haven county, Sept. 19, 1804, of English descent, and was a member of one of the oldest families in New England, the genealogy of which may be traced to the Old World, as follows:

David Prichard, father of Elizur, was born in Waterbury, Oct. 24, 1775, and died Dec. 22, 1838. David Prichard, father of David, was born here also, April 7, 1737, and died Dec. 22, 1838. James Prichard, father of David (1), was born in Milford, Conn., was there baptized in 1698, and died Sept. 3, 1749. Benjamin Prichard, father of James, was born in Milford Jan. 34, 1657, and died April 9, 1743. Roger Prichard, father of Benjamin, was born in England (perhaps Wales), and lived in Wethersfield, Conn., in 1640, in Springfield in 1643, and in Milford in 1653. At the latter place he married Elizabeth, daughter of James Prudden, one of the original settlers of Guilford. He died in New Haven Jan. 26, 1670. All the family were agriculturists, but many of the members also followed some trade in connection with farming, and all were conspicuous as members of the Church of New England.

James Prichard, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came to Waterbury in 1733, and settled where the old rink now stands, at the corner of Bank and Grand streets. He married, Dec. 25, 1721, Elizabeth Johnson, who was born in Stratford, Conn., Aug. 28, 1701, and died Dec. 10, 1797, the mother of seven children: James, George, Elizabeth, Isaac, John, David and Hannah. The family lived in the village of Waterbury, but the



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father conducted a farm on the opposite side of the river. He was a man of wealth for his time and acquired much land. He died in the "great sickness" of 1749.

David Prichard, youngest son of James, was a farmer, cabinet-maker, carpenter and joiner. On Dec. 20, 1757, he married Ruth Smith, to which marriage were born ten children, viz.: Archibald, Ruth, Mariana, Philo, Sylvia, Mollie, Mollie (2), David, Damon and Sally. The father of this family lived to be over 101 years of age. When he heard that his favorite son, David, had died, he never spoke again. The remains of both were interred at one time.

David Prichard, Jr., son of David, married Nov. 9, 1797, Anna Hitchcock, a daughter of Benjamin Hitchcock. She died Feb. 17, 1860. David Prichard, Jr., was a cabinet-maker, which business he followed some forty years. He was also largely engaged in the manufacture of clocks, in which he did an extensive trade in the Southern States and Canada. He reared a family of nine children, born in the following order: Minerva, William, Julius S., Elizur E., Anna, Sally H., David, Samuel H. and Charlotte L. Of these, William and Julius S. went to Ohio. David graduated from Yale Medical School in 1832, practiced medicine in Madison, Conn., also in Ohio and New Jersey, and was in practice in Norwalk, Conn., at the time of his death, Oct. 30, 1868; he was a manufacturer of German silver spoons in Waterbury, Conn., and the first to make them in Waterbury; was also associated with Julius Hotchkiss, under the firm name of Hotchkiss & Prichard, in the manufacture of webbing, cotton, etc., and held other interests.

Elizur E. Prichard, the subject of this biography, grew to manhood in Waterbury. He married Betsey Cooper, who was born in Derby, this county, Oct. 25, 1805, a daughter of Asa and Hannah (Botsford) Cooper. The Botsfords trace their descent from Henry Botsford, one of the original settlers of Milford. The Coopers were also among the original settlers of New Haven, Mrs. Prichard tracing her line through John, John, John, Caleb, Caleb and Asa. To Elizur E. Prichard and his wife were born five children, as follows: Elizabeth Ann, Sarah J., one that died in infancy unnamed, Katherine A., and Florence C. Of these, Elizabeth Ann died in 1854. The surviving daughters remain at the old home unmarried.

Elizur E. Prichard was about twenty-four years of age when he began to take part in manufacturing in Waterbury by making iron and brass castings. In 1829 he engaged in making gilt buttons, and in 1833 in the manufacture of umbrella, parasol and cane trimmings of fine quality, occasionally of gold. He enjoyed the confidence of the solid men of Waterbury, by whom he was implicitly trusted, and on one occasion, when making a trip to Boston, he carried with him to the bank in that city \$30,000, to accommodate a New Haven Bank. In 1840 he

erected a residence on the corner of Bank and Grand streets, in the center of Waterbury. In 1843 he was engaged in the manufacture of cloth buttons, as in that year there was a diploma granted to him by the American Institute (of New York) for "superior specimens of silk buttons." For a number of years he was also engaged in Norwalk, Conn., in making door knobs, etc. In Waterbury and in New Haven, in partnership with his brother, Dr. David Prichard, he was engaged in the manufacture of elastic webbing; from this partnership sprang the American Suspender Co.

In 1852 Mr. Prichard retired from active business, but in 1855 his interests in the Wolcottville Knitting Co. obliged him to assume the management of that business, which he controlled until the time of his death, Nov. 29, 1860. He was possessed of a spirit of tireless activity, was progressive, public-spirited and benevolent. It is believed that no suppliant for aid ever appealed to him without receiving instant and substantial relief. Much he lost by lending—in his kindness of heart—the use of his name to his friends in their business difficulties, and, in fact, his kindness was his overpowering weakness. He never filled a public office, but devoted his energies and time to the industrial and social elevation of his fellow men. He died a member of the First Church, in which faith his widow also passed away, May 29, 1887.

HON. CHARLES STODDARD SPAULDING, prominent farmer and ex-member of the State Legislature from Cheshire, New Haven county, is a native of this State, born in Norfolk, Litchfield county, May 9, 1837, son of Frederick A. and Mary (Goodwin) Spaulding. The father was born in New Marlboro, Mass., June 13, 1810, a son of Austin and Betsey (Clark) Spaulding, the former also a native of that State, the latter of Connecticut. Austin Spaulding lived and died in Massachusetts, but at an early age Frederick, his son, removed to Litchfield county, Conn., where he made his home with an uncle, and where he followed farming throughout his active business life. He died there Aug. 30, 1892, and his wife, whom he had married in Litchfield county, died in Norfolk Dec. 8, 1881. In their family were eight children of whom Charles Stoddard is the eldest; Jane P., Mrs. Booth, died in New Marlboro, Mass., in 1876; Mary A. is the wife of John A. Stevens, of Atlantic, Iowa; Ellen K., widow of Byron J. Perkins, lives in Winsted, Conn.; Almira, wife of Erastus Burr, lives in Norfolk; Alice, Mrs. Johnson, is a resident of Goshen, Litchfield county; Abbie K., Mrs. Norton, died in Bristol, Conn., in 1890; and John lives on the old homestead in Norfolk.

Charles S. Spaulding was reared in Litchfield county, and was educated in the schools of Norfolk. In early life he engaged in business as a contractor and builder throughout his native county. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted there, in 1861,

in Company E, 11th Conn. V. I., which was assigned to the 9th Army Corps, and later to Gen. Burnside's command. He participated in the battles of Newbern, N. C., Roanoke, Frederick-burg, Antietam, South Mountain, the siege of Suffolk, Va. (which lasted twenty-three days), and in various skirmishes. At Drury's Bluff Mr. Spaulding received a gun shot wound, which confined him to the hospital at Richmond, Va., for six months. He was honorably discharged at Annapolis, Md., in June, 1865, and returned to his home in Litchfield county, where he continued to reside until coming to Cheshire, in 1886. Here he purchased one of the old and valuable farms, and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, with good results.

In Litchfield county, in 1875, Mr. Spaulding was united in marriage with Miss Grace Merrill, a daughter of Augustus and Adaline (Wooding) Merrill, all natives of that county, as were the grandparents, Norman and Annie (Marsh) Merrill. Her maternal grandparents, Edmund Anson and Lu Anna (Pond) Wooding, were born in New Haven and Hartford counties, respectively. Mr. Spaulding and his wife have three children: Jessie G., who has successfully engaged in teaching school in Falls Village, and is now attending College in Holyoke, Mass.; Annie M., also a teacher of New Haven county; and Ethel, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding are both members of the Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is an honored member of E. A. Doolittle Post, No. 5, G. A. R.; Temple Lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M.; and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. As a Republican he takes an active and prominent part in political affairs, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his ability and worth, have called him to public office. He has been a member of the board of selectmen of Cheshire, and in November, 1898, was elected to the State Legislature, in which body he served in a most creditable and acceptable manner.

THOMAS FRENCH, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a worthy citizen of Town Plot, Waterbury, was born in Nealsworth, Gloucestershire, England, Sept. 11, 1826, a son of Thomas and Anna French, also natives of that shire, where the former worked as a millwright until his emigration to the United States in 1846, making the voyage on a sailing vessel. In 1851 he located in Naugatuck, Conn., where he was first employed as a carder in the mills, and later as a machinist. He was a member of the Church of England, and died in that faith in 1891. In his family were nine children.

Thomas French was educated in the schools of his native land, and was eighteen years of age when he took passage on a sailing vessel at Liverpool bound for the New World. After two months spent upon the water he landed in New York, in June, 1844, and proceeded at once to South Hadley, Mass., where he was employed in a woolen mill at \$15 per month for one year. He then went to Rockville,

Tolland Co., Conn., where he worked as a carder and spinner in the woolen mills until 1850, and later was employed in the latter capacity in the woolen mills at Naugatuck, New Haven county, until 1854. During the following two years he worked as a farm hand at one dollar per day, and then engaged in the butcher business with J. E. Gunn and Samuel Osborne, buying cattle in Canada. In 1861 Mr. French enlisted in Company E, 8th Conn. V. I., at Naugatuck, under Capt. Martin B. Smith, and was in several engagements, including the battles of Roanoke and Newbern, N. C. He was discharged May 12, 1862, on account of disability, and returned to Naugatuck, where he was employed in the rubber works until 1872. He then came to Town Plot, Waterbury, and took up his residence on the Chatfield farm, where for the past twenty-eight years he has carried on general farming with fair success.

In 1849, in New York State, Mr. French was united in marriage with Miss Martha, daughter of William Culverhouse, and to them was born one son, Aaron W., now a resident of Naugatuck, who married Nellie Primrose, and has two children, Harry and William. Mrs. French died in Naugatuck, in 1863, and for his second wife our subject married Miss Polly Ann Chatfield, a native of Southington, Conn., and a daughter of David and Polly (Hitchcock) Chatfield. By this union were born four children, but all died in infancy. Mr. French is a member of Wadhams Post, No. 49, G. A. R., of Waterbury. In religious connection Mr. French holds membership with the Episcopal Church, while his wife belonged to the Congregational Church, and in that faith died June 13, 1901. Mr. French is widely and favorably known, and his circle of friends in Waterbury is extensive.

The Chatfield family, to which Mrs. French belonged, is one of the oldest of New Haven county. Three brothers, Francis, Thomas and George Chatfield, came to this country from England in 1639, and located in Guilford, Conn., where they engaged in farming. Francis died unmarried in 1647. Thomas moved to New Haven, where he married Ann Higginson, a daughter of Rev. Naness Higginson, and later went to Long Island, where he became a magistrate. George, the third brother, located in Killingworth, Conn., where he died Jan. 9, 1671. On Sept. 30, 1651, he married Sarah Bishop, and for his second wife married Isabelle Nettleton, daughter of Samuel Nettleton. He had three children: John, born April 8, 1661; George, born Aug. 18, 1668; and Mary, born April 20, 1671.

Lieut. Daniel Chatfield, the great-grandfather of Mrs. French, was a native of Oxford. He spent the greater part of his life in Waterbury, where he owned property. He was a member of the early militia, being commissioned second lieutenant of the 3d Company in March, 1761, and later first lieutenant. In 1771 he removed to Derby. He joined the Continental Army in May, 1778, and on Jan. 10, 1781, was commissioned captain of the 13th Com-

pany, 2nd Regiment, serving with distinction throughout the Revolutionary war. He married Prudence Baldwin, who died in March, 1828, aged ninety-two years, and he died July 11, 1818, aged eighty-three. They had four children: Esther, who was born in 1770, and died October 21, 1776; Daniel; Reuben; and James.

Daniel Chatfield, son of Lieut. Daniel, was a farmer and land owner of Waterbury, where his death occurred. He married Esther Lonsbury, who died May 6, 1848, at the age of seventy-six years. Their children were: David, father of Mrs. French; Leonard; Enos; Esther; Polly, wife of J. N. Morris; and Anna Maria, wife of Zenas Bronson.

David Chatfield, Mrs. French's father, was born Sept. 9, 1704, and was married, June 5, 1820, to Polly Hitchcock who was born June 17, 1705, a daughter of Caleb Hitchcock, of Southington. They had five children: Jane, born Aug. 22, 1822, married M. E. Judd; Polly Ann, born Sept. 5, 1824, became Mrs. French; Cyrus, born May 16, 1826, was married in April, 1848, to Philena Martin, of Prospect, Conn.; Fidelia, born Feb. 16, 1828; and Emaline, born March 3, 1833.

On the maternal side Mrs. French is descended from Matthias Hitchcock, who came from London, England, to Boston on the bark "Susan and Ellen," in the spring of 1635. His third son, John Hitchcock, was born in New Haven, where he grew to manhood, but later became one of the first settlers of Wallingford. He was quite an extensive land owner and farmer, and a prominent citizen of that town, where he died July 6, 1716. On Jan. 18, 1670, he married Abigail Merriman, who was born April 18, 1654, a daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Merriman, one of the first settlers of Wallingford. After his death, his second wife, Mary Hitchcock, married Samuel Clark. John Hitchcock had twelve children. The oldest, a daughter, born in New Haven, Oct. 1, 1671, died in infancy; Samuel, born in 1672, died young; Abigail, born April 10, 1674, married Jacob Johnson; Mary, born Dec. 10, 1676, married Benjamin Beach; Nathaniel, born April 10, 1679, married Sarah Jennings; Margery, born Sept. 6, 1681, married Joseph Munson; Elizabeth, born April 8, 1684, married Daniel Lines; John, born Oct. 18, 1685, married Marlow Munson; Matthias, born May 26, 1688, married Thankful Andrews; Hannah, born Jan. 9, 1690, married John Lines; Damaris, born July 11, 1693, married Sylvanus Clark; and Benjamin, born March 24, 1696, married Elizabeth Ives.

Capt. Benjamin Hitchcock, just mentioned, was born and reared in Wallingford, and from there removed to Cheshire, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there Feb. 12, 1767. He owned land in that town and also in Southington, Hartford county. On Oct. 1, 1718, he married Elizabeth Ives, a daughter of Joseph and Esther Ives. She was born Sept. 6, 1700, and died Aug. 8, 1762. They had twelve children: Bela, born Oct. 27, 1719,

married Sarah Atwater; Hannah, born Sept. 12, 1721, was married, May 26, 1740, to Elnathan Andrews; Benjamin, born Feb. 23, 1724, married Rhoda Cook; Elizabeth, born Feb. 23, 1726; Abigail, born May 10, 1728, was married, Dec. 9, 1747, to Daniel Bradley; Samuel, born April 1, 1730, is mentioned below; Nathaniel, born June 30, 1732, died March 12, 1734; Enos was born in 1734; Joseph, born July 12, 1737, died Nov. 1, 1760; Nathaniel, born in Sept., 1739, was married, May 4, 1763, to Lydia Dutton, and died May 30, 1770; David, born June 29, 1742, married Hannah Doolittle; and Damaris, born Sept. 3, 1745, died Nov. 25, 1756.

Samuel Hitchcock, son of Capt. Benjamin, was born in Cheshire, New Haven county, and became a resident of the town of Southington, where he owned and operated a farm. He died May 8, 1798, and his wife, Tamar, died Dec. 7, 1816, at the age of eighty years. They had five children: Samuel, born Feb. 27, 1757, married Mary Munson; Caleb, born May 17, 1760, married Ada Malory; Elizabeth, born Dec. 29, 1763, married Lewis Thorpe; Tamar, baptized in August, 1765, married Thomas Cowles; and Esther was married Nov. 11, 1798, to Barnabus Powers, and died Sept. 20, 1802.

Caleb Hitchcock, a son of Samuel, and the grandfather of Mrs. French, was born in Southington, and was a sea captain throughout life. He died March 17, 1826. On Dec. 28, 1784, he married Ada Malory, who died Aug. 22, 1808, and on April 10, 1809, he married Julia Thorpe, daughter of John Thorpe, of Southington. She died May 2, 1851. The following children were born to Caleb Hitchcock. (1) Harmon, born Oct. 15, 1785, was a sailor in the war of 1812, during which conflict he had an ear cut off and was sent as a captive to England. He died Sept. 24, 1817. (2) Solomon was born Nov. 24, 1786. (3) Ada, born May 6, 1788, was married, Nov. 7, 1811, to Benjamin Rich, and died Oct. 25, 1862. (4) Esther, born Sept. 4, 1789, married A. Rupert, and died May 21, 1860. (5) Phila, born April 17, 1791, was married, Aug. 22, 1815, to Sidney Brockett, of East Haven, and died Oct. 26, 1869. (6) Caleb, born Sept. 21, 1793, went to New Orleans as a soldier of the war of 1812, and is supposed to have died of yellow fever at that place. (7) Polly, born June 17, 1795, married David Chatfield, the father of Mrs. French. (8) Cyrus, born July 25, 1798, was married, Aug. 10, 1820, to Elizabeth Howe, and died March 4, 1826. (9) Huldah, born March 26, 1800, married Jesse Matthews, and died Feb. 2, 1875. (10) Leusania, born Feb. 19, 1802, married a Mr. Seeley. (11) Alvah, born Feb. 15, 1807, was married, March 30, 1828, to Emily Neal. (12) John, born Feb. 18, 1810, died Dec. 22, 1811. (13) Albert, born Sept. 24, 1812, completes the family.

JOHN R. TYLER, whose name is familiar to all who are acquainted with the region known as Stony Hill, at Indian Neck, where he has long been

a fisherman, was born in Branford Oct. 27, 1835, and is a son of John and Eunice (Averill) Tyler. John Tyler, his paternal grandfather, was a Revolutionary soldier, and one of the participants in the "tea party" in Boston Harbor, which may be said to have ushered in the Revolution. Daniel Averill, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Tyler, was a sailor, and had his home in Branford. John Tyler was a joiner by trade, and lived and died in Branford. To him and his wife Eunice were born the following named children: Betsy, Mary, John R., Samuel and William A.

John R. Tyler passed his boyhood and youth in Branford, where he attended the public school, and at the age of seventeen years began life for himself, becoming a sailor, and following that vocation fifteen years. Leaving the ocean at the expiration of that time, he put in twelve years at the joiner's trade, and has since followed the calling of a fisherman.

Mr. Tyler has been twice married, the first time to Mary, daughter of Thomas C. Mather, a descendant of Cotton Mather. Elmer S. Tyler is the only living child of this marriage. The second wife of John R. Tyler was Emma, daughter of Capt. John and Desire F. (Thompson) Faren, of East Haven. There were three children born to this union: Leonard F., Eugene and Lillian M. Mr. Tyler in politics is a Republican. He and his family are members of the Congregational Church, and they are all highly respected members of the community. Our subject is regarded as one of the most upright and trustworthy citizens of the town.

MONSON. That branch of the family of this name at New Haven, several members of which are yet actively engaged in business, among them Capt. David C. and Charles Monson, sons of the late venerable William Monson, of Litchfield and Morris, Conn., and men of prominence in business circles and social life, is one of the oldest of Connecticut's families, its history reaching back to the Colonial period, covering a time of 260 or more years.

The late William Monson, of Litchfield and Morris, was descended in the seventh generation from Thomas Monson, who was first known in this country as a resident of Hartford, Conn., in 1637, performing military service in the Pequot war. Soon thereafter he became a resident of New Haven, where he continued to live until his death. His birth occurred about 1612, and his death in 1685. He was a carpenter by trade, was of the faith of the Congregational Church, and made a good citizen. His wife's Christian name was Joanna, and she died in 1678. From this Thomas Monson, the settler, the late William Monson's line of descent was through Samuel, Samuel (2), William, William (2) and William (3).

Samuel Monson, son of Thomas, the settler, was baptized in 1643, and in 1665 married Martha, a daughter of William and Alice (Pritchard)

Bradley. Mr. Monson was a tanner and also made shoes, and resided first in New Haven, then in Wallingford, and again New Haven. His death occurred in 1693.

Samuel Monson (2), son of Samuel, born in 1669, married first, in 1707, Martha, and second, in 1708, Mary, born in 1674, the widow of Caleb Merriman, and a daughter of Deacon Eliasaph Preston, and resided in Wallingford, where he had served as town clerk. His death occurred in 1741 and that of his widow in 1755.

William Monson, son of Samuel (2), was born in 1695, married Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Curtis, of Wallingford, and resided in that part of that town which is now Cheshire. His death occurred in 1733.

William Monson (2), son of William, was born in 1731. He married in 1753, Sarah, born in 1734, a daughter of Isaac Griggs, of Wallingford and resided in what was then the town of Waterbury, but later, Wolcott. Mrs. Monson died in 1806, and her husband in 1815.

William Monson (3), son of William (2) was born in 1769, and he married first, in 1790, Olive Dayton, and second, in 1835, Elizabeth Ford. He resided in Plymouth and Litchfield, Conn., and Meredith, N. Y.

William Monson (4), son of William (3), and the father of David C. and Charles Monson, of New Haven, was born Jan. 10, 1793, in the town of Plymouth, Conn., and became a carrier and tanner, by occupation, residing in Litchfield, in that part of the town which, in 1850, was set off as the town of Morris. His religious connections were with the Congregational Church, and his political affiliations with the Whig and later with the Republican party. Mr. Monson was twice married, first, Sept. 4, 1815, to Alice Emmons, who was born May 3, 1791, and died May 6, 1821. He married second March 19, 1822, Polly Benton, born in March, 1792, and died Sept. 30, 1875. Mr. Monson survived until Aug. 5, 1887, when in the ninety-sixth year of his age. His children were: William H., born Aug. 1, 1816, a tanner, settled at Cheraw, S. C., where his death occurred in 1887 (he served in the Confederate army as adjutant of the Home Guards); Julius, born in 1818, died in 1819; Charles B., born in 1821, died in 1825; Phebe A., born April 5, 1823, married May 8, 1845, Elias C. Woodruff, and resides in Westville, Conn.; Cornelia A., born March 22, 1825, married twice, and died in Hamden, in 1877; Elizabeth L., born Nov. 3, 1827, resided in Westville, and died, unmarried, at an advanced age, in 1895; David C., born Aug. 7, 1832; Charles, born Feb. 14, 1834, is a merchant of New Haven; and Homer G., born April 11, 1837, is an orange grower and investor, residing at Sanford, Florida.

Captain David C. Monson, son of the late William Monson, was born Aug. 7, 1832, in the town of Litchfield, Conn., where his school days and youth were passed. Learning the trade and business



David C. Monson.

of tanner from his father, he followed that during his earlier life. On Aug. 4, 1862, during the progress of the Civil war, in response to the call of President Lincoln for 300,000 men, in July of that year, Mr. Monson enlisted, as a private, in Company C, 19th Conn. V. I., which later became Company C, 2d Conn. Heavy Artillery. The engagements in which this regiment participated were: Spottsylvania, Va., May 22 to 24, 1864; Talopotomy, Va., May 28, 1864; Cold Harbor, Va., June 1, 1864; Petersburg, Va., June 20 to 26, 1864; Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864; Fisher's Hill, Va., Sept. 22, 1864; Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 19, 1864; Hatcher's Run, Va., Feb. 6, 1865; Petersburg, Va., March 25 and April 2, 1865; and Little Sailor's Creek, Va., April 6, 1865. Captain Monson shared the fortunes of his regiment from start to finish, and returned to his home with an honorable war record, being promoted from sergeant on Dec. 26, 1864, to second lieutenant, and April 18, 1865, to first lieutenant of his company, and was mustered out with his regiment Aug. 18, 1865.

Captain Monson has resided in Litchfield, Morris, Wolcottville, now Torrington, and Westville, and for many years was foreman in the Diamond Match Co., of Westville. His political affiliations have been with the Republican party, in which he has been active and influential. Since a resident of Westville he has served as constable, fence viewer and registrar of the Thirteenth ward, and is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen and commands the respect of his fellow townsmen.

On April 27, 1856, Capt. Monson was married to Sarah A. Holcomb, of Torrington, Conn., born Nov. 2, 1837, and to this union have come children as follows: Alice Elizabeth, born March 13, 1859, in Morris, Conn., married Homer L. Cooper, formerly of Westville, now of New Haven, and they have had four children, Gertrude and Roland surviving; Mary Eliza, born Nov. 18, 1860, in Morris, Conn., is a resident of Westville; William Holcomb, who died in January, 1899, was born Dec. 10, 1862, in Torrington, Conn., married Oct. 23, 1889, Annie Wright Page, and had three children, Marjorie Fuller, Ruth and Mary; and Clifford Benton, born Nov. 13, 1875, in New Haven, died Feb. 6, 1892. Capt. and Mrs. Monson are members of the Congregational Church.

When the town of Morris was set off from Litchfield, Capt. Monson went to Hartford to represent his section of the town before the committee for this purpose. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic order, Olive Branch, No. 55, having entered in 1860, through Seneca Lodge, in Torrington; American Mechanics; and Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., of which he is past commander. His connection with the Diamond Match Co. ended when it went into a trust, in 1895. In 1897 he was made postmaster of Westville, and when this office was consolidated with the New Haven office, he was made superintendent, and as

such has since efficiently served the Government. His home on Central Avenue, Westville, Conn., was erected by himself, and there he is passing his declining years in peace and comfort, surrounded by many friends.

WILLIAM N. HOUGHTALING, builder of concrete walks and floors, Ansonia, is a native of New York State, born Jan. 22, 1838, at Sandlake, Rensselaer county.

Tunis Houghtaling, his great-grandfather, a farmer by occupation, was born in Holland, whence he came to this country, settling near Sandlake, N. Y., where he died at the age of eighty years, the father of ten children. His son Christopher Houghtaling, grandfather of William N., was born at Coeymans, N. Y., and passed his entire life on a farm there, dying when seventy-eight years old. He married Nancy Mixer, who died at the age of fifty-six, the mother of a large family.

William M. Houghtaling, the father of William N., was born at Sandlake in 1813, and received his education at the common schools. After following agricultural pursuits for some years at the place of his birth he removed to Canaan, N. Y., then, after a couple of years, making his home in West Stockbridge, Mass., later, for six years, in Lenox, Mass. Following this he resided in North Adams two years; Colerain ten years; Windsor, Vt., for a time; finally in Holyoke, Mass., where he died at the age of eighty-one years. He married Cynthia P. Gardner, of Stephentown, N. Y. (one of ten children born to her parents), and they had ten children, six of whom survive: William N., Martha, Christopher, Charles, George and David, all living in Holyoke except William N., in Ansonia, and Charles, in Seymour. The mother, born April 13, 1813, is yet living, at the patriarchal age of eighty-nine.

William N. Houghtaling, our subject, received a liberal education at the public schools, and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-two years old, at which time he went to Goshen, Mass., thence to Colerain. From there he proceeded to Shelburne Falls, where he engaged as a mechanic, in 1866 removing to Seymour, Conn., being there employed as a bit and anger maker up to 1884, when he commenced the business of making concrete walks and floors. He remained in Seymour until November, 1891, in that year coming to Ansonia, where he has since remained, his house and office being at No. 33 Pleasant street. He is the only one in his special line in the city, and does a large amount of work, employing a considerable number of men. What he does is of the finest quality, and he has achieved an enviable reputation, not only as a thorough master of his business, but also as a citizen of the community, in which he is highly respected by all who know him. In politics he is independent.

In 1860 William N. Houghtaling married Miss Lucy L. Loomis, who was born Feb. 3, 1841, in

Goshen, Mass., a daughter of Almon B. Loomis, a native of Becket, Mass., and a granddaughter of Calvin Loomis, who was born in Springfield, Mass., Dec. 13, 1779. Her great-grandfather, Jonathan Loomis, first saw the light in Feeding Hills, Mass., where he followed farming during his early life, then removed to Becket, Mass.; he died at the age of ninety years. He served in the war of the Revolution.

Calvin Loomis left Becket when a young man, and journeyed to what is now Painesville, Ohio, but which was then a part of the great unknown West. After seven years he returned to Becket, and on July 10, 1810, he married Anna Freeland, daughter of Joseph and Mollie (Mann) Freeland, of Blandford, Mass. She died Jan. 7, 1876, at the age of ninety-five, after sixty-six years of happy wedded life. Mr. Loomis survived until Dec. 14, 1878, when he passed away at the advanced age of ninety-nine years. He could well remember his great-grandmother, at the great age of 103 years, as she laid her hands in blessings on his head. Six children blessed the union of Calvin and Anna Loomis, of whom Almon B. was the third son, and was of the sixth generation in descent from Joseph Loomis, who came from Braintree, England, in 1638, and settled in Windsor, Conn., in 1639; he was born about 1590, and died in 1658.

Almon B. Loomis, father of Mrs. William Houghtaling, was born Dec. 11, 1816, and passed his early years in Becket, Mass., later removing to Washington, Mass., then living in Peru, Windsor and Savoy, Mass., each for a short time, and finally settling in Goshen, Mass.; he purchased the old homestead, conducting same, also quarrying the finest flagstone in Massachusetts, until retiring from active life; he has since made his home with our subject. He married Hester Willcutt, a daughter of Rev. William Willcutt, a minister of some renown, who was born in 1796, and died at the age of seventy-three years. Rev. William Willcutt was a son of Zebulon and Mercy (Litchfield) Willcutt, the former a soldier of the Revolution, who received a life pension; he died at the age of ninety-six years. Rev. William Willcutt's wife, Betsy (Daniels), was born in Plainfield, Mass., May 1, 1796, and died Nov. 3, 1875, aged seventy-nine years and six months. She was one of eight children, and had a family of eight children. Her mother died at the age of eighty-nine. Mrs. Houghtaling's parents reared a family of four children, two of whom are yet living, viz.: Mrs. Houghtaling and Mrs. Addison D. Blanchard, the latter residing in Goshen. The mother died Dec. 14, 1803, at the age of seventy-four years. Mr. Loomis is a Republican in politics, and a man of rare intelligence, now eighty-five years of age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Houghtaling have been born three children, a brief record of whom follows: (1) Lucy, born May 24, 1862, died at the age of two years. (2) Idella G., born Aug. 7, 1860, died April

27, 1899; she married Henry W. Phelps, a mason by trade, at present working for Mr. Houghtaling. (3) Lillian L., born Feb. 3, 1872, was educated in the Seymour schools, and later commenced the study of medicine, but on account of ill health had to abandon it. When the eldest daughter Lucy was born she had living four grandparents and five great-grandparents—a most unusual record.

In January, 1900, Mr. Houghtaling purchased land at No. 10 Arch street, West Ansonia. His daughter Lillian at once designed and drew plans for a fine residence, which was built accordingly, and in November the place was ready for occupancy, and is now the family home. The house is well elevated, large and well lighted, and is furnished with all modern improvements, including gas and electric lights.

CHARLES H. PULFORD, M. D., so widely and favorably known in the town of Seymour, is a man of sterling quality and broad, sound education, which he has manifested most liberally in his life and work. He was born in Stafford Springs, Conn., Dec. 18, 1859, and spent his early life under the guidance of his father, obtaining his primary education in the public schools of Connecticut. Later he took the Collegiate Institute Course at Hacketts-town, N. J., and then went to New York City to enter the college at the corner of 23d Street and Third Avenue, and in 1888 he was graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago. He practiced with his father until the latter's death, after which he continued in general practice by himself, continuing to occupy the same office. Dr. Pulford is the oldest practitioner in the town, and has a large clientele both in this and surrounding towns.

A glance into the ancestral life and history of our subject may here be of interest. His grandfather, William C. Pulford, was born in Leeds, England, and there he spent his life. He married a Miss Bannister, who was also of English birth and lived to the age of sixty years. Six children were born to them; one resides in Delaware, Ohio; one in Bradford, England; Elizabeth and Charlotte, both married, reside in Worcester, Mass., and two are deceased.

Frederick W. Pulford, the father of our subject, and the oldest son of William C., was also born in Leeds, England, where he lived until twelve years of age, when he sailed for this country, taking up his abode in Ohio. His early education was that afforded by the public schools. He was engaged in the woolen business until 1865, in which year he began the study of medicine. He commenced practicing in Royalston, Mass., continuing there until 1876, when he removed to Seymour, where he resided until his demise in June, 1893, at the age of sixty-six years. He was the oldest practitioner in the town and had a larger practice than any other physician there. In politics he was a Republican.

Fraternally he was a member of Morning Star Lodge, F. & A. M., of Seymour, and professionally, belonged to the State Medical Society. He married Sarah A., daughter of Chester Leonard, a lumber dealer of Dunkirk, who lost his life on Lake Erie. Two daughters and seven sons were born to them of whom the following are now living: (1) Rufus A., superintendent of a department of the Scoville Mfg. Co., resides in Waterbury; (2) Charles H. is our subject; (3) William E. resides in Prospect, Conn.; (4) Arabella E. married Andrew J. Miles, of the firm of Baldwin & Miles, meat dealers. Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Pulford were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They possessed considerable musical talent and ability, and were active in all local musical entertainments. In addition to his vocal accomplishments Dr. Pulford was a violinist and cornetist and played in a band and orchestra at one time. Mrs. Pulford died in 1892, aged sixty-three years.

Born and reared in an environment of culture and refinement, the early inclinations of Dr. Charles H. Pulford received that recognition and training which developed the ability displayed in his daily life. He has lived very largely among the people, and is deservedly popular. As a vocalist he is active in all musical entertainments, and he also plays the piano. His religious views are liberal. In his fraternal relations, he is identified with Morning Star Lodge, No. 47, F. & A. M., of which he is the musical director; and he also belongs to Evening Star Lodge, R. A. M. Professionally, he is a member of the State Medical Society. In politics he is a Republican. His office and residence is at No. 26 Maple Street.

JUDGE ALEXANDER DANA McLEAN is a worthy and notable descendant of the McLean family of Wallingford, one of the most respectable and noted names in New England history.

Dr. Neil McLean, the first of the family in America, was born in the Island of Coll, in Scotland, about 1702, and, according to tradition, came to this country in 1736, with the celebrated Dr. Morrison, with whom he was associated in several difficult cases. On Jan. 5, 1737, he settled in Hartford, Conn., where he was highly esteemed as a successful physician and as a man of much intelligence and of high character. He had a beautiful country seat at Bloomfield, Conn., which was approached through an avenue of white pine trees, but these trees were cut down soon after his death because "they shaded the soil." Dr. McLean died in Hartford, Jan. 15, 1784, while on a visit to his friend, Dr. Nichols. He had been twice married. His first wife, whom he wedded in Hartford, was Mrs. Hannah (Stillman) Cadwell, daughter of Geo. Stillman, who came from London, England, about 1680, and married Rebecca, daughter of Lieut. Philip Smith, and granddaughter of Nathaniel Foote, of Wethersfield, Conn. Mrs. McLean was

the great aunt of General Warren and James Otis, of Revolutionary fame. She died April 22, 1755, at the age of fifty-two years. In 1757 Dr. McLean married Mrs. Knowles, who died in 1766. By his first marriage Dr. McLean became the father of the following children: Allen, baptized Oct. 2, 1737, died Sept. 19, 1741; Lachlan, born Nov. 4, 1739, married Sarah Humphrey, and lived in White-stone, N. Y., until his death Sept. 19, 1813; Allen (2), born Dec. 13, 1741, graduated at Yale College in 1762, became a physician, and died in March, 1829 (he married Mary Sloan, of New Haven); John, baptized Jan. 29, 1744, is mentioned below; Neil, born Feb. 9, 1746, died in August, 1793; and Catherine, baptized Sept. 23, 1748.

John McLean, fourth in the family of Dr. McLean, became a farmer in Windsor, Conn., where he spent his life, dying Sept. 2, 1822. Sarah Goodwin, his wife, was a daughter of Daniel Goodwin, of one of the best-known families of Hartford, and died May 5, 1817, at the age of seventy years. She was a woman of good character, kind heart and ardent piety. To John McLean and his wife Sarah were born the following children: (1) Dolly Goodwin, born May 18, 1771, married William Williston, of Suffield, and died May 1, 1861. (2) John, born in 1776, was a sailor, and died in 1805. (3) James, born May 6, 1779, was a sea captain, and was one of the impressed seamen that caused the war with England in 1812, and spent seventeen years on board a British man of war; he died Jan. 2, 1865, at Sailors Snug Harbor, Staten Island. (4) Harry is mentioned farther on. (5) Sally, born in 1784, married Edward Vining, of Simsbury, and died in 1815. (6) Betsy, born Aug. 9, 1787, died Nov. 15, 1810.

Harry McLean, the father of Judge McLean, was born in Windsor, which is now the town of Bloomfield, April 30, 1782, and died in 1844, and his remains were buried in the old Bloomfield cemetery. He was a farmer by occupation, and was one of the best known men of Bloomfield. A staunch Democrat, he worked hard for the party, and was a man of influence in political matters, and served as selectman many years. He attended the Episcopal Church, and was a good Christian man and upright citizen. On Dec. 22, 1807, Mr. McLean married Miss Susanna Gillette, a daughter of Jonathan Gillette, of Windsor. This union was blessed with eight children: (1) Betsy, born April 25, 1810, married Eliezur Latimer, and removed to Ohio, where she died Oct. 15, 1886. (2) Polly, born April 30, 1812, died May 10, 1817. (3) Henry, born April 17, 1814, died May 25, 1815. (4) Henry (2), born May 26, 1816, married Jan. 9, 1846, Abigail Allyn, and died Oct. 26, 1863. (5) John, born April 25, 1818, married Elizabeth Allyn in 1842, and died Feb. 16, 1897. (6) Daniel Goodwin, born Sept. 3, 1820, married Maria Dana, of Wilkesbarre, Penn., and removed to Enterprise, Fla., where he died March 30, 1895. (7) Susanna

married Watson Dewey, of Granby, and died in 1854. (8) Alexander Dana, born May 24, 1829.

Alexander Dana McLean was still young when he lost his father. He had his education at the public schools, the Connecticut Institute at Suffield, and at a private school in Bloomfield. Growing up on the farm, he took up the study of surveying and civil engineering, and engaged in the practice of that calling in his native town, and was also a carpenter. He remained in the town of Bloomfield until 1860, when he went to Edgerton, Wis., and engaged in tobacco culture and general farming for nine years. He took up the study and practice of law, becoming quite successful, and was judge of the city court of Edgerton four terms, and justice of the peace, filling other offices as well. In 1878 he removed to Chester, Virginia, where he carried on extensive building operations, the Presbyterian church of that place being one of his principal constructions. He was one of the organizers of this church, and became an elder. After spending four years in that country he returned to Wallingford, Conn., settling at North Farms, and engaging in tobacco and general farming for six years; and while he has been in the tobacco business for twenty-five years, he never uses the article in any form. In 1887 he removed to Wallingford, where he settled in the city, and followed his profession as surveyor, for four years being surveyor for the borough of Wallingford. For a number of years his wife was engaged in the florist business, and this business has grown so much that it now takes the most of Mr. McLean's time as well. He is a man well-known and highly respected. He was elected Borough Judge of Wallingford in 1895, and has served two years, filling the position with dignity and honor. The Judge is a life-long Democrat, and has held many positions of trust. In 1863 he was elected to the State Legislature from Wallingford, and served on the committee on civil engineering. He was selectman, tax collector and assessor. All his life he has been known as a thoroughly honorable and upright man, of the most unswerving integrity, and wherever he has lived has had a host of friends. He is a prominent and active member of the Wallingford Agricultural Society, and is deeply interested in everything that touches the local welfare. He belongs to the Congregational Church, and is a devoted worker in the Sunday School, having been a superintendent of different Sunday-schools for ten years.

Judge McLean has been twice married. On March 30, 1851, Ellen A. Dana, daughter of Francis Dana, and a sister of the wife of Daniel Goodwin McLean, became his wife; she died in July, 1863, leaving two children: (1) Harry Francis, who married Nancy Stewart, and settled in Michigan City, Ind., where he is a railroad engineer. (2) Nellie Edith, who married Pitman Angel, of Manchester, Va. Judge McLean, for his second wife, married Mrs. Mary J. Churchill. She was born in

Wethersfield, and is the mother of one child, Charles Levi, who is in the express business between Wallingford and Meriden; he married Emma Tooth, and has two children, Harry E. and Russell J. Mrs. Mary J. McLean was the widow of Levi Churchill, and a daughter of Elisha Blinn, of Wethersfield.

CALVIN MINER LEETE, late of the town of Guilford, was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of New Haven county, and his industry, thrift and intelligent application to agricultural pursuits won him a marked degree of success in that vocation.

Mr. Leete was born Oct. 18, 1816, on the old Leete homestead in the town of Guilford, the youngest son of Miner and Lucinda (Norton) Leete, and received his education at the common schools of the neighborhood. He worked on his father's farm up to the age of nineteen years, at which time, impaired health demanding a change of residence, he removed to Meriden and made his home there for several years. Returning to Guilford greatly improved in health, he began his life vocation on Leete's Island, and there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his retirement from active life. Mr. Leete died Feb. 17, 1899. His estimable virtues made him one of the foremost citizens of the community, and his many sterling qualities won for him the high regard and respect of all. Though averse to holding office he was elected a representative of Guilford in the State Legislature in 1850, again in 1862, and, for a third time, in 1878. He also served the town in various other capacities, and was always deeply interested in the local welfare and progress. Early in life he espoused the cause of abolition, and he cast his presidential vote for Birney and Hale. He voted for Van Buren in the Free-Soil movement, and after the formation of the Republican party supported its principles and candidates. In 1849 Mr. Leete became a member of the Congregational Church in Meriden, from which he transferred his membership to the Third Church at Guilford, of which, for a long time, he was a leading member and for many years a deacon.

Deacon Leete married, Feb. 7, 1866, Lucy M., daughter of Morris A. and Clarinda (Graves) Leete. Of this union there is one son, CALVIN MORRIS LEETE, born Jan. 11, 1867, and now living at the ancestral home.

(III) Pelatiah Leete (1681-1768), the great-great-grandfather of Deacon Calvin M. Leete, was the great-great-great-grandfather of his wife, Lucy M. She is of the eighth generation from William Leete, the founder of the family in Connecticut. From Pelatiah (III) the line of descent to Mrs. Leete is as follows:

(IV) Pelatiah Leete, born March 7, 1713, married, March 26, 1740, Lydia Crittenden, who was born in Guilford March 14, 1719, daughter of Deacon Samuel and Mindwell (Meigs) Crittenden.



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She died Aug. 13, 1772, and he survived until May 28, 1783. He was a deacon of the Fourth Congregational Church. The children of Pelatiah and Lydia Leete were: Pelatiah, born March 4, 1741, died April 20, 1741; Pelatiah, sketch of whom follows; Lydia and Noah (twins) were born Oct. 24, 1749 (Lydia married John Leete); Eber, born March 25, 1752, died Oct. 22, 1769; Simeon, born April 14, 1753, married Zerviah Norton; Amos, born April 25, 1758, married Hannah Ward; Nathan, born in 1762, died Nov. 1, 1769.

(V) Pelatiah Leete, son of Deacon Pelatiah, was born Aug. 22, 1744. He married, June 17, 1766, Bethiah Norton, daughter of Thomas and Bethiah Norton, of Guilford. She died June 30, 1793, aged fifty-six years. For his second wife Pelatiah Leete married, Nov. 10, 1794, Mary Frisbie, of North Branford, who died Jan. 14, 1852. He died March 2, 1806, at Leete's Island. His children were: Joel, sketch of whom follows; Noah, born Feb. 22, 1770, married Hulda Ward; Pelatiah, born July 3, 1773, married Betsy Rany; Mary, born Feb. 15, 1798, married Jude Ludington.

(VI) Joel Leete, born April 15, 1768, married, May 27, 1790, Molly Crittenden, who was born Aug. 25, 1765, daughter of Noah and Naomi (Atwell) Crittenden. They lived at Leete's Island, where he died Jan. 28, 1842, his wife surviving to Nov. 24, 1843. Their four children were: Alvan, born Aug. 24, 1791, married Rebecca Butler; Polly Maria, born March 7, 1794, died Jan. 3, 1795; Morris Atwell, sketch of whom follows; Frederick William, born July 6, 1803, married Sarah Jane Fowler.

(VII) Morris Atwell Leete, son of Joel, was born at Leete's Island Nov. 10, 1795. He married, Oct. 25, 1820, Clarinda Graves, who was born Aug. 27, 1795, daughter of Milton and Lucy (Buel) Graves. They had children as follows: Joel Morris, born Dec. 25, 1821, died Oct. 7, 1858; George Augustus, born May 4, 1824, died Nov. 27, 1825; Lucy Maria, born June 2, 1827, became the wife of Calvin M. Leete, our subject; George Cornelius, born Sept. 17, 1820, married Harriet Stebbins; Henry Walter, born Nov. 9, 1832, died Feb. 26, 1853; Harvey Ward, born Nov. 9, 1832, married Miss Christiana Faulkner; Joseph Alvan, born Aug. 19, 1836, married Orphana Hill.

JOHN W. OSBORNE (deceased) was for many years prominently identified with the industrial and business interests of Derby and Ansonia, New Haven county, and was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community. He was a native of New Haven, and a son of Stephen Osborne, who was engaged in business in that city for some years.

Our subject, who was one of a large family of children, came to Derby with his parents during childhood, and was there reared and educated. When a young man in 1842, he formed a copartnership with his brother-in-law, George W. Cheese-

man, and embarked in general merchandising, which business they carried on until 1858, when they turned their attention to the manufacture of hoop-skirts. The following year they moved their plant to Ansonia and were engaged in business there for many years, meeting with marked success in their undertakings and becoming quite well-to-do.

In 1864 Mr. Osborne married Mrs. Eliza Hill Baker, of Redding, Conn. Our subject died March 6, 1895, at the age of eighty-four years. Politically he was a Republican, and he gave his support to every enterprise which he believed would prove of public benefit, or would advance the moral or material welfare of his town and county. He was one of the founders of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Derby, and took a very active and prominent part in all church work, contributing liberally to its support. He commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, either in business or in social life, and in his death the community lost one of its best citizens.

DEACON SAMUEL WILLIAM DUDLEY, late of North Guilford, was a lineal descendant of (III) Capt. William Dudley (born Oct. 18, 1684, died Feb. 28, 1761), youngest son of (II) Joseph, who was the second son of (I) William, one of the original settlers of Guilford, as set forth in the Dudley genealogy.

(III) Capt. William Dudley was a prominent man in North Guilford in his day. Early records show that in 1725 he was a justice of the peace, captain of militia, and a deacon in the church in that place. The latter office he held until his death, in 1761. He married Ruth Strong, daughter of Thomas Strong, of Lyme. She died Sept. 18, 1743, and he married (second) Rebecca Fisk, of New Milford, daughter of Joseph Elliott. His children, all by the first wife, were: (1) Submit, born Oct. 1, 1713, died April 16, 1733. (2) William, born Dec. 28, 1715, died Oct. 23, 1717. (3) William (2) was born Dec. 28, 1717. (4) Asabel, born June 17, 1719, died in 1809; he removed to Middletown; he married Jan. 25, 1742, Betsey Hatch. (5) Lucy, born March 29, 1721, married Michael Baldwin, son of Timothy Baldwin. (6) Lois, born Feb. 14, 1723, died Oct. 7, 1743. (7) Medad, born Feb. 23, 1726, is mentioned below. (8) Jared, born Nov. 17, 1727, died June 14, 1811; he married Dec. 25, 1754, Mary Chittenden, daughter of Daniel C. (9) Sarah, born July 14, 1730, died Oct. 7, 1743. (10) Mabel (twin of Sarah) married April 30, 1754, Ebenezer Russell. (11) Ruth, born June 9, 1733, died June 20, 1745.

(IV) Medad Dudley (son of (III) Capt. William), born Feb. 23, 1726, died Feb. 10, 1804. On June 10, 1756, he married Mary Fowler, daughter of Daniel Fowler. She died July 14, 1810, aged eighty-one. They had nine children: (1) Ambrose, sketch of whom follows. (2) Lucy, born Jan. 18, 1759, died Dec. 23, 1834; she married

March 3, 1790, Oliver Fowler, son of Ebenezer and Desire (Bristol) Fowler. (3) William, born Feb. 19, 1761, lived at Litchfield, Conn.; he married May 18, 1785, Abigail Baldwin. (4) Rebecca, born Dec. 8, 1762, died Feb. 10, 1846, unmarried. (5) Medad, born Dec. 16, 1764, died Jan. 13, 1854; in 1797 he married Phebe Conklin, of East Hampton, L. I. (6) Charles, born Dec. 6, 1766, lived at Litchfield; he married Ruth Hart and (second) Rhoda Baldwin. (7) Submit, born Nov. 26, 1768, married Jan. 2, 1797, Jonathan Bishop. (8) Paul, born Oct. 19, 1771, died Oct. 10, 1847; he married Anne Moulthrop, of East Haven, Conn. (9) Molly, born Feb. 20, 1774, died Aug. 11, 1810, unmarried.

(V) Ambrose Dudley, the eldest son of (IV) Medad and Mary (Fowler) Dudley, was born April 1, 1757, was a farmer of North Guilford, and died Jan. 10, 1826. He married April 29, 1783, Elizabeth Russell, born Nov. 23, 1758, died July 15, 1834, daughter of Samuel Russell. Ambrose Dudley served in the Revolutionary war, being in 1776 a private in Capt. Hand's Company, Col. Talcott's Regiment. He had three children: (1) Russell, born Jan. 19, 1784, died at sea Dec. 1, 1806, unmarried. (2) Abigail, born Oct. 21, 1788, died Nov. 19, 1872; on Oct. 27, 1816, she married Daniel Fowler; and she subsequently married (second) Benjamin Rossiter. (3) Samuel William, sketch of whom follows.

(VI) Deacon Samuel William Dudley, son of (V) Ambrose and Elizabeth (Russell) Dudley, of North Guilford, was born July 16, 1800, and died Dec. 11, 1881. He was a farmer, and lived all his days on the homestead. He was a prominent and influential member of the Congregational Church of North Guilford, which he served in various capacities. He was chosen a deacon in the same in May, 1856, and held that office until his death, or over twenty-five years. He was a justice of the peace as early as 1832; a representative to the General Assembly in 1844, 1853, 1857, 1863 and 1865; and state senator in 1869. Physically, he was a man of large proportions and commanding personal appearance. His manner was courteous and cordial, his integrity unswerving. A faithful friend and a wise counselor, he was universally respected and loved. He received a liberal education at the district schools, also North Guilford Academy, and for several years taught school in the town of Guilford. He was a large land owner in both North Guilford and North Branford, and in addition to general farming, stock raising, etc., he shipped away considerable quantities of timber.

On Jan. 2, 1833, Deacon Samuel W. Dudley married Lucy Ann Chittenden, daughter of David and Lucy (Fowler) Chittenden, and they had six children: (1) Charles Samuel, born May 24, 1831, is an insurance agent at New Haven, Conn. He married, in 1871, Mary Austin, of Westville, Conn., a teacher. He was a soldier in the Civil war, serving as a private in the 14th Conn. V. I. (2) Henry

Chittenden, born May 9, 1836, died while in the army, Jan. 17, 1863; he was sergeant in the 14th Regiment, Conn. V. I.; he married Oct. 16, 1861, Anna E. Parmelee, daughter of Deacon Eli Parmelee, of Guilford. She subsequently married (second) Lieut. Edward Griswold. (3) Elizabeth Russell, born June 25, 1838, married Jan. 3, 1876, Deacon John W. Norton, of Guilford. (4) James Ambrose, born Aug. 21, 1840, married Oct. 13, 1870, Emelyn M. Griswold, of Guilford. He is deceased. (5) George Chittenden, a sketch of whom follows. (6) William Russell, born March 1, 1849, was a professor at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., afterwards professor at Leland Stanford University, San Francisco, California.

(VII) GEORGE CHITTENDEN DUDLEY, son of (VI) Deacon Samuel W., was born Sept. 1, 1842, on the homestead, and has always lived there, having operated same since the death of his father. His education he obtained in part at the district schools of the neighborhood of his home, in part at North Guilford Academy, and he is otherwise a well-read and well-informed man. In politics he is a Republican, but has never aspired to political preferment, though he has served as tax collector and in some minor town offices. In religious faith he is a member of and deacon in the Congregational Church, and is a member of the choir. Socially he is affiliated with the Good Templars and with the Grange. Mr. Dudley's industry, integrity and sound common sense have secured for him, in an unusual degree, the uniform respect of the community in which he lives.

JAMES H. BARTLETT, a well-known and highly-esteemed citizen of Oxford, New Haven county, who is now successfully engaged in general farming and tobacco growing, was born on a farm near Millbrook, Dutchess county, N. Y., Oct. 7, 1829, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Swift) Bartlett, and grandson of Littlefield Bartlett, all natives of Dutchess county. Our subject is the eldest in a family of nine children, the others being as follows: Deborah, wife of Lucius Osbourne, a farmer of Dutchess county; Susan, wife of Dewitt Benson, of Clinton, Iowa; Sarah E., wife of Edwin Chapin, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Phebe J., wife of Davis White, of Dutchess county, N. Y.; George L., a carpenter of Ansonia, Conn.; Maria J., wife of Clarence Vail, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Charles T., a farmer of Jackson county, Iowa; and Annie, wife of Edwin Dunham, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In the county of his nativity James H. Bartlett grew to manhood, and in its public schools he acquired his literary education. On leaving the parental roof, at the age of twenty years, he went to New York City, where he clerked in the wholesale grocery house of Meads & Co. for a year and a half, and was then with Skeel, Van Valkenberg & Co., as receiving and delivering clerk, for eight years. At the end of that period, in company with

Truman E. Herd, of Southbury, Conn., he went to Freeport, Ill., where he was engaged in general merchandising from 1855 to 1863. During the latter year he secured a position as clerk in the quartermaster's department at Corinth, Miss., and held same for a little over a year, at the end of which time he returned to Freeport, Ill. He soon afterward purchased a farm in Adams county, that state, and operated the same for one year, during which time his wife died. With his three little children he then returned to New York, taking them to their maternal grandmother, in Chester, Orange Co., N. Y. He next went to the oil regions of Pennsylvania, and in Pit Hole City he purchased an interest in what was known as the Ball farm, and also served as superintendent of the Fisher oil wells for six months. Subsequently he engaged in the manufacture of paper at Southford, Conn., until 1867, when he purchased the place in Oxford, New Haven Co., Conn., where he now resides. It is one of the finest farms of its size in the Quaker Valley, and in its cultivation he has met with well-deserved success.

Mr. Bartlett has been three times married, his first wife being Phoebe Beach, of Orange county, N. Y., by whom he had three children: Ella E., who was for many years a teacher in the schools of Oxford and Seymour, Conn., and for the last four years in the Emma Willard Seminary, at Troy, N. Y., but is at present traveling in Europe; Eva J., wife of Horace H. Oatman, of New Haven, Conn.; and Joseph L., who died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1865, and in 1866 he married her sister, Kate C. Beach, by whom he had two children, twins: Kate, wife of Arthur J. Benson, of Dover Plains, N. Y.; and Joseph, a machinist of Clinton, Iowa. Our subject's present wife was in her maidenhood Miss Josephine Flagg. There is one child by this union, Annie, who is at home.

Socially Mr. Bartlett is a member of King Solomon Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M., of Woodbury, while politically he is not identified with any particular party, but votes independent of party lines. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1879 and again in 1882, and served as selectman for fifteen consecutive years, with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

EDWARD GRISWOLD has in the thirty-five years of his mercantile career in Guilford become one of the best-known figures in the commercial and public life of that town and vicinity, where he is widely and favorably known in many connections.

Mr. Griswold was born June 30, 1839, in Guilford, son of Joel and Polly Griswold, and received his early education in the district schools in the neighborhood of his home, later attending the Guilford Institute. From early boyhood he was trained to farm work, assisting his father on the home

place, where he remained until the breaking out of the Civil war. On Oct. 26, 1861, he enlisted in the Union service, becoming a member of the 1st Light Battery, C. V., which formed a part of the 10th Army Corps, and serving a full three years, being mustered out Oct. 26, 1864. He took an active part in all the battles, etc., in which his command was engaged. After his return from the army Mr. Griswold rented the homestead, and also embarked in merchandising in partnership with his brother Charles, as general merchants and produce dealers, our subject taking charge of the produce business and his brother of the other branch. They continued thus three years, when our subject bought his brother's interest, and he has since engaged in general merchandising on his own account. Though he has always commanded a wide patronage Mr. Griswold has met with reverses, and at one time lost his all, but he has continued in the face of discouragements, and does a thriving business at present. His store, however, has not occupied all his time and attention. For a few years he was interested in the canning business, being one of the first in that line in Guilford. In the organization of the Savings Bank he was prominent as one of the prime movers and promoters, and he served several years as trustee, being one of the first to hold that office. He was the organizer of the Guilford Light Battery, in whose welfare he has always taken the deepest interest, and served as commander of same for six years. It was through his efforts that this battery was accepted as the battery called for from Connecticut by the United States Government in the Spanish-American war, in 1898.

Mr. Griswold is a lifelong Republican and an ardent supporter of the principles of that party, though he is independent in giving his support to candidates, especially in local affairs. He is a loyal friend of Gen. Hawley, the Connecticut senator, and was a staunch McKinley man. Though not an office-seeker he has never shirked public service, and his ability and trustworthiness have been recognized by his fellow townsmen, whom he has not disappointed in his discharge of the duties of the various offices to which he has been chosen. In 1882 he was elected to the State Legislature, on his own party ticket, and was re-elected to that incumbency the following year as the candidate of both Republican and Democratic parties. During his first term he served on the committee on Fishery, the second term as chairman of committee on Military Affairs, and he proved his efficiency in many ways gratifying to his constituents. However, no more flattering approval of his services could be desired than his return to the House as noted. On Nov. 5, 1901, Mr. Griswold was elected by the citizens of his town as delegate to the Constitutional Convention, held Jan. 1, 1902, at Hartford, for the purpose of revising the State Constitution. He is the recognized leader of the country contingent, and

it is claimed by his fellow townsmen that he is more widely and favorably known throughout the state than any other citizen of Guilford.

Mr. Griswold has ever been active in the G. A. R., and has served as delegate to the National Encampment. He was a charter member of Parmelee Post, of Guilford, in which he filled many offices, and now belongs to Foote Post, No. 17, New Haven. At present he is serving on the staff of the Department Commander of Connecticut as chief mustering officer, and in his visits to the different posts is heartily welcomed by the comrades. Being an interesting and ready speaker, he seldom escapes being called upon for remarks or addresses.

On May 12, 1868, Mr. Griswold was married, in Guilford, to Mrs. Anne E. (Parmelee) Dudley, who was born March 22, 1834, daughter of Eli Parmelee, and first married Henry D. Dudley; he was killed while serving in the Civil war. Three children blessed this union, born as follows: Elizabeth Hart, July 23, 1869; Edward Parmelee, July 6, 1870; and Nelson Hotchkiss, Jan. 12, 1872. The mother passed away Nov. 1, 1899, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Guilford. She was a devout Christian, a woman of charitable impulses and kindly deeds, and was sincerely mourned by her many friends in the town. Mr. Griswold holds membership with the Congregational Church, of which his wife was also a member. Though always an active man, his tastes are domestic, and he takes his greatest pleasure in his home and family. In his long and honorable life he has gained many warm friends, and though his independence of spirit and action have sometimes roused aggression it has always been in the support of what he believed to be right, and he is universally respected for his sincerity and integrity.

CLARK W. STOWE, one of the venerable residents of the town of Milford, senior member of the firm of C. W. Stowe & Son, well-known seed growers and farmers, was born in that town March 17, 1838, son of William and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Stowe. Our subject bears an honored name, the Stowe family having been prominently identified with the town from an early day, and Jedediah Stowe, his grandfather, was probably born there. This worthy citizen was a farmer by occupation, and for some time he also conducted a store in Milford. He and his wife had the following children: Isaac, a seafaring man, who died in Milford; David, a shoemaker and farmer; Jeremiah, a farmer; William, our subject's father; Sally, who married Elnathan Baldwin, a farmer; Sybil, who married Clark Platt, a farmer; and Nancy, who married William Platt, a farmer.

William Stowe, who was also a farmer, was born in Milford in 1794, and died in 1844. His wife, Elizabeth (Baldwin), was a daughter of Ezekiah Baldwin, a prominent farmer of Milford. She was born Aug. 16, 1809, and died Dec. 30, 1885.

They had two children: Clark W., our subject; and Mary Elizabeth, who was born in 1842, and died at the age of three years.

Clark W. Stowe was reared upon the old homestead in Milford, and obtained a common-school education in his district. When a young man he commenced in farming, and at present he has the able assistance of his son, the farm of 100 acres affording scope for various branches of their work. Mr. Stowe lived on the old homestead until 1865, when he moved to what is now known as Walnut Beach, he being one of the first to settle there. Politically he and his son are Republicans, and the family is active in religious and philanthropic work. Mr. Stowe having given the lot for the chapel at Walnut Beach.

Mr. Stowe married Miss Mary Catherine Hand, who was born Jan. 22, 1841, in Litchfield county, Conn., daughter of Guy S. Hand, a farmer of that section. She died Nov. 3, 1898, leaving two children: (1) Miles W., born July 12, 1857, married Miss Mercy Blakeman, born in 1862, in Fairfield county, Conn., daughter of Ezra and Urania (Hubbell) Blakeman. They have had two sons—Clark W., born Nov. 25, 1895, and Cornelius Ard, born Jan. 15, 1897. (2) Edith E., born Feb. 24, 1865, married Edward W. Beers, of Stratford.

Our subject has won success far beyond the ordinary, by methods that have retained for him the profound respect of all. He is a plain going man, and has so lived as to leave to his posterity a name that may be referred to with pride.

JOHN GILBERT CUTLER, who has been in the harnessmaking business in Waterbury for the long period of thirty-seven years, is a native of Bennington, Vt., and of English extraction.

David Cutler, grandfather of our subject, was born in Killingly, Windham Co., Conn., married there, and followed farming. He and his wife both died in Killingly, the latter at the age of about one hundred and six years. They were the parents of two children: David H. and Asa S.; the latter was a farmer in Killingly, and died in Putnam, Connecticut.

David H. Cutler, father of our subject, was born in Killingly, was educated there, and in early manhood went to Bennington, where he followed the trade of shoemaker. He married Harriet A. Gilbert, who was born in Mansfield, Conn., a daughter of John Gilbert, a farmer and country merchant. Two children were born to David H. Cutler and his wife: Harriet A. and John Gilbert. The father died in 1879, in the Shaker settlement, Mass. He was a lifelong Whig in politics. The mother passed away March 4, 1882, in Waterbury.

John G. Cutler, whose name introduces these lines, at the age of six years was taken from his native place, Bennington, Vt., to Tolland county, Conn., and there remained on a farm for some time, receiving his education in the district schools.



Clark W. Howe

At the time of the breaking out of the Civil war he was learning the harnessmaker's trade, and after coming to Waterbury, in 1862, he followed same as a journeyman until March 22, 1865, at which time he commenced in that business in Exchange place, Waterbury, on his own account, and has continued it ever since. He is now located in Platt's block, at No. 39 East Main street. There is only one man in business now in the city who was in business at the time our subject commenced. Mr. Cutler deals in harness, leather, saddlery hardware, horse clothing, trunks, and everything to be found in a shop of that nature.

In 1863 our subject was married in Waterbury to Mary Karmann, who was born in Middletown, Conn., Nov. 10, 1843, a daughter of Sebastian Karmann, a German by birth. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Cutler attend the services of the M. E. Church; in politics he is a Republican; socially he is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Royal Arcanum.

MRS. ESTELLA J. (HARTLEY) MILLS. The Mills and Hartley families are well known in this section, the former having been identified with Ansonia, and the latter with New Haven, since their first settlement, and the names of both are associated with a high order of citizenship.

The late Thomas Mills, who was for many years a leading resident of Ansonia, was born at Huddersfield, England, Aug. 24, 1801, a son of James Mills, and came to this country about 1828, locating at Little Falls, N. J. From there he removed to Newark, N. J., where he followed the blacksmith's trade for several years, and in 1843 he removed to Derby, Conn., being there employed at his trade, by Phelps, Dodge & Co., in their new plant. In their employ he remained forty-five years, removing with them to Birmingham, Conn., afterward to Ansonia, and he was regarded as an excellent workman in his line. On going to Birmingham he moved into the second house built there, and in Ansonia he was also one of the first settlers. During his residence there he witnessed the development of Derby, Shelton and Ansonia, the location having been metamorphosed from a farming community to a thriving business and manufacturing center, with a population of more than 20,000 people. He took an active part in town affairs, being an ardent Republican in politics, and he was prominent in fraternal society work as a member of the I. O. O. F. He united with the Order before coming to this country, and continued active in its work throughout his life, holding every office in the local branch. In religious faith he was a Methodist, and he served on the committee for locating and building the new church at Ansonia. His death occurred in Ansonia Feb. 3, 1883. Mr. Mills was first married, in England, Dec. 4, 1825, to Miss Grace Eastwood, who was born April 2, 1805, and who died at Ansonia in 1857. By this marriage he had ten chil-

dren, two of whom are still living: Mary J., who married J. M. Burrall, of Waterbury; and George E., a resident of Wallingford. On July 1, 1860, Mr. Mills married Miss Margaret Ball, who survives him, and by this union he had two children: Thomas B., mentioned below; and Albert E., who died in childhood.

Mrs. Margaret (Ball) Mills still resides at the family homestead, No. 185 North Main street, and is highly respected in the community for her philanthropic work. For years she has been one of the active members of the Methodist Church of Ansonia, having been in entire sympathy with her husband in his religious work, and for some time she was a teacher in the Sunday-school. She was born in Oldham, England, a daughter of Joseph Ball (2), and granddaughter of Joseph Ball (1), a native of Manchester, England. Her father, who was a mechanic, came to America in 1841, locating in Pennsylvania, and he passed away in Pottsville, that state, at the age of eighty years. Her mother, Margaret (Hargreaves), a native of Manchester, England, and a devout Methodist, died at the age of thirty-nine, when Mrs. Mills, who is the only survivor of eleven children, was but four weeks old. She was reared in England, and came to America at the age of twenty-five.

Thomas B. Mills, son of Thomas and Margaret (Ball) Mills, was born June 18, 1861. After securing a common-school education he learned the trade of machinist, and became one of the most valued employes of the firm of Wallace & Sons. His death, which occurred June 20, 1891, cut short a promising career. His high character was recognized in the community, and for so young a man he held an influential place in social affairs, and in the Republican organization. For a number of years he served as an active fireman in Eagle Hose Co., No. 6, and on many occasions he showed marked courage in the discharge of his duties. As a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he took a prominent part in the Sunday-school work and Young People's Meetings. Socially he was a member of the Order of Red Men, in which he held office, and of Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, I. O. O. F. At the age of twenty-two he had passed all the chairs in the latter organization, being then the youngest noble grand ever elected to that office. On April, 20, 1887, Mr. Mills married Miss Estella J. Hartley, and they had two sons, Paul H. and Albert E. Paul died at the age of seven years and nine months; he was a remarkably bright boy, as may be judged from the fact that his favorite reading was biographies of Garfield, Grant and Franklin.

Mrs. Estella J. Mills, who is widely known as an author, was born May 5, 1864, in Westville, New Haven Co., Conn. She completed a course in the Hillhouse high school, at New Haven, in the class of 1883, with the intention of teaching. Her tastes and abilities inclined to business life, however, and she took a position as bookkeeper with George W.

Walker, on Main street, Ansonia, remaining three and one-half years, when she married Thomas B. Mills, as above related. In 1892 she opened a store next door to her residence, and here she carries a supply of dry-goods, fancy goods, notions, school supplies and art materials. She is a gifted artist, and has done notable work in oil and on china, but her literary efforts have met with such success as to indicate that the pen is her best medium for expression. At the close of her last year at high school she wrote the class song, and was chosen class poet. In all she has written over 150 poems. A large volume, "Storm Swept," published by James H. Earle, of Boston, has been widely sold. Her sympathy with reforms of all kinds has led her into public life, and in 1893 she was elected to the board of education, being the first woman in the State to be chosen for that office. In 1896 she was re-elected, for another term of three years, and since March, 1894, she has served as school visitor. Mrs. Mills is an active member of the W. C. T. U., the Daughters of Liberty, the Order of the Golden Cross, the Woman's Relief Corps, and she and her mother both belong to the Ells-Wood Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, in which she has held different offices, including that of secretary. In religious faith she is a Methodist, and she formerly taught in the Sunday-school. Her family has been identified with New Haven for many years, and her father (William Hartley) and grandfather (Henry Hartley) were prominent in business circles in that city.

Henry Hartley, who died in New Haven in 1813, aged forty-seven years, was born in Manchester, England, and after coming to America gained a wide reputation for skill as an architect and builder, and carried on a large business in bridge-building and other branches of engineering. Many of the large buildings and bridges of this section—including some of the Yale College buildings—were constructed under his direction, and for building purposes he ordered stone from Portland, Conn. William Hartley was born and reared in New Haven, and for three years attended Yale College. He taught school in North Haven, and later became a civil engineer of marked ability. In 1850 he published a map of New Haven, and he served some years as deputy surveyor general; he also made the survey for the first sewer laid in the city of New Haven. During the Civil war he enlisted in the 27th Conn. V. I., which regiment was first assigned to the 2d Army Corps under Gen. Hancock, and for six months he served as topographical engineer of the Engineer Corps. Mr. Hartley was in several battles including Fredericksburg, and at Gettysburg he was surgeon's assistant in the ambulance corps. He died in New Haven Aug. 16, 1877, at the age of seventy-two, and was buried with Masonic honors, having been a member of the F. & A. M. for years. His widow, who in her maidenhood was Jane E. Barnett, now resides in Ansonia. She is a native of New Hartford, was reared at

Westville, this county, and was married, first, in 1842, to William L. Bliss, son of the Hon. Abel Bliss, of Wilbraham, Mass. By this marriage she had one child, now deceased. By her marriage with William Hartley she had five children, two sons and one daughter dying in infancy. Estella J. is the widow of Thomas B. Mills. Lillian C. who was two years her senior, married Henry O. Coon, and died June 5, 1900; she is survived by her husband and three children, Glen H., Jeanette E. and William O. William Hartley first married Rebecca Thorpe, of North Haven, and their son, William H., Jr., made the first survey of Pike's Peak, and the first survey and map of Denver, Colo. He accompanied John Brown in his first encounter with the border ruffians, and fired the first shot in the first engagement, Brown saying "Let Hartley fire first, for he's the best shot among us." A daughter by the first marriage, Mrs. Adelaide (Hartley) Merz, resides in North Haven.

In her mother's line Mrs. Estella J. Mills is descended from Jabez Barnett, an Englishman, who was among the first settlers in New Haven. His son, Jeremiah, great-grandfather of Mrs. Mills, kept a tavern on what is now Armstrong's Wharf, in New Haven, and also followed the cooper's trade, being extensively engaged in manufacturing barrels for the West Indies. Rev. Eli Barnett, grandfather of Mrs. Mills, was, at the age of fifteen years, apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade, but feeling a strong call to the ministry, he educated himself by private study in his evenings and early mornings. During his years of active service he preached the Gospel from Canada to Long Island Sound, the earliest portion of his work being done on the Middletown circuit. He died in New Haven in 1878, at the age of eighty-six. On Jan. 6, 1822, he married for his second wife, Betsey Tabor, of Shelburne Point, Vt., and they had three children, two of whom are living: Mrs. Jane E. Hartley, of Ansonia; and Mrs. Betsey A. Cowap, of Danville, Ill. The third daughter, Miss Ellen C. Barnett, a writer of note, died in 1886. The Tabor is a well-known family in New England, and Mt. Tabor in Vermont was named for them. Betsey Tabor was a daughter of Major John and Jemima (Trowbridge) Tabor, the former of whom was born in 1766, at Princeton, R. I., and became a pioneer settler at Shelburne, Vt., where he died in 1813. His title of Major was gained by his service in the militia.

AUGUSTUS HALL BARTHOLOMEW, deceased. The Bartholomew family, of which Augustus Hall Bartholomew, of Wallingford, was a descendant, has a record which is a credit to New England. The first of the name to come to these shores was William Bartholomew, son of William, of Burford, England, who was educated in Burford, was chaplain to King Charles, became sub-dean of Westminster, and upon his marriage with

Ann Lord came to America in the ship "Griffin," arriving in Boston in 1634. In 1654 he with others was granted the privilege of trading with visiting vessels. He died at Charlestown in 1683.

William Bartholomew (2), son of the emigrant, born in 1646 in Ipswich, married Mary Johnson, a daughter of the Capt. Johnson who had the title of surveyor to the King's armies in America. William was a carpenter, and followed his trade in Roxbury, later moving to Branford, Conn., where he built a mill. He died in Woodstock.

Andrew Bartholomew, son of William, was born in Roxbury in 1670, and married Hannah Frisbie, of Branford, who died in 1741. As manager of his father's mill in Branford he continued until the death of his father, when, in association with his brother Benjamin, he engaged in farming very extensively, removing in 1727 to Wallingford, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying about 1754.

Joseph Bartholomew, the ninth in the family of Andrew, was born in Branford in 1721, and married Mary Sexton in Wallingford. At the time of his death he owned large tracts of land in the southeastern part of Wallingford, near the Branford line, and was a lieutenant of militia.

Isaac Bartholomew, son of Joseph, born in 1748 in Wallingford, first married Martha Morse, his second marriage being to Demaris Hall. His death occurred in 1821. Isaac was a large farmer, owning the land which now constitutes the homestead in Wallingford. In 1793 there was made a record telling that Harvey and Ruth Stephens, of Wallingford, deeded to Demaris, wife of Isaac Bartholomew, for love and affection, a farm in Wallingford. Their children numbered nine, the sixth of the family being Ira, the father of our subject.

Ira Bartholomew was born on the homestead in 1788, and Oct. 1, 1816, married Eunice Hall, who was born in 1794, a daughter of Augustus and Parmelia Hall. Their children were: (1) Augustus Hall was born Sept. 20, 1817. (2) Frederick. (3) Sarah E. married Samuel M. Cook, and became the mother of three children—John A. Cook, of Wallingford; Frank, deceased; and Abba. Mrs. Samuel E. Hopkins, of Naugatuck, Conn. (4) Abby Ann in 1851 married Elisha M. Pomeroy. Mr. Bartholomew received a liberal education, and followed farming all his life on the homestead at East Farms, where he built the house in 1850. Well known and highly respected, he was also noted for his industry, working unceasingly all his life. He owned at the time of his death 125 acres of valuable land. First a Whig, then a Republican, he served in many of the town offices, was a selectman, and a correct and estimable member of the Congregational Church. He passed away at the age of sixty-three years.

Our immediate subject was born on the old homestead Sept. 20, 1817, attended the district school, and was also sent to the best select schools

in Fairhaven and Meriden. Later he engaged in teaching in Durham, Meriden and Wallingford, but returned to the farm and remained the comfort of his parents' declining years. Upon their decease he took charge of the farm, continuing there until 1882, and making many desirable improvements. He became known as a successful farmer and stock raiser, and also was one of the first in the section to make a success of raising tobacco. For the last eighteen years of his life he resided in Wallingford, where he erected a fine, modern brick residence, at a cost of \$8,000.

The first marriage of our subject took place Jan. 11, 1846, to Mary K. Cook, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cook; the latter first married Ralph Pomeroy. One child was born to this union, Edward, who passed away in infancy. Mrs. Bartholomew died in 1848. In 1850 Mr. Bartholomew was married to Mary E., daughter of Enos Camp, the children of this union being: Elizabeth M., born in 1851, married Hiram N. Childs, of Hanover, N. H., by whom she had two children, Bertha and Lena; her second marriage was to Alexander Hamilton. Emma Jane died young. James D. married Anna Chandler, and had two children, Harry and Ethel. William H., born in 1857, married Lillian Andrews, and lives on the homestead. Charles F., born in 1859, married Carrie Crook, and has three children, Augustus, Dale and Delius.

Mr. Bartholomew was formerly an Old-line Whig, but later became an ardent Republican, and he held many offices of the town: was selectman; served some years on the board of relief; for eight years was the efficient assessor; and was a member of the school board. A kind and generous man, he was one of the most highly esteemed men of Wallingford, where his death, on Aug. 25, 1900, was sincerely mourned. A member of the Congregational Church, he ever lived according to its teachings, and was a cheerful and liberal supporter of all benevolent and charitable enterprises. Living up to the Golden Rule, kind to the poor and generous to the unfortunate, setting an example through life of industry and sobriety, Mr. Bartholomew lived up to what must be considered the height of good citizenship.

MILES BLACKSTONE (deceased) was in his lifetime a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of the town of Branford, where he was born April 1, 1806, and where he made an eminent success of his career. Industry, economy and unswerving integrity marked all his life, and as the years passed his sterling worth and genuine manhood were more and more appreciated.

Miles Blackstone was a son of Timothy and Margaret (Goodrich) Blackstone, and his paternal grandfather was John Blackstone, who was a son of John Blackstone, and a grandson of that John Blackstone who settled in Branford about 1717, and was a son of Rev. William Blackstone. That

eminent worthy of the early days was a graduate of Emanuel College, at Cambridge, England, and was among the first settlers of Boston, where he was made a freeman in 1671.

Timothy Blackstone, father of Miles, was a leading farmer in Branford, where he died at the advanced age of eighty-eight. To him and his wife were born the following children: Eunice, who married Charles Harrison; James, who married Sarah Beach; Grace, who married Andrew Hopson; Willis, who married Lucinda Hoadley; Samuel; Nancy; and Miles.

Miles Blackstone was reared in Branford, and as he grew to manhood became deeply interested in farming, which was his life occupation. He was a hard-working and industrious man, and alive to all new and progressive methods of agriculture. He married Lois Robinson, daughter of Linus and Rebecca (Hobart) Robinson, and a granddaughter of Mason Hobart, one of the pioneers in the settlement of Branford. The Robinsons were also a well-known family there. To this union were born five children: Elizur, who died when two years old; Betsey J.; Edwin E., a farmer, who died at the age of 58, unmarried; Grace R., who married William H. Warner; and Miss Sarah, who died aged thirty-one. Mr. Blackstone was a most unassuming and modest gentleman of the Old School, with a kindly heart, and was greatly honored and respected in the community in which he lived.

In his religious relations he was strongly attached to the Episcopal Church, where he habitually attended and to which he contributed liberally. In politics he was an intelligent and broad-minded Republican, much devoted to the good of the community, and anxious to promote by his vote the prosperity of his country. He died March 29, 1875.

GEORGE HOADLEY, who is now living retired in Branford, belongs to an old and distinguished family of Connecticut, whose members in different generations have been conspicuous in the various fields of action in which they have been engaged.

The record of this branch of the Hoadley family begins with William Hoadley, who was born in England about 1630, and was a resident of Saybrook, Conn., as early as 1663. In 1666 he bought property in Branford, and engaged in mercantile business. His name first appears in the Branford Covenant in 1667, and he was made a freeman of the Colony in 1669. He was one of the deputies from Branford at nine sessions of the Assembly between 1678 and 1685; was one of the patentees of the town in 1685; between 1673 and 1690 was one of the selectmen for the town; in 1683 was appointed to keep the ordinary in Branford; was one of the grand jurors at the court held in New Haven in June, 1688; and was one of a committee appointed in 1686 to make application to the General Court at Hartford for liberty for the town to form itself into a church estate. He was a slaveholder,

and owned at his death a mulatto maid and an Indian boy. His estate was valued at more than five thousand dollars. William Hoadley died in 1709.

Abraham Hoadley, son of William, died in Branford July 14, 1748, at an advanced age. He was made a freeman of Branford in 1702, and was a farmer. Elizabeth (Maltby), his wife, was the daughter of Capt. William Maltby.

Abel Hoadley, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Maltby) Hoadley, was born in Branford, Dec. 24, 1705, and died in August, 1734. His wife's name was Martha. He was a farmer in the Damascus District.

Isaac Hoadley, son of Abel and Martha Hoadley, was born in Branford in December, 1728, and died Jan. 21, 1812. Elizabeth (Blackstone), his wife, daughter of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Foote) Blackstone, was noted among the women of her time for her domestic skill. Isaac Hoadley was a carpenter by trade, inherited his father's farm, and became a very prosperous resident of the Damascus District. He was a prominent member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Abel Hoadley, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Hoadley, was born in Branford Oct. 1, 1764, and died March 29, 1845. He married Lucinda Bradley, daughter of Timothy and Sarah (Goodsell) Bradley, of Branford, and they had children: Martha, who married Denning Hoadley; Isaac; Samuel; Ralph; Sally S., who married James Harrison; Lucinda, who married Wyllys Blackstone; Harvey; Harriet, who married John Gordon; and Ammi. Abel Hoadley was a farmer in the Damascus District, and was selectman and constable for many years.

Isaac Hoadley, father of our subject, married Laura Tyler, daughter of Solomon and Doreas (Fisk) Tyler, the former a farmer of Branford. Isaac Hoadley was a sailor in early life, and then engaged in farming. He died on the farm now occupied by his son George, Oct. 10, 1825, at the early age of thirty-five years. His children were George, Anna Tyler and Charles E. The last named married Elizabeth Gunn, a native of Georgia, and a daughter of James and Elizabeth Gunn, and they had four children: Laura, who is the wife of R. T. Humphrey; Susan D., who married J. Edwin Towner, and died in March, 1897 (she had three children, Anna P., who died July 27, 1899, Merle E. and Laura E.); M. Georgia, who died Jan. 21, 1884; and Edna J. Charles E. Hoadley was a merchant in Fredonia, Ala., where his children were all born. He returned East in 1866, and his wife died Oct. 11, 1867. He died Oct. 22, 1878.

George Hoadley, whose name introduces this article, was born Feb. 14, 1814, in the house he now occupies, and was reared on the old homestead—where he yet resides. The house in which he lives is over one hundred years old. In the sitting-room is one of the old "grandfather's" clocks, made in England, probably more than two hundred years old, and which still keeps good time. Mr. Hoadley



George Hoadley

Mrs. Wirth was an able business woman, taking keen interest in the management of her estate, and not long before her death she purchased a large tract of land with five houses near her home, in order to protect her beautiful grounds from intrusion. In the house are to be found many interesting and valuable relics of the past, one room, which she called her "Curiosity Shop," being entirely devoted to heirlooms. Among a large number received from her mother are rare spoons and pieces of valuable plate, from fifty to one hundred and fifty years old, and a gold and silver tea set presented the mother on her wedding day. Excellent portraits of both her mother and father occupy places of honor in the house, testifying to her filial reverence and devotion. She contributed liberally to the support of Christ Church, Quaker Farms, and left in her will \$2,000 for the same purpose as her father's bequest; also \$3,200 to St. Peter's Church, in Oxford, and \$3,200 to the Congregational Church in Oxford, the interest to be used to put the cemeteries in the best of order and keep them so at all times. She made many other bequests for the benefit of the public. Mrs. Wirth was prominent in many lines of social activity, including the work of the D. A. R., in which she held membership by right of descent from John Riggs. She passed away Nov. 6, 1900, and her death was sincerely mourned among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

ERASMUS D. KETCHAM is one of the older citizens of Waterbury, and holds a responsible position in the industrial life of that city. He is a plain, straightforward man of good habits, and possessing an intimate knowledge of his business, commanding at once the confidence of his employers and the respect of the community.

Mr. Ketcham was born in the town of Perinton, Monroe Co., N. Y., Jan. 23, 1838, son of John V. N. Ketcham, a native of Rensselaer county, that state. Joseph Ketcham, the grandfather of Erasmus D., came from the eastern part of the State, and was a farmer in Rensselaer county. He married a Miss Van Ness, and they had twelve children: Morgan, a farmer in St. Joseph county, Mich.; Daniel, a farmer in Monroe county; John V. N., already mentioned; Cornelius, a farmer of Oswego county, N. Y.; William, a farmer and an influential politician in Ontario county, N. Y.; Joseph, a farmer in Monroe county, where he is yet living; Melvin, a miner and speculator in California; Marvin, a Monroe county farmer; Elidie, who married Jacob Van Ness, a farmer of Monroe county; Phoebe, who married a Mr. Porter, and later a Mr. Washburn, a farmer of Ontario county; Sally, wife of Mr. Mosher, a mechanic; and Angeline, wife of John Aldrich, a farmer in Monroe county.

John V. N. Ketcham was a farmer by occupation. He married Miss Alma J. Tedman, a native of Wayne county, N. Y., and a daughter of Robert

Tedman, a farmer, and a native of Connecticut. After marriage Mr. Ketcham and his wife settled on a farm in Monroe county, where they reared a family of five children: Erasmus D.; Mary S., deceased, who married Joseph Nellest, a farmer in Niagara county, N. Y.; Charlotte A., who married Burt Rowley, a farmer in Ontario county, N. Y.; Arabella, who married Homer Foote, a farmer in Niagara county, N. Y.; and Franklin L., a farmer, who lives on the old homestead. Mr. Ketcham passed away in 1886. Mrs. Ketcham is still living at the advanced age of eighty-three.

Erasmus D. Ketcham spent his boyhood and youth on the farm in Monroe county, N. Y., attending the old district school, and also enjoying the advantages of a year at an academy and a term at a business college. In 1872, then in the prime of life, he came to Waterbury to take the position he holds to-day, and which he has filled so acceptably in all the intervening years, that of foreman of the yard, or outdoor foreman for the Scovill Manufacturing Co. As foreman of the outdoor work of this company he is reliable and attentive to the interests of his employers, and careful and considerate of the needs of the men under his direction.

Mr. Ketcham and Miss Caroline B. Webster were married Jan. 10, 1881. Mrs. Ketcham is a native of Waterbury, daughter of Truman Webster, a mason of that city. Two children have been born to this union, Truman J. and Earl D. Mr. Ketcham is a Republican, and a reliable and honored citizen. His face is a familiar sight in the assembly halls of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., and he is much interested in the workings of that noble order. The Ketcham family attend the Congregational Church.

LEONIDAS W. ALLING (deceased) was born in Orange, New Haven county, Feb. 23, 1840, the sixth child in the family of Charles W. and Lucy (Booth) Alling, who are mentioned elsewhere.

Mr. Alling spent his boyhood, after attendance at the district school (and during that time as well), assisting his father in the latter's woolen mill, a moderate business and large family necessitating contribution to the general fund on the part of the sons as well as of the father. Yet his intuitive inclination was toward a higher education, and his father was willing to gratify the boy's natural trend. Accordingly young Leonidas received a course of instructions at Wilbraham Academy, and later matriculated at Yale. Ill-health prevented the completion of his college course, and returning to Orange in 1868 he engaged in the manufacture of woolen yarns. In this he was reasonably successful until 1861, in which year his plant was destroyed by fire. In that year, not caring to resume business in Orange, he removed to Derby, where he assumed a responsible position in connection with the management of the extensive factory owned by his

brothers, A. H. and C. B. Alling. This post he filled, with an ability born of native talent and ripe experience, until his death, May 12, 1896.

On Dec. 28, 1870, Mr. Alling married Marion Merwin, a daughter of Alpheus and Mary (Alling) Merwin, the latter a daughter of Bela Alling, who was the great-uncle of Leonidas W. The earliest American progenitor of the Merwin family, of whom any authentic record is preserved, came from Scotland nearly two centuries ago. His baptismal name was John, and following down the line we find John, born in Milford; John, a native of Orange; Nathan; and Alpheus, who was Mrs. Alling's father. Nathan Merwin, the father of Alpheus, was born in Orange, as were also his father and his children. He married Esther Clark, born in the same town in 1791, a daughter of Elias Clark, and their nine children were: Elias, Esther, Nathan, Sarah, Alpheus, John, Mary, Susan and Sheldon. Elias removed from Connecticut to Oakland, Cal., where he lived and died; he was a landed proprietor. Esther (deceased) became Mrs. Frederick Durand, of Seymour. Nathan was a prosperous dealer in grain and flour at New Haven, where he died. Sarah married Joseph Treat, of Milford, and died in Iowa. John engaged in the manufacture of cutlery at Lakeville, Conn., and died there. Mary is the widow of Harvey Seward, a merchant in Leadville, Colo., where she yet lives. Susan died unmarried. Sheldon died in early youth.

Alpheus Merwin was reared in Orange, where he learned the trade of a carpenter under the instruction of his father and Elias Clark, of Derby; he followed same until his death, July 13, 1880. In 1848 he married Miss Mary Alling, and they had two children, Marion and John. Marion, as has been said, became Mrs. Leonidas W. Alling; John is a farmer in Orange. Bela Alling, father of Mrs. Mary Merwin, married Julia Rogers, of Orange, and three children were born to them: Mary, Mrs. Merwin; Sheldon, a farmer in Orange; and Julia, who died in childhood. Julia Rogers was the daughter of Jonathan Rogers, who was born in Orange in 1780, and was a farmer. In 1803 he married Polly Treat, whose father, Joseph Treat, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The children of this marriage were four in number: Julia, Jonathan, Jonah and Mary. The youngest daughter (Mrs. Merwin) is yet living.

Leonidas W. Alling was a man of kindly disposition and affectionate heart. His blameless life, joined to keen mental power and a genuinely unselfish interest in public affairs, gained for him the warm respect of his friends and neighbors. Politically he was a Republican, and he was a successful candidate on that ticket for the offices of town treasurer and representative in the Legislature. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church for many years, and in his daily life exemplified the sincerity of his belief in the religious faith which

he professed; yet his virtues were of the unassuming rather than of the assertive sort.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alling were born four children: Mary, Walter, Wilbur M. and Leon. Mary is married and lives in Philadelphia. Walter died in boyhood, and Wilbur is a manufacturer of hosiery, with mills in New York and Philadelphia. Leon is assistant superintendent of the New York City mill.

REUBEN H. COE. New Haven county has many well-to-do and successful farmers who have accumulated what they have of this world's goods through individual effort. Among this class the name of the subject of this notice is entitled to a place. For forty years he has been a resident of East Haven, where he is industriously engaged in the prosecution of his noble calling, and is meeting with far more than ordinary success.

Mr. Coe was born in the town of Durham, Middlesex Co., Conn., May 26, 1837, a son of Merrick R. Coe and grandson of Abram Coe, also natives of Durham. The latter was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was living at that time in East Haven; he helped to build the old Tomlinson bridge. His death occurred when he was about the age of seventy-two years. By his marriage with Rebecca Elwell, he had three children: Hannah, wife of William Peck; Phebe, wife of Samuel Peck; and Merrick R.

In early life Merrick R. Coe served a four years' apprenticeship to the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for a time in East Haven, but the greater part of his life was spent upon a farm in Durham. He married Miss Asenath Harrison, of Northford, Conn., a daughter of Amos Harrison, and to them were born two children, Reuben H., our subject, being the youngest; Mary, born in 1831, became the wife of Enoch Camp, and died in 1849. The father died in the fall of 1888 in his eighty-fourth year; the mother Dec. 29, 1874, at the age of sixty-seven years. Both were consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Reuben H. Coe remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, and then went to Plymouth, Conn., where he was variously employed, working on a road and also on a farm. In 1860 he came to East Haven, and for two years operated what is known as the Richard Woodward place. He then purchased his present farm in the same town, and here he has made his home since April, 1862. His first purchase consisted of but twenty-seven acres, but as he has prospered in his undertakings he has added to his landed possessions from time to time, and is now the owner of about 200 acres in Branford and East Haven. He has made all of the improvements upon his place, which is now one of the most attractive and desirable farms in the locality. In connection with general farming, he has also engaged in the wood and dairy business, and for the past ten years has given special atten-

tion to the raising of hogs. He has been eminently successful, and is now one of the most substantial and prosperous farmers of the community.

On June 25, 1857, Mr. Coe was united in marriage with Miss Mariette Sanford, of Plymouth, Conn., a daughter of William Sanford, and to them were born two children: Hattie R., who died in her twelfth year; and Herbert W., who is engaged in the milk business in East Haven. He married Imogene Hall and has three children, Herbert E., Ethel M. and Bertha H. Both Mr. and Mrs. Coe hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them. He is quite prominent in agricultural circles and has served three years as master of East Haven Grange, No. 100, and treasurer of the New Haven County Pomona Grange for five years. He is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party and its principles, and has been elected to official positions of honor and trust, having served as assessor of his town for seven years, and first selectman for two terms, first with Henry Smith and Ruel Thompson, and second with John S. Tyler and Ruel Thompson. Over his life record there falls no shadow of wrong; his public service was most exemplary; and his private life has been marked by the utmost fidelity to duty. He is public-spirited and progressive, and gives his support to all measures for the public good.

JOHN E. MAR, a citizen of West Haven, is one of New Haven county's successful business men. His family is of Scotch extraction and noble descent, his great-great-grandfather, John Mar, having been the eldest son of the Earl of Mar. He came to America from Scotland in 1715, settled in Kittery, Maine, and married Catherine Surplus, of that place. They were members of the Congregational Church, in which faith their four sons were baptized. Some years later, wishing to visit Scotland, John Mar took passage in a vessel which was wrecked off Cape Cod, and he was drowned. His youngest son, Surplus, passed his life as a farmer in Kittery.

James Mar, the grandfather of John Mar, was born in the town of Kittery, Maine, and removed to Lincoln county, that State, settling in the town of Alna, where he became a citizen of substance and influence. He was a mason by trade, and was also a surveyor and civil engineer. He served as lieutenant in the war of 1812, and was conspicuous for his gallantry and daring. He passed the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey, and died full of years and honors. He married Susannah, daughter of Lieut. Richard Bailey, who served in the French and Indian war.

James Mar, son of James, learned the trade of a mason, which he followed through the greater portion of his life, which ended at the age of eighty-four. He married Susan Averill, who was born in the town of Alna, a daughter of Ezekiel Averill,

who enjoyed the proud distinction of having been a member of Washington's body guard. After he had seen independence an accomplished fact, he returned—as did most of New England's patriot soldiers—to the farm, to resume the pursuits of peace, and to do his part toward the building up of the infant Republic. He attained the extraordinary age of ninety-eight years. His family consisted of four daughters and three sons, and Mrs. Mar was the fifth in order of birth. She died in her eighty-fifth year. Mr. and Mrs. Mar had four children, three of whom are yet living: Frederick, whose home is in Kent, Va.; John E.; and William H., who is still a resident of Maine.

John E. Mar was born March 15, 1834, in Alna, where his parents settled. As a boy his mind was quick and his memory retentive, and before he was twenty-two years old he had learned the two trades of mason and carpenter. From the little hamlet in Maine where he was born he went to Boston, and thence after some years to Fair Haven, Conn. This was in 1862, when the government was a constant buyer of steam vessels at a high price. Mr. Mar, in company with others, built several steamers, and in 1865 went to West Haven, which town has since been his home. His father-in-law was at that time engaged in shipbuilding there, and he became associated with him, the business relations continuing for many years. The business of the yards grew apace, and at present includes both steam and sail vessels, of many grades and large burden. Mr. Mar's name is a pledge of probity and a synonym for skill. In the two elements in his character, capability and integrity, may be found the keynote of his success. He has built many four-masted schooners, barges and grain elevators.

On Nov. 11, 1863, Mr. Mar married Helen Gesner, whose father, William Nicholas Gesner, was a shipbuilder in New York City, and thence removed to Connecticut. Four sons and one daughter have blessed their home: (1) Frederic W. attended the West Haven schools, graduated from Hillhouse high school of New Haven, and from Yale University with the degree of B. A., in 1888; he spent three years in post-graduate work, and is now principal of a school in Brooklyn, N. Y. He married, at Sirampscott, Mass., Carlotta Lotsch, and they have one child, Frank. (2) James C. graduated from Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and is now engaged in the lumber business. He married Kate Smith, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and they have one child, Frederick Eugene. (3) Margaret G. married Eugene F. Perry, of Nyack, N. Y., secretary of the Wholesale Lumbermen's Association. They have three children, Dorothy, Helen and Eugene F., Jr. (4) John E., Jr., now of Bayonne, N. J., is a joiner by trade. He married Amy Dillion, of New Haven. (5) Charles Edgar is in Bridgeport, Conn., where he is engaged as mechanical draughtsman; he is unmarried.



John E. Max



For more than a century Mr. Mar's family has been prominently identified with the growth and development of the Congregational Church in the localities in which its various members have resided. Men and women of rugged character and sterling worth, they have never lost sight of their bounden duty to the cause of Christ, for which all the members of Mr. Mar's immediate family are active workers. While our subject has not departed from the family tradition, he is a man to whom the advanced ideas of the latter half of the nineteenth century have not appealed in vain. Social by instinct and genial by temperament, his popularity has been assumed without any concession to lower impulse. He is a Republican in politics, but has never had any desire to hold office. He is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, having been senior warden and twice master of Annawan Lodge, No. 115, F. & A. M.; treasurer of Joseph Andrew Chapter, No. 46, R. A. M.; and a member of Crawford Council. He takes a deep interest in the cause of temperance, being ever ready to co-operate in every well-directed effort for its advancement.

EDWIN ALONZO LEETE, a well-known business man and resident of Guilford, now engaged in undertaking and embalming, is a descendant in the eighth generation from William Leete, the founder of the family in America. The first three generations of the ancestral line are: (I) Gov. William Leete, 1612-1683; (II) John Leete, 1639-1692; (III) Pelatiah Leete, 1681-1768.

(IV) Pelatiah Leete, son of Pelatiah, noted in the foregoing, was born March 7, 1713, married Lydia Crittenden, a daughter of Deacon Samuel and Mindwell (Meigs) Crittenden, and had the following family: Pelatiah, Pelatiah (2), Lydia (Mrs. John Leete) and Noah (twins), Eber, Simeon (who married Zerviah Norton), Amos (who married Hannah Ward) and Nathan.

(V) Pelatiah Leete, born Aug. 22, 1744, married Bethia Norton, a daughter of Thomas and Bethia Norton, of Guilford. She died June 30, 1793, and for his second wife he married Mary Frisbie, at North Branford. He was the father of four children: Joel, Noah, who married Huldah Ward; Pelatiah, who married Betsy Ramy; and Mary, who married John Ludington.

(VI) Joel Leete, born April 15, 1768, died Jan. 28, 1842. He married Mollie Crittenden, a daughter of Noah and Naomi (Atwell) Crittenden, who lived at Leete Island. Mrs. Leete died Nov. 24, 1843. Their children were: Alvin, mentioned below; Polly Maria; Morris Atwell; and Frederick William, who married Sarah Jane Fowler.

(VII) Capt. Alvin Leete, son of Joel and Mollie Leete, was born on Leete Island Aug. 24, 1791, and was married Jan. 15, 1816, to Mrs. Rebecca Butler, widow of William Butler. She was born Feb. 14, 1798, a daughter of Isaac and Abigail (Tyler) Palmer, and died Jan. 16, 1862. Capt. Leete died

July 6, 1882. His children were: (1) Abigail Maria, born Nov. 18, 1816, married A. W. Leete; (2) Eliza Ann, born March 3, 1818, married C. Robbins; (3) Isaac Palmer, born March 9, 1821, married Clarissa Foote; (4) Edwin Alonzo is mentioned below; (5) Marietta, born July 20, 1827, died Jan. 18, 1877. Capt. Leete earned his title in the militia service. He was a Whig and a Republican, and belonged to the Congregational Church. He was deeply interested in all educational matters, and for more than thirty years was a teacher in the public schools.

Edwin A. Leete was born Dec. 21, 1822, and married Ellen Hotchkiss, who was born Nov. 10, 1825, daughter of Eber S. and Fannie (Norton) Hotchkiss. To this union came two children: Fannie Rebecca, born Oct. 23, 1848, married Ezra S. Kelsey; and James Spencer, born Sept. 8, 1850, died March 23, 1857. Mrs. Leete died July 5, 1854. On Jan. 1, 1855, Mr. Leete married Mary Ann Leete, who was born Sept. 20, 1827, a daughter of Albert A. and Betsy A. (Parmelee) Leete, and granddaughter of Ambrose Leete. To them came children as follows: (1) Edward Morris, born Aug. 18, 1858, is mentioned below. (2) Catherine Ward, born Nov. 28, 1860, married Fred W. Seward. (3) Elizabeth Morris, born Feb. 10, 1867, was graduated from the State Normal School at New Britain, and for the past five years has been a teacher in the William Penn Charter school, in Philadelphia. (4) William Henry, born Dec. 3, 1868, in Guilford, married Caroline Hopkins Barnes, of Binghamton, N. Y. He has been engaged in the railroad service for ten years, having been on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and assistant to the general superintendent of the Los Angeles Terminal Railroad. He is now cashier and paymaster on the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad.

Edward Morris Leete married Eva Bishop, who was born April 19, 1859, daughter of Elisha Chapman Bishop, and they have three children—Frank Chapman, born Aug. 16, 1881, who is quite proficient in music; Earl Bishop, born in November, 1888; and Charlotte Elizabeth, born Aug. 14, 1890. Edward Morris Leete is a partner in business with his father, and at present represents his district in the State Legislature, to which he was elected in 1900. In religion he unites with the Congregational Church, and socially he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. Mrs. Edward Morris Leete belongs to an old family, and is a lady of unusual attainments. She is an extensive dealer in antique furniture.

Edwin A. Leete became a cabinetmaker, learning his trade under John Kimberly, with whom he spent four years. For a time he worked as a journeyman with Jonas H. Bowditch, of New Haven, manufacturer and dealer in furniture. Afterward he came to Guilford and worked two years in the shipyards at East River, for Eber Hotchkiss.

For several years he dealt in hardwood timber for the New York market.

Mr. Leete donned the Union blue in 1862, becoming a member of Company I, 14th Conn. V. I., under Col. Dwight Morris and Capt. Isaac Brunson. He was in the service six months, taking part in the battle of Antietam, and was discharged at Alexandria on account of serious disability. Returning from the war he resumed the cabinetmaking business, in which he has been continuously engaged for thirty-seven years, and is known as the leading undertaker and furniture dealer on the shore line.

Mrs. Leete descends from Deacon Daniel Leete, eldest son of Deacon Pelatiah Leete. He married Rhoda Stone, a daughter of Caleb and Sarah (Meigs) Stone, and resided on Leete Island. He was a deacon of the Fourth Congregational Church of Guilford. He died in 1772, his wife in 1769. They were the parents of five children: Rhoda, who married Noah Rogers; Daniel, who married Charity Norton; Ambrose, who is mentioned below; and two who bore the name of Abraham, both deceased in infancy.

Deacon Ambrose Leete in 1773 married Miranda Chittenden, a daughter of William and Rachel (White) Chittenden, of Guilford. He was made a deacon of the Fourth Church of Guilford in 1784, and of the First Church in 1801. He died in 1809, his wife in 1838. Their children were: Ambrose, Miranda, Minor, Abraham and Wealthy. Minor married Lucinda Norton.

Ambrose Leete was born in 1774, and in 1802 married Catherine Ward, who was born in 1780, a daughter of Thelus and Sarah (Shelley) Ward. They had the following children: Sidney Washington married Susan Atwater; Albert Augustus is mentioned below; Harriet married John Fowler; Ambrose Ward married Abigail N. Leete; Catherine Ward; Miranda Cornelia married Hzekiah Parmelee; Charles Frederick, born in 1820, married Martha H. W. Lay.

Albert A. Leete, the father of Mrs. Edwin A. Leete, was born Oct. 11, 1805, and married June 6, 1825, Betsy A. Parmelee, of Fair Haven. She was born Dec. 23, 1805, and died Oct. 14, 1881. Albert A. Leete was made a deacon of the First Congregational Church in Guilford in 1832, and served forty-three years in that capacity. The following children were born to him and his wife: Mary Ann, born Sept. 20, 1827, married Edwin A. Leete; Sidney Ward, born April 7, 1833, married Isabelle H. Clark; John Fowler, born May 1, 1838, died in 1840; Martha Elizabeth, born June 4, 1841, married Samuel S. Parmelee; Harriet Cornelia was born April 3, 1848.

DENNIS BARNETT, one of Ansonia's pioneer citizens, was born in Ireland in 1831, son of Patrick and Ellen (O'Brien) Barnett, both natives of the Emerald Isle. His father, who was a farm-

er by occupation, died in Ireland, and the mother is also deceased. Of their six children our subject is now the only survivor.

On coming to America, in 1850, Mr. Barnett located in Ansonia, where he has since remained almost continuously, making but few visits, even out of town. In 1851 he entered the employ of the A. B. C. Co., in whose service he was retained forty-three years—longer than any other man in the factory. Since retiring from that work he has carried on a grocery store at No. 72 Central street, Ansonia, the active management being in the hands of his daughter Ellen, and he also owns three lots upon which he built two houses. Mr. Barnett has seen Ansonia develop from a village of one thousand inhabitants to its present proportions, and his intelligent observation and excellent memory enable him to give most interesting and instructive accounts of the early days. At the time of his arrival there were but one store and only a few houses on Main street, and none on the west side of the river, where there are now five hundred houses. Extensive farms have been transformed into residence tracts under his eyes, and two generations have passed before him, there being now only two or three men who were here on his arrival. In 1851 Mr. Barnett married Ellen Hannagin, who was born in Ireland, daughter of Thomas Hannagin, and of their twelve children three are now living: (1) Patrick has been employed for some time in the clock shop in Ansonia, (2) Thomas, who is now with the A. B. C. Co., married Mary A. Driscoll, and has had eight children, six of whom are living, Ellen, Timothy, Mary, Geneva, Dennis and Thomas, Jr. (3) Ellen was married in 1884 to James Cotter, shoe manufacturer of Philadelphia, who died two years later. Mrs. Cotter now manages the store for her father. Politically Mr. Barnett is a Democrat, and he has always been a devout Catholic, his parents having reared him in that faith. He was one of the first members of the Catholic Church in Ansonia, and is the only one now living who took part in the organization of the society. Temperance reform has claimed his warm support for many years, and he is now the only living charter member of the Father Matthew Temperance Society, organized in 1868, and later known as the St. Joseph Temperance Society.

GEORGE SCARD, one of the most prosperous dairy farmers and stock dealers of East Wallingford, was born in Dorchester, England, May 9, 1838. Robert Scard, his father, was a native of the same place, and was a tanner by occupation. The latter part of his life was spent in farming, and his closing days were passed in the homes of his children in Wales, where he died at a ripe old age. In his religious belief he was an Episcopalian. He was a man of good character, and is remembered as a gentleman of high standing with those who knew him best. Sarah Mores, his wife, was born in Dor-

chester, and was the mother of his thirteen children, of whom six died young. Those who grew to more mature life were: George; Moses, dead; Robert, who resides in Newport, South Wales; Simeon, who was drafted for service in the Bristol police (England), and remained several years, but now has a store in Newport, South Wales, selling groceries and other goods; Henry, deceased; Sarah, who married a Mr. Anthony, and is now deceased; and Charlotte, deceased.

George Scard had a common school education in the national schools of England. When he was ten years old his parents took him to Newport, South Wales, where he became errand boy for his brother Simeon, working in the beginning for his board and clothes. After some years he saved enough to buy a team and go to farming. That was his occupation for several years, when he turned to trade. In 1871, having a strong desire to see the New World, he came to New York, whence he went on west to Chicago, at that time just rallying from the great fire. He went to work as a hod carrier at three dollars and fifty cents a day, and put in something over nine months in that way. After the expiration of this time he returned to New York, and, locating in Meriden, secured a position with the Malleable Iron Works, being employed here for four years at one dollar and fifty cents a day. Here he was joined by his family, and all united their energies in farming, first in a small way, and then as they began to know their power, they moved into Wallingford, and bought the Terry farm in 1876. Here they started in the dairy business, and as circumstances improved, bought the William Every place, and still later the Robinson farm. Here they have a fine home, which Mr. Scard built, and this with other buildings cost more than \$10,000. Mr. Scard keeps more than forty cows, and is known as the most extensive dairy farmer and stockman in the town of Wallingford. This entire family is noted for the industry and thrift of all its members. They are all enterprising and progressive people, and richly deserve the good fortune that has waited on their labors.

In July, 1859, Mr. Scard was married in Newport, South Wales, to Ellen Gammon, who was born in Barnstable, England, and was a daughter of George and Hannah Gammon, both of whom are now deceased. To this union were born nine children: Mary Jane, who married James Prin, and is now deceased; Lavinia, who married David A. Crouch, of Middletown, and is the mother of two children, Frances and Etta Mabel; Emily, who married Albert Beaumont, of Wallingford; George, who is a partner of his father; Eliza, who died young; Moses and Simeon are both at home; Charlotte, who married John Mead, of North Haven; and Rosanna, unmarried and at home.

The sons are interested with their father in the dairy business. All the family attend the Congregational Church. Mr. Scard is independent in his

politics. Known as a man of most temperate habits, and as a hard worker, and a good neighbor, he is much respected in the town. With his sons he belongs to the Grange, and is much interested in all questions that pertain to the welfare of the farmer.

George Gammon, the grandfather of Mrs. Scard, was a native of Devonshire, England, where he followed farming, and died at the venerable age of one hundred years. George Fishley, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Scard, was a native of Thornington, Devonshire, England, where he was engaged in the making of pottery; he owned a farm, and lived to be more than one hundred years of age. Both her grandfathers were members of the Church of England. The mother of Mrs. Scard died when she was very young.

WILLIAM G. MITCHELL, the well-known manufacturer of Milford, was born in Paisley, Scotland, Dec. 3, 1827. His family has long been identified with manufacturing interests, and his father, William W. Mitchell, was engaged in the manufacture of carpets in Scotland before coming to this country. An uncle, James W. Mitchell, preceded the other members of the family and carried on the same business in New York City. Hand looms were then in use. Later he removed to Yorkers, N. Y., and in 1849, after the introduction of power looms, the establishment there was bought by Alexander Smith, who continued and enlarged the business. It is now the largest carpet manufacturing concern in this country.

William W. Mitchell came from his father's (David Mitchell's) carpet factory in Kilmarnock, Scotland, in 1829, and brought with him a colony of workmen for the carpet works of Orrin Thompson, at Thompsonville, Conn. The descendants of this worthy colony are now numerous in that place. About 1835 he went to New Haven to take a position with Galpin & Robertson, carpet manufacturers, each member of which firm was called in turn to serve as mayor of New Haven. In 1836 he returned to Scotland and took charge of a cotton factory belonging to his brother George, and his death occurred in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1888. He married Agnes Dunlop, and had three children, of whom only two lived to mature age, Janet and William G. Janet is the widow of David Mitchell, and resides in Manchester, England.

William G. Mitchell went to Lovell's Lancasterian school in New Haven, and, spending a portion of his youth in Glasgow, went to school there until 1841. On completing his course he entered the office of a friend in Glasgow as a clerk, and he was afterward employed by his father for a time. For two years he was in the office of a wholesale commission house, without pay, his experience being regarded as a sufficient recompense, and later spent six months in a Scottish Marine Insurance office. For nine years he was employed as a book-

keeper by Oliver F. Winchester, of New Haven, and in 1857 he went to Milford as bookkeeper for Flagg & Baldwin, manufacturers of straw goods, continuing with the house through various changes of name. The firm became known as Flagg, Baldwin & Co. in 1859; N. A. Baldwin & Co. in 1865; Baldwin, Rice & Read in 1867; Baldwin & Hills in 1872; The Baldwin Manufacturing Co. in 1874; N. A. Baldwin in 1878; and the business has since 1886 been conducted in the name of our subject. The factory is composed of very large brick and frame buildings, and in the season about 250 hands are employed in making various kinds of straw hats for men, women and children. During the half century of its existence the business has been a recognized factor in the development and prosperity of Milford, millions of dollars having been put into circulation by it.

On Jan. 11, 1853, Mr. Mitchell was married, in West Granby, Conn., to Miss Harriet A. Kasson, of Granby, born July 4, 1830, in Hartford county, daughter of Thomas A. and Amelia (Holcomb) Kasson. They have had two children, Hattie and Amie, both at home. The family is identified with the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Mitchell also belongs to Ansantawae Lodge, No. 89, F. & A. M., of Milford; Solomon R. A. Chapter, F. & A. M., at Derby, Conn.; and City Lodge, No. 36, I. O. O. F., of New Haven. In politics he is a Democrat, and he takes interest in local affairs, though he has been a business man, rather than a politician. He served about twelve years as judge of probate, while his interest in educational advancement is shown by his continuous service on the board of education since 1862.

CAPT. CHARLES GRISWOLD, one of the prominent citizens of Guilford, served as an officer during the Civil war in two Connecticut regiments, and is the representative of one of the oldest and most influential families of the State. He is of the seventh generation from Michael Griswold, who was one of the first settlers of Wethersfield. About the time the founders of the family in America migrated to the New England coast close relatives had become prominent in English history. In 1600 the Malvern estate came into the possession of Humphrey Griswold, a "lord of the manor," and the heritage still remains with the English branch of the family.

The American branch of the Griswold family claims as its first known English progenitor Matthew Griswold, Esq., of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, an uncle of Humphrey Griswold, first Lord of the Manor, above named. He had three sons, Thomas, Edward and Matthew. Of these, Matthew, the youngest, was the first to come to America. While yet very young he joined a company of pilgrims collected from Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Somersetshire and Devonshire, under the leadership of Rev. John Wareham, who left England during the

reign of Charles I, and landed on the shores of Massachusetts Dec. 20, 1630. Nine years later Edward Griswold joined his brother Matthew, and they removed from Massachusetts to Connecticut, Edward settling at Windsor, and the younger brother at Saybrook.

In 1645 another member of the Griswold family, Michael by name, emigrated from England to Connecticut, and settled at Wethersfield. He was born in 1610. His descendants are numerous, and many of them are among the most prominent citizens of that section of the State. He himself may be reckoned among Wethersfield's pioneers. He bought land, and, being by occupation a mason, erected thereon a fine house, besides making other improvements. There he passed the remainder of his days, dying Sept. 26, 1684, highly esteemed for his many admirable qualities. The children of Michael and Ann Griswold were as follows: Thomas, born Oct. 22, 1646; Hester, born May 8, 1648; Michael, born Feb. 14, 1652 (died young); Abigail, born June 8, 1655; Isaac, born Sept. 30, 1658 (died June 18, 1727); Jacob, born in April, 1660 (died July 28, 1737); Sarah, born Sept. 30, 1662; Michael, born Jan. 7, 1667 (died Sept. 9, 1741). The line of descent to our subject is as follows:

(I) Thomas Griswold, son of Michael, was born in Wethersfield Oct. 22, 1646. He and his wife, Mary, whom he married Nov. 28, 1672, had children as follows: Thomas, born June 11, 1674, is next in the line; Jacob, born Feb. 5, 1676, married Abigail Hand; Martha was born Aug. 20, 1678; Michael, born Jan. 28, 1681, married Mary Gilbert; Samuel married Mary Francis, and died in September, 1733.

(II) Thomas Griswold (2), born June 11, 1674, in Wethersfield, removed to Guilford in 1695, and was the first settler of the name in that town, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died Oct. 19, 1729. He married, May 9, 1697, Sarah Bradley, who was born in Guilford Oct. 17, 1676, daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Smith) Bradley. The children of Thomas and Sarah Griswold were: Mary, born Sept. 28, 1700, married Samuel Fitch; Experience was born May 9, 1703; Sarah, born Jan. 15, 1706, married Samuel Post; Thomas, born March 26, 1708, died Jan. 11, 1754; Submit was born Sept. 26, 1710; Anna, born April 4, 1713, married John Hall.

(IV) Thomas Griswold (3), born at Guilford March 26, 1708, married Feb. 17, 1735, Ann Graves, who was born April 12, 1715, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Stevens) Graves, of Guilford. She died May 29, 1801. The children of Thomas and Ann Griswold were as follows: Miles, born Jan. 2, 1736, married Sarah Crittenden, and died March 20, 1821; Thomas was born Sept. 1, 1737; John, born June 17, 1742, married Mary Burgis, and died May 10, 1777; Ezra, born Dec. 10, 1753, married Mehitabel Cleveland, and died March 4, 1815.

(V) Thomas Griswold (4), the great-grandfa-



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ther of our subject, was born in Guilford Sept. 1, 1737. It is said he served as a private in the Revolutionary war. He died Jan. 7, 1821. He married, Dec. 17, 1761, Hannah Crittenden, who was born Aug. 22, 1740, daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Spencer) Crittenden. She died March 31, 1816. The children of Thomas and Hannah Griswold were: Thomas, born April 26, 1763, married Miner Crittenden, and died March 8, 1846; Joel, born Dec. 6, 1764, is mentioned below; Hannah, born May 26, 1771, married John Hall, and died Nov. 10, 1840; Amos, born Jan. 1, 1780, married Rachel Bushnell, and died Aug. 21, 1876.

(VI) Joel Griswold, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Guilford Dec. 6, 1764, and died July 19, 1835. He married Lucy Lee, who was born July 8, 1770, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Agnes Lee, and died March 24, 1854. The children of Joel and Lucy Griswold were: Joel, born Feb. 27, 1796; Clarissa, born Jan. 7, 1791, who married Abram F. Scranton, and died Dec. 18, 1881; and Lucy Ann, born Sept. 19, 1808, who died Dec. 22, 1816.

(VII) Joel Griswold, the father of our subject, was born in Guilford Feb. 27, 1796. He married Jan. 5, 1820, Sally Bartlett, who was born Nov. 20, 1801, daughter of Noah and Sally Judson Bartlett, and granddaughter of Joseph and Sarah (Crittenden) Bartlett. She died Nov. 14, 1876. Children were born to Joel and Sally Griswold as follows: Lucy Ann, born Nov. 16, 1820, is the widow of D. Loper Davis, of Guilford. Clarissa Judson, born Dec. 9, 1822, died Sept. 2, 1826. Henry Bartlett, born Nov. 25, 1824, married Polly E. Wilcox. Clarissa Judson (2), born Nov. 10, 1827, is the widow of Henry N. Davis, of Guilford. Thomas, born March 10, 1832, married Sophia F. Bishop. Joel, born Jan. 2, 1836, first married Margaret Coan; Mrs. Carrie (Walters) Griswold, his widow, is yet living in Guilford. Mary was the twin of Joel. Edward, born June 30, 1839, married Anna E. Dudley. Charles, born July 26, 1841, married Mary Griswold. Joel Griswold, the father of these children, was a man of unusual intelligence. He received a good education in his younger days, and taught school for a number of terms, but his principal occupation was farming. He was an extensive land owner, and ranked as one of the leading citizens of Guilford. His sage counsel was frequently sought, and his good judgment and business capacity often led to his selection as administrator of estates and guardian of orphaned children. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican. He served the town of Guilford as selectman and filled various other local offices. During the Civil war he was an active defender of the Union, and only his advanced age prevented him from enlisting in the army. However, he gave to his country three sons, all of whom survive, and two of whom are now business men of Guilford. He was honorable in all his dealings and scrupulously honest.

He lived a good Christian life, and died Aug. 29, 1879, mourned by a wide circle of friends.

Charles Griswold, youngest son of Joel and Sally (Bartlett) Griswold, was born at Guilford July 26, 1841. He was reared in his native town, and was in his youth when the war of the Rebellion began. He enlisted Aug. 5, 1862, becoming a private in Company E, 15th Conn. V. I., was made a sergeant, and later was transferred to the 29th Conn. V. I., as captain of Company B. During his service he was in Virginia and North Carolina, and later through Maryland, South Carolina and Texas, and in the latter State was stationed along the Rio Grande to enforce the Monroe Doctrine. Among the men in command were Gen. Shafter and the late Gen. Lawton. Among the battles and sieges in which Capt. Griswold participated were Fredericksburg (where he was under Gen. Burnside) and the siege of Richmond, his regiment being the first to enter Richmond after the surrender. In the siege of Richmond Capt. Griswold lost twenty-two men, killed and wounded, out of his company of sixty-six. He was mustered out of the service Oct. 24, 1865.

At the close of the war Capt. Griswold returned to Guilford and engaged in business, so continuing, with the exception of four years, up to the present time. In 1875 he helped to establish the Guilford Savings Bank, and in 1880 was elected its treasurer, remaining in that position until 1889, the time of his appointment as bank commissioner of the State. After four years in this position he was again elected treasurer of the Savings Bank. In 1900 he promoted and organized the Guilford National Bank, of which he is cashier and general manager. Among Capt. Griswold's other accomplishments may be mentioned surveying, in which line he has done much work in his own and neighboring towns. His father was a mathematician, and had intended to educate his son for the business of civil engineering. The Captain is very methodical in his business affairs, and his annual reports while he was bank commissioner were prepared with great care, and were published in a volume of some 300 pages. During this time he traveled over 20,000 miles, visiting many States. While out of business in Guilford he was interested in real estate in New Haven. He has been made conservator, guardian or administrator in a number of cases.

In local affairs Mr. Griswold has taken a prominent part, and has been an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party. He has held a number of town offices, was school visitor for twenty years, has been president of the Board of Education, and is justice of the peace. In 1887 he was elected to represent his district in the State Assembly, and was chairman of the committee on Manufactures, and a member of the committee on Engrossed Bills. At present he is trustee of the Guilford Institute. In religious connection he is a member of the Congregational Church, and at

present trustee of the society. Socially he belongs to the Loyal Legion, of New York, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Army and Navy Club, and Parmelee Post, G. A. R. (of which he was the first commander).

Mr. Griswold was married, Feb. 18, 1864, to Miss Mary E. Griswold, who was born March 13, 1841, daughter of Russell B. and Mary (Jones) Griswold, of Guilford. To them were born two children: Anna L., born Oct. 4, 1866, married Rev. Edmund Vittum, D. D., of Grinnell, Iowa, May 16, 1889; and Alfred Russell, born June 17, 1868, is engaged in business with his father.

ICHABOD LEE SCRANTON, a retired sea captain, is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of New Haven county, of which he is a native, having been born March 12, 1829, in the town of Madison.

(I) John Scranton, the first of the name in Guilford, was a native of England, whence he came to America with a number of other families, and in October, 1639, settled at Guilford, Conn., where he passed the rest of his days, dying Aug. 27, 1671. He was twice married. His first wife, Joanna, whom he married in England, died July 22, 1661, and, for his second wife he wedded, in Guilford, Mrs. Ada Hill, widow of Robert Hill; she died in April, 1685. Children: (1) John, sketch of whom follows; (2) Thomas, born in 1643, married Mrs. Deborah Thompson, widow of Ebenezer Thompson, and daughter of William Dudley; (3) Sarah, born May 16, 1645, married John Bushnell.

(II) Capt. John Scranton, born in 1641 in Guilford, removed in early manhood to the eastern part of the town (now Madison), locating in the Hammonasset school district, where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in farming. He died in 1703, and was buried in Madison cemetery. Capt. Scranton took the oath of freeman in 1670, and was a member of the Congregational Church. He was twice married, first time on March 12, 1673, to Mary Seward born Feb. 28, 1652, daughter of William and Grace (Norton) Seward. This wife died in 1688, and for his second wife he married Dec. 16, 1691, Elizabeth Clark, born in 1660, a daughter of John Bishop; she died in August, 1727. Eight children were born to (II) Capt. John Scranton, as follows: (1) John, sketch of whom follows; (2) Mary, born in 1678, married July 9, 1699, Joseph Stone, and died March 21, 1758; (3) Mercy, born 1680, married Dec. 27, 1717, Samuel Cowles, of Cheshire; (4) Mehitabel, born 1682; (5) Elizabeth, born Nov. 4, 1692, married Dec. 27, 1717, William Rowson; (6) Anne, born Dec. 27, 1693, married Ebenezer Munger, and died April 20, 1725; (7) Ebenezer, born March 16, 1696, married Ann Rowson, and died Oct. 6, 1774; (8) Deborah, born Dec. 3, 1697, married July 5, 1721, Abel Chittenden, and died Nov. 6, 1749.

(III) Capt. John Scranton was born in East

Guilford, in 1676, and passed all his life there, engaged in farming, dying March 21, 1723. He was three times married: (first) Dec. 12, 1699, to Mary Norton, born in 1680; (second) to Mrs. Sarah Evarts, widow of Ebenezer Evarts (she died Oct. 8, 1749); (third) to Mary Bushnell, of Saybrook, daughter of Deacon Francis and Sarah (Scranton) Bushnell. Children born to (III) Capt. John Scranton: (1) Mary, born July 6, 1701, married Benjamin Bushnell; (2) John, born April 14, 1703, was drowned in 1738 in the Hammonasset river, Madison; (3) Josiah, born July 19, 1705, married Mary Dickson, and died Sept. 8, 1751; (4) Sarah, born Nov. 25, 1707; (5) Hannah, born March 3, 1709; (6) Submit, born June 18, 1712, married Simeon Chittenden, and died April 15, 1796; (7) Noah, born June 20, 1715, married Esther Bradley, and died Dec. 4, 1760; (8) Ichabod, sketch of whom follows; (9) Hannah, born March 3, 1718, married Nathaniel Allis, Nov. 20, 1739, and died June 20, 1783; (10) Ann, born May 16, 1720, married John Bushnell, of Saybrook, Conn.; (11) Rebecca, born Sept. 12, 1722, married David Hoyt, of Madison, and died May 5, 1798.

(IV) Ichabod Scranton, born Feb. 19, 1717, in East Guilford (now Madison), Conn., was a life-long agriculturist. He was a captain in the old French war, and in that capacity went to Louisbourg, Cape Breton, Canada, also to Ticonderoga. While returning home from the latter expedition he was seized with smallpox at Albany, N. Y., of which he died Dec. 1, 1760, and he was buried privately, by night, on Clapboard Hill. Several soldiers of his company died during the campaign in the north. Ichabod Scranton married Chloe Fowler, born March 29, 1723, and died Dec. 10, 1791. Children: (1) Chloe married Daniel Meigs, and died May 26, 1788; (2) Elizabeth, born 1747, married Edmund Wilcox, and died Aug. 26, 1813, in Bergen, N. Y.; (3) Theophilus, sketch of whom follows; (4) Abraham, born Sept. 10, 1754, married Lucy Stone and he died Feb. 24, 1844; (5) Ichabod, born Dec. 10, 1757, died May 24, 1792 (he was an officer of distinction, in a troop of cavalry in the Revolutionary war).

(V) Theophilus Scranton, born Dec. 1, 1751, in Madison, a farmer by occupation, died Feb. 16, 1827, and is buried in Madison cemetery. He married Abigail Lee, born July 11, 1754, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Lee, of Madison; she died Dec. 23, 1840, at the ripe old age of nearly eighty-six years. Children: (1) Erastus, born Aug. 1, 1777, was a minister; he married Mary Prndon, and died Oct. 5, 1861; (2) Parnel, born March 18, 1779, married William Whitsey, and died April, 1858; (3) Jonathan, born Oct. 10, 1781, married Roxanna Crompton, and died July 27, 1847; (4) Charlotte, born Jan. 21, 1783, married Nathan Clark, and died March 5, 1823; (5) Chloe, born Oct. 2, 1784, married first Reuben Judson, and second, Jan. 18, 1823, Nathan Bushnell, of Madi-

son, and died July 5, 1873; (6) Theophilus, born April 13, 1786, married Elizabeth Warner, and died May 14, 1859; (7) Hubbard, born May 4, 1788; (8) Lemau, born May 10, 1790, died Aug. 20, 1791; (9) Ichabod Lee, sketch of whom follows; (10) Henry, born Nov. 1, 1794, married Rachel Linsley, and died March 4, 1876; (11) Abigail, born May 15, 1797, died May 10, 1810.

(VI) Ichabod Lee Scranton, father of the subject proper of this sketch, was born July 15, 1792, in Madison, Conn., where he was reared and educated. In his younger days he taught school, later becoming engaged in mercantile business in Madison, as coal dealer, grocery merchant, etc., from there moving to New Haven, afterward to New York, in both of which cities he was engaged in business, in the latter conducting a produce business some fifteen years. The later days of his life he spent in Madison, dying there June 18, 1881, and his remains were buried in the cemetery there. He was a colonel in the militia, and at one time was offered the position of brigadier general, but declined the honor. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, while in religious faith he was a member of the Congregational Church for over fifty years. He built and owned over twenty vessels, being captain of several engaged in the local trade, and he was also a stockholder in the Shore Line Railroad. A very quiet, unassuming man, he was of a comparatively retiring disposition, and was highly respected for his integrity and probity.

Mr. Scranton was twice married, (first) Nov. 26, 1827, in Madison, to Artemisia Hand, born Sept. 15, 1807, and died June 12, 1838; she was a daughter of Daniel and Artemisia (Meigs) Hand, and a granddaughter of Capt. Daniel Hand. Children by this union: (1) Ichabod Lee, sketch of whom follows; (2) Artemisia Meigs, born April 14, 1831, died Sept. 10, 1832; (3) Artemisia Meigs (2), born Sept. 7, 1833, married William Skinner; (4) Daniel Hand, born Jan. 15, 1838, died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Scranton wedded Lucey Ann Easton, born March 1, 1808, in New York, died March 6, 1880, and is buried in Madison cemetery. By this union there was one child, Mary Augusta, born June 8, 1848, died July 2, 1848.

(VII) Ichabod Lee Scranton, whose name opens this memoir, received his education in part at the district schools of Madison, in part at Lee's Academy, and at an early age commenced "a life on the ocean wave," first on his father's vessel. At the age of eighteen he was part owner and master of the sloop "Falcon" in the produce trade to New York and other ports on the Atlantic coast. For over thirty years he was engaged in the coasting trade, freighting, etc., after which he took up agricultural pursuits on the Leete farm at East River, where he is now living retired. Mr. Scranton is a man of education, well read, well known and highly respected, a member of the Congregational Church,

and a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a Republican in politics, and in 1880 was elected on that ticket to the State Legislature, and served on the committee on Sales of Land.

Capt. Scranton has been twice married, (first) May 18, 1853, in Madison, to Deborah Ward Scranton, born Feb. 9, 1834, and died June 22, 1877; she was a daughter of Ichabod Benjamin and Fanny Antha (Wilcox) Scranton, and granddaughter of Abraham and Lucy (Stone) Scranton, the former of whom was a soldier in the war of the Revolution from the time he was sixteen years old up to the close of the conflict. Children born to this marriage: (1) Wallace Lee, born June 24, 1854, is a mechanical engineer of Madison; he married Harriet ("Hattie") Crompton, daughter of George Crompton; one child, Catherine Deborah, born in 1886, graces their home. (2) Benjamin Hand, born Nov. 7, 1856, resides in Detroit, Mich., and is president of the American Electrical Heater Co.; he married Nancy Andrews. (3) Daniel Hand, born May 22, 1859, married Oct. 11, 1888, Alida Josephine Scranton; he resides in Trenton, N. J., and represents R. G. Dun & Co.'s Mercantile agency. (4) Lizzie Ward, born Dec. 17, 1863, married Edwin W. Munger. (5) George Edward, born Aug. 1, 1865, lives in Chicago; he married Julia Jerome, of Detroit, Mich. (6) William Skinner, born Feb. 22, 1873, is in the building and loan business, and running a Pan-American hotel at Buffalo. On June 20, 1900, in Buffalo, he married Ethel Blackstone. For his second wife Capt. Scranton married, in 1879, in New Haven, Mrs. Emily (Isbell) Lee, of Killingworth, Conn., widow of Newton Lee. She died in 1884, and is buried in Madison cemetery. There were no children by this marriage.

MICHAEL DONOHUE, retired merchant, Waterbury, of which city he has been a resident since 1836, is a native of Ireland, born June 18, 1817, in County Cavan.

Bryan Donohue, father of our subject, and who never left his native land, Erin, was a farmer there all his days. He married Ellen Lynch, also of County Cavan, and a family of eight children were born to them, named as follows: Thomas, Patrick, James, Bryan, Michael, Ann, Bridget and Mary. Of these, Mary is yet living in Ireland; and Patrick came to America, lived in Waterbury for a time, and then went to Wisconsin, where he died. All the rest, except our subject, are also deceased.

Michael Donohue, whose name introduces these lines, attended school in his native land, also helped on his father's farm, and at the age of nineteen, came to the United States, landing at New York after a voyage of over seven weeks in a sailing vessel, there being no steamships in those days. From New York he came direct to Waterbury, in 1836, and has been here ever since, except for a short time spent in Wisconsin, where he bought 100 acres

of land. He is now the oldest living Irishman in the city, all those that were here when he came being dead. For a time he worked in Benedict & Burnham's factory, before the days of steam power, when bells were rung to call the people to work, and he well remembers the hard times of 1837, when everything was at a standstill, and during that long-to-be remembered financial crisis not a bell was heard from the six factories in Waterbury.

About the year 1840 Mr. Donohue embarked in the grocery business at the corner of Bridge and Baldwin streets, and successfully conducted same for several years, or until 1842, when he retired, having amassed a comfortable competence.

In 1840 Mr. Donohue married Bridget Coyle, a native of County Longford, Ireland, and seven children were born to this union, a brief record of them being as follows: Thomas (deceased) was a lawyer in Waterbury; Michael (deceased) was a painter; James died in infancy; Helen is the widow of Maurice Grelle; Mary A. is a school teacher in Waterbury; Kate is the deceased wife of Albert Beach, of Waterbury; and the youngest died in infancy. The mother of these passed from earth Jan. 16, 1892. In religious faith Mr. Donohue is a member of Immaculate Conception parish, Roman Catholic Church. When he came to Waterbury there was no Catholic priest nearer than New Haven. A Democrat in politics, his first presidential vote was cast for Martin Van Buren; in municipal matters he has served his adopted city as councilman and as a member of the board of education. He owns considerable property in Waterbury, which he rents, and he is one of the most popular men in the city and vicinity, all his fellow countrymen looking up to him as to a patriarch.

SUMNER WESLEY BRAY, a highly esteemed resident of Milford, in which town he ranks among the most thrifty farmers, was born in Dover, Maine, March 21, 1838, son of Sumner and Sarah (Shipley) Bray. The family is of English origin, and his great-grandfather was born in England.

Daniel Bray, the grandfather of our subject, was born probably in Maine, where he spent his manhood, engaged in farming. He married, and had the following children: Daniel is a farmer near Houlton, Aroostook Co., Maine; Asa was a farmer in that State; Lebbens is a Methodist minister; Comings was also an M. E. preacher; Cyrus is a farmer in Maine; Sumner is mentioned more fully below; Betsey (deceased) was a school teacher; Jane married Moses Washburn; Phoebe, a school teacher, died unmarried.

Sumner Bray, our subject's father, was born in 1811, in Minot, Maine, and followed farming for many years, dying in 1885. His wife, Sarah (Shipley), was born in Maine, and her father was a native of the same State. They had four children: Mary died unmarried, aged twenty-one; Sumner W., our subject, was next in the order of birth;

Sarah married Elijah Marrell (now deceased), a native of Maine, and a farmer and carpenter by occupation; Willard is a farmer in Milford, Connecticut.

Our subject assisted his father on the homestead until he reached the age of twenty-three, and, though his advantages were inferior to those enjoyed by the youth of the present day, he secured a practical education in the neighboring district school, attending until eighteen years old. While under the parental roof he gave his earnings to his father, and his own start in life was accordingly humble, his only capital being a full stock of energy and ambition. Hard work and persevering industry, however, supplied the financial lack, and before many years had elapsed he was on the high road to prosperity. Shortly after his marriage he located in West Upton, Mass., where he was employed for seven years in a straw factory. Here his native ability for getting the best results in whatever he undertakes soon asserted itself. He began very modestly, but his faithful services and steady habits were noted by his employer, W. Knowlton, who rewarded them with advancement, so that at the end of the period mentioned he had charge of the large farm of that gentleman, who owned 3,000 acres of land, and kept much stock. Mr. Bray also filled numerous positions of responsibility in and about the factory, being general superintendent of the outside work and having charge of the shipping. In 1870 he left, of his own accord, and came to Milford, New Haven Co., Conn., taking a similar position in the factory there, and so continued for about fifteen years. At the end of that time he purchased his present farm, but instead of taking possession at once he went to Scarsdale, N. Y., to manage a farm for William Adams, of No. 33 Wall street, New York City. The position came unsolicited, Mr. Bray having the reputation of being a first-class farmer.

Returning to Milford four years later our subject engaged in farming at his homestead, an attractive place of fifty-six acres, where he now makes a specialty of raising garden stuff and dairying. Mr. Bray has erected all the buildings on this place, which under his systematic management has been brought to a high state of cultivation. He has succeeded, by constant thrift, in acquiring a very comfortable competence, and has succeeded equally well in maintaining the high standards of integrity and honor which were early set before him. Reared under Christian influences, and impressed with the value of a good name, he has never swerved from the paths laid out for him in his youth, all his transactions bearing the stamp of honesty and straightforwardness. To-day he stands high in the esteem of his fellow men, a credit to his parentage and to the community which has so long claimed him. Mr. Bray is very unassuming in his manners and habits. He takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, is a staunch Republican in politics, and is



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conscientious in the discharge of what he believes to be his duty as a citizen.

In July, 1861, Mr. Bray was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Field, of Garland, Maine, who was born July 16, 1838, a daughter of Capt. William Field, a well-known sea captain. All Mr. Bray's children were by this union, viz.: Edgar, born May 27, 1863, died in infancy. Ervin J., born Aug. 1, 1864, is married and has three children, Bessie M., James S. and Helen; he is employed in a straw factory in Brooklyn. Seyston V., born March 3, 1869, is a conductor in the North Haven freight yard; he is married and has one child, Elliott. Lillian, born July 11, 1870, died in infancy. Howard E., born March 9, 1874, died in infancy. William S., born Sept. 25, 1880, died May 1, 1901; he was a most promising young man, superior in every way, and of great help to his father, having always lived at home. The mother of these passed away Nov. 28, 1881. On June 17, 1883, in Milford, Mr. Bray married, for his second wife, Mrs. Martha Ellen (Dickey) Clements, who was born in 1838 in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, daughter of George and Sarah Jane (Bennett) Dickey, who had a family of nine children. Mr. Dickey was a farmer by occupation. Mrs. Dickey now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Bray, in Milford, and, though almost ninety-one years old, is well preserved and enjoys good health. Mrs. Bray is a thorough business woman, and has proved an efficient helpmate to her energetic husband, who attributes much of his success to her careful management and industry. She is a Baptist in religious connection, and our subject is identified with the Congregational Church.

HERBERT CLARK BALDWIN, a representative farmer and one of the most influential and popular citizens of Beacon Falls, is a native of New Haven county, born in the town of Oxford Sept. 3, 1840, son of Lucian Baldwin.

Our subject's father was born Feb. 6, 1800, in what is now Naugatuck, but was then known as Waterbury. The grandfather, Mathew Baldwin, spent his life as a farmer in Naugatuck. In his family were seven children, namely: Alanson, who engaged in farming in Naugatuck until his death; Marshall, also a farmer of that town; Lucian, the father of our subject; Miles, who died young; Lockey, who married a Mr. Wooster, a farmer of Naugatuck; Emeline, who married a Mr. Sperry, a farmer of Milford; and Harriette.

By occupation Lucian Baldwin was a farmer and school teacher. In politics he was a Whig. He died Sept. 20, 1855, honored and respected by all who knew him. He first married Laura Johnson, and they had one child. The mother died young, and Mr. Baldwin married Aurelia Tolles, who was born in Bethany, this county, Aug. 12, 1803, and died Sept. 21, 1889. Her father, Daniel Tolles, was a farmer of Bethany. Our subject is the fifth in

the order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Mary T., born July 8, 1833, died Jan. 1, 1837; Ellen A., born Dec. 5, 1834, died April 5, 1836; Milo L., born March 12, 1836, died May 23, 1864; Henry D., born Aug. 15, 1837, was a stone mason by trade, and died Nov. 15, 1882; Edward W., born May 29, 1843, is a hotel-keeper in Boston, Mass.; and Ellen A., born March 20, 1846, is the wife of William D. Gilbert, a carpenter of Derby.

During his boyhood and youth Herbert C. Baldwin attended the local schools and assisted in the labors of the home farm. He was fifteen years of age at the time of his father's death, when more of the farm work fell to his share, and for three years thereafter he also worked for neighboring farmers. In September, 1861, he laid aside all personal interests and joined the boys in blue, being mustered in at New Haven, Nov. 7th, as a member of Company K, 13th Conn. V. I., which was first assigned to the Department of the Gulf. He participated in the engagements at Georgia Landing, Irish Bend, Cane River, Mansuary Plains, and the siege of Port Hudson; was also through the Red River campaign, and in 1864 was transferred with his command to Virginia, having re-enlisted for three years' more service. There under Gen. Sheridan, he took part in the battles of Berryville, Winchester, Fisher Hill and Cedar Creek, where he was wounded. He was made corporal Dec. 12, 1862; sergeant, Aug. 27, 1863; first sergeant, Nov. 1, 1864; second lieutenant, Jan. 1, 1865; and was brevetted first lieutenant to date from March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious service at Port Hudson. He was mustered out April 25, 1866, and returned to Oxford. In the fall of that year he bought his present farm of eighty-eight acres, in Oxford, and now included in the town of Beacon Falls, which was incorporated as a town in 1871. He has since devoted his energies, with the most gratifying results, to the cultivation and improvement of this tract.

On Dec. 25, 1866, Mr. Baldwin was united in marriage with Miss Josephine H. Jones, a native of Scott, Cortland Co., N. Y. Her parents, Van Rensselaer and Helen (Clute) Jones, were natives of Onondaga and Saratoga counties, N. Y., respectively, and the father was a farmer and country merchant. He died in 1888, but the mother is still living. They were faithful members of the Baptist Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. To them were born eight children: One that died in infancy; Elizabeth; Harriet; Mary; Josephine H.; another who died in infancy; George; and William. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin had seven children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Edward D., June 11, 1868; Lucian E., Jan. 20, 1870; Alfred C., Dec. 5, 1872; Hattie M., May 2, 1874; Herbert C., Jr., Aug. 8, 1876; William A., Jan. 21, 1884; and Harold T., Dec. 21, 1886. Edward D. died Feb. 18, 1899, and William A. died July 7, 1885, but the others are still living. Lucian

E. is now a traveling salesman, residing in Rye, N. Y., and Alfred C. is an attorney of Derby, Connecticut.

Mr. Baldwin is a member of Upson Post, No. 40, G. A. R., of Seymour, and also of the Grange. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have often called him to public office. He has served as assessor; member of the board of relief; justice of the peace; first selectman many years; selectman from 1873 to 1890, inclusive, being chairman of the board during that time with the exception of two years; and represented his town in the State Legislature in 1876, 1880, 1883, 1884, 1891, 1899 and 1901. His public and private records are above reproach, for his career has ever been characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty. He is public-spirited and progressive, and gives his support to all measures for the general good.

RICHARD TALBOT was born in the parish of Dagnal, near London, England, Feb. 28, 1838, a son of George Talbot, who was born in London Oct. 16, 1818. The father was a straw hat and bonnet manufacturer, and was quite successful in his business. He took an active part in London politics, and was a great worker in the Episcopal Church. In 1860 he came to the United States, and set up in his business at Westboro, Mass., and also at South Framingham, same State, for a number of years being engaged in it, but finally removing to Cheshire, Conn., where he lived on a farm several years before his death, Aug. 18, 1888. His remains were interred at Wallingford, Conn. Hannah Norman, of Buckingham county, England, born March 11, 1810, became his wife in 1837, and died in Dunstable, England, June 1, 1850, and was buried in the cemetery at that place. To them were born two children: Richard; and Charles W., now living in Leominster, Mass., where he is an etcher on cutlery.

George J. Talbot, father of George and grandfather of Richard, was engaged as a house decorator in London, and had his place of business on Drury Lane. Born in 1784, he died at the early age of thirty-four. Fannie Paul, his wife, was of the family to which John Paul Jones, the great sailor, belonged. Their children were: Mary M., Mira B., John G. (who died at the age of sixteen years), George and Fannie. George John Talbot, father of George J., was a man of independent means, which largely came to him as an inheritance. His wife's Christian name was Mary Martha, and they had two children, George J. and James. The family sprang from one of the youngest branches of the Shrewsbury family, and is one of the oldest names in England. Its ancestry can be traced farther back than 1442, when John Talbot was knighted and made an Earl.

Richard Talbot was educated at Dunstable, England, and left school at the age of thirteen

years, to become an apprentice at the shoemaking trade in Northampton, where he remained seven years. He then worked at his trade in London and in Northampton until he came to this country. Leaving Liverpool, Jan. 19, 1861, he crossed the ocean, and immediately came to Wallingford, employment being secured by him with L. C. Ryerson, where he worked as a boot-maker for about a year. On May 2, 1862, he began business for himself in the Lewis building, on North Main street, where he remained eleven years. For about five years he was on Fair street, and then he built his present store on Centre street. Mr. Talbot is a very skillful workman, and in former days made a specialty of fine custom work, and had several men working for him. At the present time he is devoting his attention to fine repairing, and is carrying a first class stock of boots and shoes.

The oldest business man in Wallingford, his reputation as a boot and shoe maker is second to none in the State.

Mr. Talbot is a member of Accanant Lodge, No. 77, I. O. O. F., where he has passed through the various chairs, and is now chairman of the board of trustees, and he is a member of Atlantic Encampment, No. 28, of Meriden; he is also identified with the Red Men. He has been treasurer of Compass Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M., since 1878, and has risen to high standing in the Masonic fraternity in the intervening years, having attained the 32d degree. He is enrolled in Keystone Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council, No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; the Mystic Shrine; and LaFayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 32d degree. Politically Mr. Talbot is a Republican, and in his religious belief is a Methodist.

On Nov. 20, 1858, Mr. Talbot was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth James, of Northamptonshire, England, a daughter of Joseph James. They have had the following children: (1) George J., connected with his father in business at Wallingford, married May Chapman, and is the father of Arthur R.; G. Vernon; Earl C.; Milton A. and Hazel M. (2) Fannie E. died at the age of thirteen months. (3) Frank W., a silver smith with R. Wallace & Sons, married Mrs. Sarah Shries, of Kansas. (4) William A., a railway mail clerk on the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., between Springfield and New York, has his home in Springfield; he married Miss Mattie M. Wilcox, of New Haven, and has two children: Frank E. and Louise W. (5) Harrie J., born Jan. 12, 1860, is employed at the factory of R. Wallace & Sons; he married Miss Emma A. Williams, of Wallingford, who died May 2, 1900. (6) Frances A. died June 20, 1872.

WILBUR W. SMITH. One of the best known citizens of Seymour is its genial and popular postmaster, the subject of this sketch. For many years he has resided in that flourishing little city, and by

his fellow citizens he has been frequently honored at the polls. He was a veteran officer of distinction and merit.

Captain Smith was born in Westville, Conn., Jan. 9, 1829, a son of Sylvester and Henrietta (Cadwell) Smith. The father, a prominent paper manufacturer, was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1808, and in 1832 removed to Seymour. There he found work in a paper mill, following it for a number of years. Later he began the manufacture of paper and continued the business successfully until 1869. At that time he was the oldest paper manufacturer at Seymour. He was also engaged in the manufacture of strawboard, employing a large number of hands. Sylvester Smith was a man of unusually forceful character. He was ardent in his political convictions, a prominent church worker and in every sense public spirited and enterprising. In politics he was a Republican and twice he was elected a member of the State Legislature, first in 1850 from the town of Derby, which then included Seymour, and later in 1865, from the latter town. Himself and wife were prominent members of the M. E. Church; in fact Mr. Smith was a leading spirit in the denomination and often conducted religious services, preaching in every village within a radius of twenty miles. He accumulated considerable real estate, the rewards of his manufacturing business. He was a member of Mechanics Lodge, I. O. O. F., serving many years as chaplain of the Lodge. He died in 1892, aged eighty-four years. His worthy helpmeet died aged eighty-two years. To Sylvester and Henrietta Smith were born twelve children, four of whom, our subject; Mary, wife of Seth Warner; Martha, wife of William B. Bissell; and Robert N., a paper maker of Seymour, are still living.

The education of Wilbur W. Smith was received in the common schools, and he then began work in his father's mill, in which service he continued with increasing responsibility and duties until his enlistment in 1862 in Company H, 20th Conn., V. I. It was largely through the efforts of Capt. Smith that the company was enlisted. He was commissioned its first lieutenant, and in January, 1863, was promoted to captain of Company C., same regiment, serving in that rank until the close of the war. The 20th Connecticut was first assigned to the 12th Army Corps, First Division, and later to the 20th Corps. Our subject participated in a number of severe engagements, including Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and about twelve battles fought by Gen. Sherman in his march from Atlanta to the Sea. At Chancellorsville Captain Smith was taken prisoner and confined for a time in Libby Prison, rejoining his regiment when exchanged.

When mustered out as captain at the close of the war, Capt. Smith returned home and resumed his connection with his father's paper mill, until the latter's retirement in 1869. He then assumed charge of the business and conducted it until 1890, when

he closed the mill. In 1891 he was appointed postmaster at Seymour, serving four years. In 1899 he was re-appointed and is now filling his second term. The office has steadily risen in importance, and is now a third class office, handling 3,000 letters per day, and Postmaster Smith has two assistants. In 1896 he was elected first selectman and town agent and re-elected in 1897 and 1898, successively, serving until October, 1899. Among other local offices he has filled are those of assessor and member of the school board.

In 1850 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Jane M. Wooster, one of the seven children of Mark and Eliza (Lake) Wooster, the former a farmer of Oxford, and at one time sheriff, and a member of an old and influential family that took an active part in public affairs. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith was born one daughter, Jennie W., a young lady of many accomplishments, who is now officiating as the efficient assistant of her father in the postoffice. The estimable wife of our subject died June 4, 1899, aged sixty-nine years. She attended the Episcopal Church. To her surviving parent Miss Jennie is a most devoted daughter and helper, both in the office and at home.

Captain Smith is a staunch Republican in politics. He is a member of the Morning Star Lodge, F. & A. M., of Seymour, and for two years has been its secretary. He is also a prominent member of Upson Post, No. 40, G. A. R., and for four years has served as its commander. Possessing that kindness and courtesy which mark the gentleman, and that camaraderie which invites respect and friendship, Capt. Smith has a warm place in the hearts of his fellow men. He has a large circle of friends and is widely popular. With his genial manners are associated a high integrity, a public spirit and keen business judgment, which make him one of Seymour's most valued citizens.

ANSON F. ABBOTT, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Waterbury, and a man intensely interested in every good work and word, was born in Middlebury, this county, April 23, 1830.

Alvin Abbott, his father, was born in the same place May 7, 1794, and died in Waterbury Jan. 23, 1861. Robert Abbott, the ancestor of the family on these shores, was one of three brothers from England. He came to Wetherfield, Conn., about 1640, thence moving to New Haven, and in 1645 to Branford, where his son Daniel was born. Stephen Abbott, son of Daniel, married Hannah Frisbie in 1725, and moved to Middlebury, Conn., in 1750. His son, Daniel Abbott, was born in 1726, and married Lois Smith, and their eldest son was David, the grandfather of Anson F. The Smiths were of Wallingford, Connecticut.

David Abbott, the grandfather of Anson F., was born June 6, 1764, in Middlebury, where he died. On May 30, 1786, he married Sarah Tyler,

daughter of James Tyler, and sister of Rev. Bennett Tyler, D. D., at one time president of Andover Theological Seminary, and a noted man of his time. David Abbott and his wife settled on the old farm in Middlebury, where they reared the following family: Eben, born in 1789; Philomelia, born in 1791, who died young; Alvin, born May 7, 1794, the father of Anson F.; David, born in 1797; Sally, born in 1799, who died young; Anna, born in 1800; Philo, born in 1802; Philomelia (2), born in 1805; Emma, born in 1807; Ruth, born in 1810; Iva, born in 1812; and Sarah, born in 1817. Those who reached maturity married and reared families. Ira was a Methodist minister, and the other sons were all farmers.

Alvin Abbott, the father of Anson F., was reared in Middlebury, and studied for the ministry, but was prevented from following it as a life work by long-continued ill health, followed by a permanent nervous infirmity. He married Fanny Wooster, who was born in Oxford, Conn., April 3, 1794, and died Feb. 3, 1884. Thomas Wooster, her father, was captured by the Indians when a young man and carried off to Canada, where he suffered many hardships. At the close of the Revolutionary war he returned from Canada and settled in Oxford, Conn., where he died at the age of forty-three. He married Elizabeth Bishop. Thomas Wooster, father of this Thomas, was a grandson of a Wooster who, according to family traditions, came from England and settled at Derby, Conn. After marriage Alvin Abbott and his wife settled on a part of the old homestead farm in Middlebury, and there lived until 1840, when they moved to New Haven, in 1846 coming to Waterbury. They had eight children: (1) Larnon W., born Jan. 11, 1818, died April 12, 1900; he was a Methodist minister. (2) Benjamin, born Aug. 10, 1820, was a farmer, and died in Nebraska March 21, 1898. (3) Charles S., born Dec. 12, 1822, is now living in Bridgeport, Conn., where he is a printer, and owns an office. (4) Lochinvar, born Jan. 11, 1825, was a carpenter, and died in Waterbury May 14, 1888. (5) Alvin V., born Dec. 12, 1827, is now a Methodist minister. (6) Anson F. is mentioned below. (7) Nathan B., born Feb. 10, 1833, is a contractor in Columbus, Ohio. (8) James M., born June 12, 1835, was a manufacturer in Waterbury, and died at Noroton, Conn., June 15, 1893.

Anson F. Abbott spent the first ten years of his life in Middlebury, two years in New Haven, and five years on a farm in Watertown, Conn. He attended district school, and the academy winters, and when his school days were over, served three years as clerk in the stores of Amos A. Gridley and Eli Curtiss, removing to Waterbury in 1850. As a bookkeeper and salesman he worked six years in the store of the Benedict & Burnham Mfg. Co., and with the Benedict & Scovill Co., of which latter company he was secretary and then became secretary and treasurer of the Waterbury Building and

Loan Association, which ceased to do business in 1867. Since that time Mr. Abbott has been extensively engaged in real estate, insurance and investments. In September, 1901, he admitted Howard T. Parker to a partnership in his business, which is now conducted in the name of Abbott & Parker.

Mr. Abbott and Miss Nancy H. Merriman were married Sept. 28, 1852, and to this union seven children have been born: Mary M. is a graduate of Vassar College, and is now a teacher in the Waterbury high school. Anna E. is the wife of Rev. T. M. Peck, an Episcopal minister. Frederick C. is in the real estate business and president of the Southern States Trust Co., in Charlotte, N. C. George Benjamin has a fruit farm in Corning, Cal. Kate B. married Frank B. Deane, and died July 23, 1894. Burton H. died in infancy. John V. is a surveyor in Waterbury. Mrs. Abbott was born in Watertown, where the family of her father, George F. Merriman, a farmer, had been long established.

Mr. Abbott is a Republican of independent proclivities. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church, of which he was trustee and treasurer for twenty-five years and superintendent of the Sunday school for twenty-seven years. Mr. Abbott was the first secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. From his pen has come a history of his church in Waterbury, which appears in a history of that city. In 1858 he organized a Band of Hope in Waterbury, and, always active in temperance work, lent assistance in organizing the Waterbury Women's Christian Temperance Union, and other temperance societies. As a man, a citizen and a gentleman of the old school he is highly respected by all who know him.

WILLIAM SKINNER (deceased), in his lifetime one of Guilford's leading citizens, than whom none was more highly respected, was a member of one of the old settled families of New England, ranking among the best.

(1) John Skinner, the first of the name in New England, was a native of England, born in Braintree, County of Essex. (There is a family tradition that after the revolution in England three brothers by the name of Skinner came to America, one settling in Vermont, one in Maryland, and the third in Connecticut, but of this there is no reliable record.) (1) John Skinner was a member of the Rev. Thomas Hooker company that settled in Hartford, Conn., and he became one of the original proprietors. He died in Hartford in 1650. In Windsor, Conn., he married Mary, daughter of Joseph Loomis, and after the death of Mr. Skinner she wedded, Nov. 13, 1654, Owen Tudor, of Windsor, in which town she passed the rest of her days, dying Aug. 10, 1680. Children born to John and Mary (Loomis) Skinner: (1) Mary, born Dec. 1, 1638, married Robert Reeves, of Hartford; (2) Ann, born in 1639, married John Colt, the ancestor of the Colts of Hartford; (3) John, sketch of whom



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follows; (4) Joseph, born in 1643, married Mary Filley, of Windsor; and (5) Richard, born in 1646, removed to Colchester, Conn.

(II) John Skinner, son of (I) John, was born in 1641 in Hartford, and passed all his life there, dying Sept. 15, 1690. In 1662 he married Mary, daughter of Joseph Easton, and they had seven children, as follows: (1) Mary, born in 1664, married Joshua Carter; (2) John, sketch of whom follows; (3) Joseph D., born Aug. 26, 1669, married Mary Grant, of Windsor; (4) Nathaniel, born April 5, 1672, married Mary Gillette, of Windsor, May 13, 1706 (he removed to Colchester, and was the father of Rev. Thomas Skinner, pastor of Church at Westchester); (5) Richard, born Jan. 16, 1674, married Sarah Garrie; (6) Sarah, born Nov. 4, 1677; and (7) Thomas, born Nov. 15, 1680, married Sarah Grant. The mother of this family died June 18, 1695, and she and her husband were both buried in Hartford cemetery.

(III) John Skinner, son of (II) John, was born March 1, 1666, in Hartford, and there passed his entire life, dying Oct. 27, 1743. On Feb. 22, 1693, he married Rachel Pratt, who died Aug. 17, 1748. Their children: (1) Rachel, born Feb. 2, 1694, and died Jan. 18, 1787, married, May 19, 1726, Ebenezer Wells, who died Dec. 27, 1737; (2) John, sketch of whom follows; (3) Daniel, born Jan. 19, 1699, died Jan. 15, 1701; (4) Timothy, born Feb. 8, 1701, married, May, 1738, Ruth Colson; (5) Mary, baptized May 26, 1704; (6) Hannah, born June 27, 1707, died Oct. 23, 1707.

(IV) John Skinner, son of (III) John, was born July 1, 1697, and died Aug. 14, 1773; married, Dec. 24, 1724, Mary Turner, of Hartford; she died Aug. 15, 1771. Their children: (1) John, born March 29, 1726, married (first) Mary Whiting, Nov. 21, 1748; she died May 23, 1772, he on May 19, 1794. (2) Mary, born March 22, 1727, married James Steele Dec. 7, 1749. (3) Deliverance, baptized March 8, 1729, married March 26, 1752, Jared Seymour. (4) Ephraim, born Aug. 1, 1730, died in infancy; (5) Rachel, baptized Oct. 9, 1737, married Jan. 9, 1757, Ashbel Steele. (6) Ephraim, baptized Feb. 24, 1737. (7) Elizabeth, baptized Aug. 22, 1742, married Oct. 9, 1765, Joseph Gladings, of Windham. (8) Nathaniel sketch of whom follows.

(V) Nathaniel Skinner, son of (IV) John, was born in Hartford July 28, 1745, and passed all his days there. It is supposed that he fought in the Revolutionary war. Twice married, for his first wife he wedded July 28, 1769, Rebecca Bigelow, and for his second he married, in 1781, Margaret Hunt. The names and dates of birth of his children are as follows: (1) Nathaniel, 1782, died 1784; (2) Crosby, 1783; (3) Nathaniel Leonard, sketch of whom follows; (4) Alexander, 1787; (5) John, 1788; (6) Samuel H., 1790; (7) Charles King, 1792; (8) George, 1793, died in infancy; (9)

George (2), 1795; (10) Thomas Chapman, 1800; (11) William Thomas; and (12) Crosby.

(VI) Nathaniel Leonard, son of (V) Nathaniel, and father of the subject of these lines, was born in 1785, in Hartford, and there educated. He was a man of prominence and considerable literary ability, being at one time editor of a newspaper in Bridgeport, where he died in 1826, in middle life. By his wife, Abigail (Weller), of Boston, he had nine children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: (1-2) Abigail Weller and Crosby (twins), born 1811; (3) Sarah Copeland, born 1813, married John Worstell, of Ohio; (4) Maria, born in 1814, died in infancy; (5) William, sketch of whom follows; (6) Nathaniel, born 1818, died in 1873; (7) Abigail, born 1820, died in early life; (8) George, born 1823, died in New York, 1900; and (9) Charles, born 1825, died in New York, 1890. The entire family were members of the Episcopal Church.

(VII) William Skinner, the subject proper of this memoir, was born, in 1816, in Bridgeport, Conn., and was ten years old when his father died. Removing then to Philadelphia, to live with his uncle, Rev. George Weller, he received his education there. On his return to Connecticut he learned the printing trade with Sidney Babcock, in New Haven, later becoming engaged in the stationery and music business in that city with a Mr. Sperry, of Woodbridge, Conn., under the firm name of Skinner & Sperry. In 1876 the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Skinner retired into private life, making his home in Guilford, where he passed the rest of his days, dying Oct. 1, 1896; his remains were laid to rest in Grove street cemetery, New Haven.

Mr. Skinner was a lifelong Democrat, but never an aspirant for official preferment. In matters of religion he was a member of the Episcopal Church, for many years was a vestryman of St. Paul's Church, New Haven, and for ten years was warden of Christ Church, Guilford. Socially he was affiliated with the F. & A. M., and I. O. O. F., at New Haven. Fidelity to duty was one of the predominating traits of his character, and in all the relations of life he was found true and faithful to the trusts reposed in him, thereby winning the confidence and high regard of all.

In New York City, in October, 1857, William Skinner married Artemisia Meigs Scranton, who was born in Madison, Conn., a daughter of Col. Ichabod Lee Scranton, mention of whom is made in the sketch of Capt. Ichabod Lee Scranton elsewhere. Five children graced this union, namely: (1) William Scranton, born Sept. 23, 1858, is engaged in the lumber business in New York City; he married Bertha Anderson Booth, of New Haven, and they have one child, Theodora Booth. (2) Elizabeth Augusta, born Aug. 23, 1860, married Frank Elbert Platt, and they reside in Scranton,

Penn.; they have four children—Margaret Seranton, born Jan. 9, 1886; Joseph Curtis, Nov. 18, 1887; Philip Skinner, Nov. 20, 1889; and Leonard Seranton, June 12, 1900. (3) Alice Weller, born Dec. 18, 1862. (4) Artemisia Hand, Aug. 2, 1868, and (5) George Edward Hand, Sept. 3, 1878; all three reside in Guilford.

DANIEL H. GRANNISS, a leading and representative citizen of New Haven, has for many years been identified with the oyster business. He has done much to promote the commercial activity, advance the general welfare and secure the material development of his town, and is recognized as one of the most useful and valued of its citizens.

Mr. Granniss was born Nov. 23, 1821, on the farm in East Haven where his brother Lyman now resides, and comes of good old Revolutionary stock, his grandfather, Samuel Granniss, having aided the Colonies in achieving their independence. His great-grandfather was Joseph Granniss. The father of our subject, who also bore the name of Joseph, was born in the town of East Haven, July 24, 1791, and by occupation was a farmer and oyster dealer, being one of the first to establish himself in the oyster business in his locality. He was engaged in the wholesale trade. On Nov. 26, 1812, he married Miss Louie Luddington, who was born July 22, 1794, and they became the parents of thirteen children, namely: (1) Almira, born Aug. 22, 1813, died March 11, 1888. On April 4, 1833, she married John Lindsey, by whom she had three children—Maria, born Oct. 17, 1833, died April 7, 1878; Olive A., born June 25, 1836, died Oct. 29, 1850; and Hannah A., born June 11, 1838, died April 11, 1897. By her second husband, John Foote, she had two—Harriet Emma, born Sept. 2, 1846, living; and Henry H., born March 16, 1850. (2) Joseph A., born May 25, 1815, died May 1, 1895, in Mount Carmel, Conn. On May 16, 1838, he married Eliza Tuttle, daughter of Edward Tuttle, and they had three sons and three daughters—Leander C., born May 29, 1841, died Sept. 17, 1847; Adelia S., born April 14, 1843; Charles W., born Aug. 25, 1844, died Feb. 4, 1845; Almira F., born Jan. 1, 1846; Anna Eliza, born Sept. 17, 1847; and Charles E., born March 27, 1852. (3) Ebenezer C., born Feb. 21, 1817, removed in 1846 to Macon, Ga., and died there Feb. 25, 1890. He married Huldah E. Luddington, and they had five children—Charlotte A., born July 22, 1838, died Sept. 5, 1838; Horace M., born July 16, 1839, is living in Orlando, Fla.; Edward J., born Jan. 9, 1841, died July 4, 1863 (he joined the Confederate army, in which he held the rank of lieutenant, and was killed while doing his duty); Emma A., born Nov. 22, 1849, died March 2, 1893; and Harriet L., born July 12, 1851, died Sept. 17, 1874. (4) Sylvester M., born Jan. 4, 1820, died May 4, 1882, in Hamden, Conn. On Oct. 6, 1847, he was united in marriage with Lois R. Curtis, and they had one child, Lois

A., born April 14, 1854, who died in infancy. Mrs. Granniss died April 29, 1854, and on Sept. 25, 1854, he married Lyda L. Bradley, by whom he also had one child, Joseph W., born July 14, 1857. The mother died Sept. 24, 1875, her death being caused by the explosion of a lamp. For his third wife Mr. Granniss married Ellen H. Blatchley, on Sept. 1, 1881. They had no children. (5) Daniel H., our subject, is next in the order of birth. (6) Willard, born March 2, 1823, died May 28, 1850, in Galveston, Texas. He never married. (7) Henry L., born April 10, 1825, died Dec. 17, 1845, unmarried. (8) Harriet was born March 4, 1827. (9) Hezekiah, born Dec. 16, 1828, died Oct. 4, 1850, unmarried. (10) Collis B., born Nov. 13, 1830, is a prominent and successful dairy farmer of New Haven; he is mentioned elsewhere. (11) Harriet L., born Feb. 10, 1834, died Oct. 4, 1850. (12) Lyman and (13) Louie, twins, were born March 3, 1837. The former is now a prominent dairy farmer and ice dealer, residing on the old homestead in East Haven. On April 23, 1862, he married Antoinette M. Thompson, of East Haven, and they had two children—Henry H., born Nov. 5, 1863, died March 30, 1865; and Lon Elizabeth, born Nov. 14, 1868, died May 23, 1874. Louie married Dwight Kellogg, and died in Baltimore, Md., April 21, 1889. Hezekiah and Harriet left home Sept. 28, 1850, with the intention of journeying to Macon, Ga., to spend the winter with their brother, Ebenezer. Going to New York they took passage on the barge "Isaac Meade," but when fourteen hours out from harbor they encountered a storm, and the ship was lost Oct. 4, 1850, both being drowned. The father died Feb. 29, 1876, the mother Aug. 12, 1859.

At the age of eight Daniel H. Granniss was bound out to Daniel Hinman, of Harwinton, Conn., for about two years. He then returned home, where he remained until seventeen years of age, and next learned the joiner's trade with Elbert L. Munsel, serving a four years' apprenticeship. He continued to follow that trade until he entered the service of his country during the dark days of the Rebellion. On Aug. 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, 15th C. V.; was mustered into the United States service at New Haven; and from there was ordered to Washington, D. C., where the regiment was stationed in defence of the city for some time. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Suffolk and Yorktown, and after eighteen months of active service was transferred to the War Department at Washington, where he remained until honorably discharged, June 29, 1865.

Mr. Granniss married Miss Abigail W. Broughton, who was born in East Haven April 30, 1822, and died Aug. 30, 1876. They had five children, as follows: (1) George H., born Nov. 8, 1846, died July 11, 1891. He married Henrietta White, who was born in Bridgeport, Conn., April 17, 1847, and they had one child, Edward L., born Sept.

1, 1868. (2) Willard A., born March 16, 1849, married Parthenia Laverre, and they have one son, Willard A. (3) Lillian A., born May 13, 1854, died April 1, 1861. (4) Nettie L., born March 11, 1859, is the wife of Robert C. Hart, of Fair Haven. (5) Harriet A., born April 11, 1862, died April 14, 1864. Each year the Granniss family has a reunion, which on Aug. 20, 1901, was held at the home of our subject, some sixty being present on this occasion, the thirty-fifth reunion at which he presided.

Soon after his return from the war Mr. Granniss opened a meat market and grocery store in Fair Haven, which he conducted for about ten years, and then embarked in the wholesale and retail oyster business, which he has since carried on with marked success. His son, George H., was engaged in business with him until his death. He was also a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting on the same day as his father, and in the same company and regiment, being one of the youngest soldiers from Connecticut to bear arms in that struggle. He participated in all the battles in which his father took part and was made color-bearer of the regiment. At the battle of Kinston he was captured with his command. For many years he was a prominent member of Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., of New Haven, and also of Polar Star Lodge, I. O. O. F. In politics he was a Republican. Our subject is also one of the leading members of both of these orders, having united with the Odd Fellows Society in 1854 and filled all the chairs in the local lodge, at present serving as treasurer, which office he has filled for fourteen years. Politically he is a strong Republican, and he never withholds his support from any enterprise for the public good.

NOYES S. WILMOT was born Sept. 16, 1830, in that portion of the town of Naugatuck which was then a part of Waterbury. He is a grandson of Valentine Wilmot, who was born in what is now Bethany (then Milford), where both he and his wife died, and was a farmer by occupation. He was the father of two children, John and Finnette. The daughter married Eliphalet Tyrrell, a farmer of Hartland, Connecticut.

John Wilmot, the father of Noyes S., was born in Bethany in 1779, and spent the greater portion of his life there, engaged in farming. He married Asenath Clark, who was born April 29, 1789, in Old Milford, a daughter of Andrew and Annie Clark. They were also born in Old Milford, the father about 1751. He was a farmer by occupation, and died in Middlebury, Conn., about 1835, aged eighty-four years. His wife also died at the age of eighty-four. She was a granddaughter, on the maternal side, of Gov. Treat, of Connecticut. Andrew Clark and his wife were the parents of nine children, Nancy, Nathan, Asenath, Andrew, Samuel, Julia, Edmund, Susan and Mary. Nathan was a farmer as well as carpenter, and lived in Middle-

bury. Asenath, as has been said, was the wife of John Wilmot, and the mother of Noyes S. Nancy married Caleb Nettleton, also a farmer, who was the father of George Nettleton, of Naugatuck; after her death he married her sister Mary, who passed away in 1896, aged ninety-four years. Andrew was a tailor by trade, and made his home in the South. Samuel married, and was a farmer in Middlebury. Julia became the wife of Almond Clark, of Waterbury. Edmund, who was a tailor in Troy, N. Y., died in Bridgeport aged ninety-two years; he was twice married, each time to a Miss Fry, his wives being sisters; he went to California in 1849. Susan died in infancy.

Andrew Clark served with gallantry and distinction in the patriot army during the Revolution. His first experience as a soldier covered a period of eighteen days under Lieut. Col. Thomas Seymour, at the time of the "Lexington Alarm." From July 10, 1776, until Aug. 5, following, he served in Major Skinner's troop of light horse, and from Sept. 7 to Nov. 10, of that year, he was with the 21st Regiment of militia in New York. Later, from March 12, 1782, to Jan. 12, 1783, he was a member of a company commanded by Capt. Jabez Fitch. He was a Revolutionary pensioner in New Haven county, where he died. The following Wilmots served in the Revolutionary war: John, Daniel, Amos, David, Elisha, Francis, Joel, John A., Joseph, Samuel, Thomas, Timothy, Walter (brother of the grandfather of our subject) and Zophar.

After their marriage our subject's parents settled upon a farm in Bethany, and in April, 1830, removed to Naugatuck. He died in 1837, and his widow Feb. 1, 1887, aged nearly ninety-eight years. Noyes S. Wilmot was the youngest and is the only surviving member of a family of five children. Lewis, a carpenter in New Haven, died about 1891. Lucius died at the age of nineteen. Juliana died when two years old. Edmund A., who was a farmer, died April 6, 1887. The male members of the family were Whigs, and all of the adults became members of the Congregational Church.

Noyes S. Wilmot passed the first seventeen years of his life in Naugatuck, but when his school days were over he went to New Haven to learn the trade of an iron molder. He remained there six years, when he returned to his native place and found work in the Naugatuck Iron Foundry. For thirty years he remained with that concern, manifesting such mechanical skill, fidelity, industry and executive capacity that during twenty-one years he filled the post of superintendent. At the age of fifty-eight he retired, having accumulated a handsome competence, which through judicious investment and wise management he has since materially increased. His home is at Union City, where he owns farms comprising 220 acres. During the Civil war he served one year in Company H., 23d Conn. V. I.

Both socially and as a citizen Mr. Wilmot is

deservedly popular, while his high moral worth commands respect. Besides being a member of the G. A. R., he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the I. O. O. F. and the I. O. R. M. As a Mason he has attained high rank, being a member of Shepard's Lodge, No. 78, A. F. & A. M., Allerton Chapter and Waterbury Council. He is also an officer in the I. O. O. F. Politically he is a Republican, and in religious faith a Congregationalist.

On Nov. 24, 1859, Mr. Wilmot married Miss Mary A. Breneiser, a daughter of Benneville and Lavina (Drinkle) Breneiser. She was born in Reading, Pa., her parents being also natives of that State, although of German extraction. Mr. Wilmot's marriage has been blessed with seven children: Edmund B., Louisa R., Frank H., Charles E., Lewis H., Benneville N. and Mary T. Louisa and Charles are deceased, the former dying in 1895, and the latter in 1893. Edmund and Mary live at home. Frank was formerly superintendent of the Malleable Iron Co., of Bridgeport. Lewis H. is a practicing physician in Ansonia. Benneville N. is a clerk in the Naugatuck National Bank.

HENRY WILLIAM HUBBARD, well and favorably known as a leading manufacturer of carriages in Branford, was born in Hartford, Conn., June 27, 1833, son of Richard and Rhoda (Andrews) Hubbard. The father is supposed to have been a native of Durham, Conn., but he lived a good part of his life in Hartford and Middletown, where he followed the trade of a shoemaker. He died at the home of his son, Henry William, in Branford, Jan. 27, 1860, at the age of seventy-eight years. Richard Hubbard was twice married. By his first wife he had five children, William, Edwin, Hiram, Frederick and Sara A. He married for his second wife Rhoda (Andrews) Graham, of Wallingford, New Haven Co., Conn., and they had four children: Sara A., who married Harvey Barker; Susan, wife of Edward Spencer; and Henry W. and H. Cornelia, twins, the latter of whom married Harvey Beach.

Henry William Hubbard was reared from the age of five years in Middletown, where he received a limited education in the common schools, and at the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to the carriagemaker's trade in Middletown, at which he served six years, becoming a master workman, and developing an unusual business capacity. In 1854 Mr. Hubbard located in East Haddam and engaged in business in partnership with Edward H. Cheney. This partnership was terminated the following year. In 1855 Mr. Hubbard came to Branford, and in October of that year began business with his half-brother, William E. Graham, under the firm name of Graham & Hubbard. This association continued for many years, and when it was terminated the business was divided, Mr. Hubbard taking into his own hands the blacksmith and painting departments. Mr. Graham died in 1889

and Mr. Hubbard has since continued the business in all its branches. Our subject was one of the incorporators of the Branford Savings Bank, and of the James Blackstone Memorial Library.

During the Civil war Mr. Hubbard was a member of Company B, 27th Conn. C. V., Capt. C. L. Ely, enlisting Aug. 22, 1862, for nine months, and being mustered into service on Oct. 3, of the same year. He participated in the desperate battle of Fredericksburg, and was taken prisoner at Chancellorsville, being confined in Castle Thunder about two weeks, after which he was paroled, on May 3, 1863, and for a time was at the parole camp at Annapolis, subsequently at the convalescent camp at Alexandria, Va. From this point he was honorably discharged July 27, 1863, with the rank of corporal, to which he was promoted before the battle of Chancellorsville. On his return from the war he joined Company K, 2d Conn. N. G., and served five years. He entered that command as orderly sergeant, was promoted to second lieutenant, and later to first lieutenant, being discharged with the latter rank.

Mr. Hubbard was married, June 6, 1858, to Miss Emma P. Linsley, a daughter of James and Henrietta (Monger) Linsley, of Branford, the former a native of that place; Mr. Linsley was a carpenter by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard have three daughters: (1) Ida married Frank W. Jerrold, and has three children, Olive M., Gladys L. and Emma H. (2) Henrietta W. (3) Luella L. is the wife of Wilfred L. Moore, and has one child, Ethel. Mr. Hubbard and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of Branford, in which he is deacon. In politics he is a Republican. Though no politician, he has been delegate to the county convention, and once was nominated for the Legislature, but was defeated, the town being Democratic. In May, 1901, he was elected Burgess. Mr. Hubbard belongs to Mason Rogers Post, No. 7, G. A. R., and his wife is a member of Mason Rogers Relief Corps, No. 46, which is associated with the Branford post. They are good people and have a host of friends.

JOHN LAMBERT FOOTE. Fortunate is he who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith.

Our subject, one of the prominent citizens and retired business men of Cheshire, is blessed in this respect, for he springs from one of the oldest and most prominent families of Connecticut. The first to locate here was Nathaniel Foote, who was a pioneer of Wethersfield, Hartford county. His son, Robert Foote, removed from that town to New Haven county, and took up his residence in Wallingford, where he remained until 1678. He then went to Branford, Conn., where he died suddenly, in 1681, at the age of fifty-two years, and was buried there. He was married in 1650, and after his death



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his widow, Sarah, married Aaron Blachley, of Branford, in 1686.

John Foote, the sixth child of Robert and Sarah Foote, was born July 24, 1670, and spent his entire life in Branford, dying in 1713. Seven children were born to him and his wife Mary.

John Foote, son of John and Mary, was born in Branford in 1700, and when a young man located in North Branford, where he died Jan. 26, 1777. He was twice married, first Dec. 25, 1733, to Elizabeth Frisbee, who died Feb. 3, 1737, aged twenty-two years. On Aug. 16, 1738, he married Abigail Frisbee, who died May 17, 1779. By the first union there was one son, Jonathan, who was born Jan. 23, 1737, and died in North Branford in 1801. The only child by the second marriage was John, mentioned below.

John Foote, grandfather of our subject, was born in North Branford April 2, 1742, and was graduated at Yale College in 1765. He had studied in the divinity school and was ordained a minister of the Congregational Church, succeeding Rev. Mr. Hall at Cheshire, where he ministered to the spiritual needs of the people until his death, which occurred Aug. 31, 1813, when he was aged seventy-one years. His remains were interred in Cheshire cemetery. He was beloved and respected by the entire community. He was twice married, his first wife being Abigail Hall, of Cheshire, a daughter of Rev. Samuel Hall, and granddaughter of Gov. Jonathan Law, of Connecticut. She died Nov. 19, 1788, at the age of thirty-nine years, and for his second wife he married Eunice Hall, a daughter of John Hall. Her death occurred Jan. 31, 1817. All of his children were by the first marriage, namely: Abigail Sarah Hall, born Jan. 2, 1769, died Jan. 20, 1775; Mary Ann, born Sept. 21, 1770, died Sept. 25, 1775; Lucinda, born May 19, 1772, married Dr. Thomas T. Cornwall, of Cheshire; John Alfred, born Jan. 2, 1774, died Aug. 25, 1794; Abigail M. A., born Sept. 16, 1776, died Aug. 9, 1778; William Lambert, father of our subject, was next in the order of birth; Samuel Augustus, born Nov. 8, 1780, died Sept. 16, 1846; Roderick, born Dec. 15, 1782, died May 16, 1791; and Matilda, born May 6, 1785, died Oct. 9, 1787.

William Lambert Foote, father of our subject, was born in Cheshire Oct. 10, 1778, and attended the schools of his native town. Subsequently he was graduated from the Medical Department of Yale College, and throughout the remainder of his life successfully followed his chosen profession in Cheshire and adjoining towns, having built up an extensive practice. He was quite prominent in public affairs, and was one of the first to hold the office of judge of probate in his town; also served as town clerk, and represented Cheshire in the State Legislature. He was one of the leading and influential residents of the town, and one of the most highly respected, and always faithfully performed his duties of citizenship. In politics he was a lifelong

Democrat. Religiously he was a member of the Congregational Church. He died Aug. 9, 1849, and was laid to rest in the family cemetery in Cheshire. In March, 1801, he wedded Mary Scoville, a native of Berlin, Hartford Co., Conn., and daughter of Capt. Daniel Scoville, later of Saybrook, Conn. She, too, was an earnest member of the Congregational Church, and died in that faith Jan. 1, 1861; she was buried in Cheshire cemetery. In their family were six children, of whom John L. is the youngest, and the others were as follows: (1) William Sidney, born Nov. 21, 1802, graduated from Yale College, and became a physician of Ohio. He was married in 1827 to Mary Butler. (2) Mary A., born May 23, 1806, died unmarried April 20, 1888. She possessed a remarkably sweet voice, and sang for a number of years in the Congregational Church of Cheshire. (3) Abigail, born April 28, 1808, was also a singer, and was connected with the choir of the same church. She married Edward Doolittle, who died March 4, 1837, and she died March 29, 1892. (4) Scoville D., born April 10, 1810, married Martha Whiting, of Milford, Conn., and was engaged in merchandising in New York, where he died March 28, 1883. (5) Eliza S., born June 29, 1812, died unmarried March 19, 1892.

John Lambert Foote, whose name introduces this sketch, was born Sept. 14, 1817, and pursued his studies in the district and select schools of Cheshire. While still quite young he worked in a store at New Haven for two years. After his return to Cheshire he was employed at farm labor for a time, and from his wages managed to save \$16, with which he embarked in merchandising on a small scale, although only fourteen years of age. By close application to business his trade steadily increased, and from time to time he enlarged his stock until he had a good general store. For over forty-eight years he was successfully engaged in business along that line, and on his retirement, in 1885, had accumulated a handsome fortune, having become one of the wealthiest men of the town. His career seems almost phenomenal, yet his success has by no means been the result of fortunate circumstances. It has come to him through energy, labor and perseverance, directed by an evenly balanced mind and by honorable business principles. From early life he made it his plan to spend less than his income. Although economical, he is liberal. In his religious views and in politics he is independent, and during President Van Buren's administration served as postmaster at Cheshire for four years. Although he is now over eighty-four years of age, he is still quite active in both mind and body. His life has been well spent, and he is now enjoying a well-earned rest, surrounded by a large circle of friends and acquaintances who esteem him highly for his sterling worth.

Gov. Samuel Augustus Foote, an uncle of our subject, was born in Cheshire Nov. 8, 1780, a son of Rev. John and Abigail (Hall) Foote. He was

graduated at Yale in 1797, and after studying law engaged in practice in his native village. He married Endocia Hull, a daughter of Gen. Andrew and Elizabeth Mary Ann Hull, of Cheshire, and later became a partner of Gen. Hull in commercial business at New Haven, though he continued to make his home in Cheshire, where his mansion is still standing. He was a member of Congress in 1810; was re-elected in 1823 and 1834; was Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Connecticut Legislature in 1825-26; and was chosen United States senator in 1827. In 1834 he was elected governor of Connecticut, and while in that office received the degree of LL. D. from Yale. He died Sept. 16, 1846, and was buried in Cheshire. His wife died at the home of her son, in Cleveland, Ohio, but her remains were brought back and interred by the side of her husband. In their family were five children, two of whom died in infancy, and the others were: Hon. John A. Foote, a prominent lawyer of Cleveland; Rear Admiral Andrew H. Foote, of the United States navy, who died in New Haven; and Augustus E. Foote, of Cleveland.

CAPT. FREDERICK ALONZO WELD (deceased) was, in his day, one of the best-known whaling captains along this part of the Atlantic coast, and in his long life on the water met with many an adventure. He was born Feb. 1, 1820, in the town of Guilford, and attended the public schools there and on Long Island, whither he removed with his parents while still young. A portion of his boyhood was spent upon a farm, and at the age of twelve he became an apprentice to the jeweler's trade with Zebulon Elliot, of Sag Harbor, who was also a watchmaker, gunsmith and repairer of chronometers. He acquired a thorough knowledge of all these branches, remaining with Mr. Elliot three years, after which for a time he was engaged with his father in carpenter and joiner work. Having a strong desire to go sea, when fifteen years of age he shipped as cabin boy on a whaling vessel, and in time worked himself up from that humble position until he commanded a vessel. He was promoted from second mate on the old whaling ship "James Hamilton," under Capt. Isaac Ludlow, to captain. The first ship he commanded was the whaler "Italy," of Greenport, Long Island. Later he was master of the "Marengo," of New Bedford, and his last voyage was made in the "Odd Fellow," of Sag Harbor, returning in 1868. Capt. Weld met with gratifying success in his chosen calling, and during his career as a sailor went farther north than any of the explorers had yet penetrated, and twice sailed around the world. His voyages took him to many seas and strange lands, and his home contains numerous relics and souvenirs of his voyages to different countries. He was the first man who went whaling in the Sea of Ochotsk, and as the natives along the shore had never seen a whaling vessel, they were much alarmed, thinking

it a Russian man-of-war. However, he was a very unassuming man, and although he passed through many exciting and perilous scenes, he never boasted of his achievements in any line. On Nov. 3, 1856, he encountered a hurricane in Behring Straits, almost wrecking the vessel, which was laden with a valuable cargo of oil and whale-bone. In a badly disabled condition they drifted about forty-two days before reaching the Sandwich Islands, and as pieces of the vessel had been picked up, they had been given up as lost. During those forty-two days the vessel had been leaking fearfully—both pumps going night and day in order to keep afloat, clothes and bedding wet, and men dying frequently with scurvy, sometimes two in one day, induced by wet clothes, exposure and want of vegetable food. The men, themselves, had long given up all hopes of life, when land was finally discovered, and then lives and cargo saved; only six men of a crew of thirty were able to be about the vessel. On account of the saving of the cargo, the underwriters of the vessel presented Capt. Weld with a valuable ring. During one of Capt. Weld's voyages in the "Italy," five of the crew, being thwarted in their plans to steal a boat and desert, conspired to fire the ship, throw the mate overboard, kill the captain and other officers. The ringleader carried a knife in his boot leg, and at one time drew it to attack the captain. Fortunately the fire was discovered; the mutineer were put in irons, and when the vessel reached Lahaina, Sandwich Islands, they were delivered to the American Consul to be dealt with according to law.

After abandoning the water Capt. Weld settled at Guilford, where he passed the remainder of his days in quiet retirement, dying in January, 1890. His remains rest in Guilford cemetery. On Apr. 26, 1849 he married, at Sag Harbor, Miss Mary Douglass Washburn, who was born in that place, daughter of Capt. Noah Washburn (3), a native of Hartford, and Nancy C. (Hodges) Washburn. Capt. Noah Washburn was a mate on a gunboat in the war of 1812, and later a captain of artillery in the 13th Regiment, of New York State, and later for twenty-five years was an officer in the Customs House. Two children were born to Captain and Mrs. Weld: Frederick Floyd, who is mentioned below; and Elias J., who died young. Capt. Weld attended the Episcopal Church, as does also his widow. In political faith he was a Republican, but was not active in public life. Fraternally he held membership in St. Alban's Lodge, F. & A. M. Guilford, and he and his wife both belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Weld serving as matron in her lodge for eight years. She is highly esteemed by her many friends in Guilford, and a woman of many sterling Christian qualities.

FREDERICK FLOYD WELD (deceased) was born Feb. 19, 1850, in Sag Harbor, Long Island, and early displayed a penchant for his father's calling. While yet in his teens he made application, et

dorsed by the governor of Connecticut and other citizens of the State, for appointment as cadet engineer at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Receiving assurance that his application would be granted, providing he was qualified to enter, he prepared himself to pass the necessary examinations. For some reason, however, Congress failed to pass the necessary appropriation for the academy for that year, and Mr. Weld instead entered the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale, taking the course in civil engineering, in which he was graduated with the class of 1872. For the year following he was in the employ of the United States Coasting Survey, surveying the Delaware river from Easton to Trenton, and in August, 1873, he obtained a position as draughtsman and general assistant in the office of the city engineer at New Haven, continuing in that incumbency until July, 1881, when he resigned in order to accept a more lucrative position, becoming managing engineer for Thomas P. Simpson, a contractor on the Pittsburg & Western railroad. In the summer of 1883 Mr. Weld accepted a position as assistant engineer in charge of the construction of a system of sewers in Waterbury, Conn., designed by Rudolph Hering, and so ably did he discharge the duties of this position that when, a few months later, a vacancy occurred in the office of city engineer, caused by the resignation of N. J. Welton, he was at once selected for the incumbency. In this office he remained continuously under different administrations until his death, June 28, 1890. Although a large portion of his time and resources were given to devising means for checking the ravages of preventable diseases, he was one of the first victims in the epidemic of typhoid which prevailed in Waterbury that year. For several years he had been one of the most prominent and efficient workers on the Waterbury board of health, and in company with H. J. Kellogg, his first assistant, he designed a system of sewers for the borough of Wallingford. He also acted as consulting engineer in the construction of the sewer systems of Torrington and Ansonia, as well as many less important engineering works. On Sept. 3, 1884, he became a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and he was a leading member of the Connecticut Civil Engineers & Surveyors Association, of which he was serving as president at the time of his demise.

The Waterbury *American* under date of June 28, 1890, says:

City Engineer F. Floyd Weld died at his home at No. 127 North Main street at 2:30 this morning. Mr. Weld had been confined to his home not quite two weeks with a severe attack of typhoid fever. June 16, he was one of a party that left this city to visit New York and investigate the laying of asphalt paving in that city. He returned the same night and his physician found him suffering from an advanced stage of the disease. For weeks he had not been himself and his physical condition was such that it feebly opposed the ravages of the fever.

The deceased was born at Sag Harbor, L. I., and was forty years of age last February. Graduating with the

class of '72 from the Sheffield Scientific School, he entered the office of the city engineer in New Haven. He was assistant city engineer there when called to this city in June, 1883, by City Engineer N. J. Welton, who was then very busy in laying out and constructing the sewer system just adopted here. In January, 1884, Mr. Weld was appointed city engineer and from that time devoted himself to the extension of a pipe system for Waterbury which has few superiors in eastern cities, and which has served as a model for many more pretentious cities. As an accurate engineer his reputation was State wide, if not more. Every foot of sewer planned and laid by him was the result of a carefully thought out system, and every minor detail of the work was completely mastered and carried in mind by him. His maps were always models; he was abreast of municipal developments and improvements in every particular that concerned his profession. He was an admitted authority on sewer systems, and the Connecticut Association of Civil Engineers and Surveyors acknowledged his ability by electing him its president. At the time of his death he was giving much of his time and attention to Waterbury's paving question. He thoroughly believed in the merits of asphalt for our city's streets, and visited many cities and collected a vast amount of data to defend his position, and to demonstrate the growing importance of this material for paving. Whatever the material eventually used, and however done, the absence of the experience and judgment of the late city engineer in these matters will be a great loss to the city.

The deceased leaves two daughters, aged respectively 12 and 14 years, and a mother and father. He was the last child, his brother dying several years ago. Both parents were with him at his death, but his father was the only one recognized by him in the interval of a long period of unconsciousness. He was insured in the Life Union, the New York Equitable and the Knights of Honor association.

Mr. Weld was made a Mason in Continental lodge of this city in 1884. He afterward became exalted to the Royal Arch in Eureka chapter, November 17, 1885. A friend says of him: "He has held an official position in the chapter during the past four years with great credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. His usefulness as an officer, and quiet demonstration of an intelligent and upright Mason, had won for him the esteem of all his brothers and companions."

Mr. Weld was a most efficient member of the city board of health. Always watching the health of others and so prominently connected with the establishment of the sewer system which plays so important a part in preserving the city's health, it seems particularly sad that he should fall a victim to this disease through impure milk from the Middlebury farm.

Alderman H. W. French on behalf of the aldermanic board extended the sympathy and offered the services of the members of the court of common council to the family.

Though a thorough business man, and devoted to his profession, Mr. Weld was a man of genial social qualities, and he had a special tact for "getting along" with the various people with whom he came in contact during his professional career, securing compliance with his plans without arousing aggression or unpleasant antagonism. With a reputation for strict integrity, he gained a high standing in his ingenuity, which was considerable, united with a sound common sense which characterized all his actions. He was quick and accurate in the performance of his duties, and the work which he executed will long be a silent witness to the thor-

oughness and painstaking effort which marked all his undertakings, for he neglected no detail of a work, however seemingly unimportant. His services were especially valuable in New Haven and Waterbury. Mr. Weld did not reap large pecuniary reward in his calling, but he leaves a name unspotted for integrity and honesty, and he was esteemed by all who knew him as a true friend and an upright man. On Dec. 15, 1874, Mr. Weld married Miss Mary V. Crockett, and they had two children, Mary Washburn and Fredericka Floyd, who have been reared by their grandmother, Mrs. Weld.

DAVID MERRIMAN HALL, an old and prominent farmer of the town of Wallingford, whose character exacts the veneration his years demand, was born in South Elm street, in that borough, May 27, 1818. John Hall, his remote progenitor, was an early settler of New England, and his sons, John, Thomas and Samuel, were among the first settlers of Wallingford.

Thomas Hall was born March 25, 1649, and came from New Haven, where he married Grace Watson June 5, 1673. She died May 1, 1731, and he on the 17th of the following November. Both were buried in Wallingford. He was a farmer by occupation. His family consisted of eleven children: (1) Abigail, born Jan. 7, 1674, married John Tyler; (2) Thomas, born July 17, 1676, married Abigail Atwater, daughter of John Atwater; (3) Mary was born Nov. 22, 1677; (4) Jonathan, born July 25, 1679, married Dinah Andrews May 12, 1703; (5) Joseph, born July 8, 1681, married Bertha Terrel; (6) Esther, born Feb. 23, 1683, married Benoni Atkins; (7) Benjamin, born April 19, 1684, married Mary Ives; (8) Peter was born Dec. 28, 1686; (9) Daniel was born Jan. 27, 1689; (10) Rebecca, born Jan. 6, 1691, married Daniel Holt; (11) Israel, born Oct. 8, 1696, married Abigail Palmer.

Peter Hall, noted above, was born in Wallingford, and was reared on the farm. Farming was his life occupation, and he became an extensive land owner. At the time of his death, which occurred in Wallingford, he had reached the age of ninety years. He was married, Oct. 19, 1732, to Rebecca Bartholomew, who died Oct. 31, 1798, and to their marriage came children as follows: (1) Susannah, born Feb. 26, 1734; (2) Hiel, May 6, 1735; (3) Abigail, May 15, 1737; (4) Rebecca, born July 3, 1740; (5) Eunice, Nov. 8, 1742; (6) Josiah, born July 3, 1745; (7) Peter, June 7, 1748; (8) Andrew, Sept. 12, 1750 (died Oct. 14, 1776); (9) Anna, March 30, 1753; (10) Keziah, June 16, 1755; (11) Lois, Sept. 25, 1757.

Hiel Hall was born in the town of Wallingford, and like his father was engaged in farming, and owned extensive tracts of land there. Catherine, his wife, died Jan. 4, 1788, at the age of forty-two years. She was the mother of the following named children: (1) Josiah, born in 1775, died Dec. 15,

1821; (2) Catherine was born Jan. 2, 1776; (3) Andrew, born in 1777, died Jan. 25, 1812; (4) Chauncey, born Sept. 8, 1778, married Marilla Hall; (5) Peter, born May 31, 1780, married Delight Kirkland; (6) Hiel, born Feb. 7, 1782, married Sarah Kirkland; (7) Rice was born May 2, 1784; (8) Justus was born Feb. 14, 1787.

Deacon Josiah Hall, the father of David Merriman Hall, was born in Wallingford, where he grew to manhood. In his mature years he had a large farm on Elm street, and he died while still in middle life, in Wallingford, at the age of nearly forty-seven years. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Congregational Church, in which he officiated as deacon. He is remembered as a useful citizen, a good husband and a kind father. Deacon Hall was married April 7, 1795, to Martha R. Hall, who was born Aug. 22, 1777, daughter of Giles Hall, of Wallingford, and granddaughter of John and Mary (Street) Hall. To them were born children as follows: (1) Thankful, born May 23, 1796, married Col. Thaddeus Cook; (2) Catherine, born May 18, 1798, died unmarried; (3) Eliza, born May 15, 1800, died young; (4) Eliza, born July 25, 1801, married James Reynolds; (5) Edward L., born May 15, 1804, married Mary K. Cook, daughter of Billious Cook; (6) George Chauncey was born April 19, 1806; (7) Martha R., born Oct. 19, 1808, married Col. Thaddeus Cook; (8) Josiah was born June 15, 1812; (9) Ogden, Sept. 13, 1815; (10) David Merriman, May 27, 1818; and (11) James, April 11, 1821. David M. is the only survivor. The mother died in Wallingford, and was buried in the Center street cemetery.

David M. Hall was very young when he lost his father. His education was begun in the district school of Wallingford, and later he attended the school at Cook Hill, where he went to live with his sister, Mrs. Thaddeus Cook, after his father's death. He was also a pupil in the academy at Berlin and the one at Middletown. Remaining in the hospitable home of his sister until he was sixteen years of age, he went to New Haven and learned the tin and sheet-iron trade. To do this properly and in the old-fashioned, thorough-going way, required his time until he was twenty-one years of age. Then he became a journeyman, and worked at his trade. A few years later he bought a farm on Cook Hill, where he lived until 1854, in that year settling on his present farm, which is part of the original Cook estate. For nearly half a century he has been engaged in farming and stock raising, and to-day he is known as one of the most successful farmers in Wallingford.

On Dec. 24, 1843, Mr. Hall married Catherine Maria Cook, who was born on Cook Hill, daughter of Col. Thaddeus and Sylvia (Hall) Cook, and sister of Mrs. William Francis, of North Farms. Mrs. Hall is a lady of innate refinement, and of kindly disposition, and all who know her speak well



Catherine M. Hall



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of her. She has been a good wife and a loving mother. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have had three children: (1) James Cook, born July 6, 1845, died at the age of seventeen years. (2) Edward Thaddeus, born Oct. 16, 1849, married Georgiana Pardee, and has one child, Sarah Edna, born July 8, 1897. (3) George David, born June 20, 1859, is now living on the homestead; he married, Oct. 23, 1884, Jennie Blakeslee Hough, daughter of Elijah Hough, and has three children—Louis Cook, born March 27, 1888; Almon Blakeslee, born Nov. 27, 1891; and Mabel Hough, born March 7, 1898.

David Merriman Hall is one of the thoughtful, leading men of his community. In his religious belief he is a consistent follower of the rules of the Episcopal Church. He is domestic in his tastes, and upright in his habits. In politics he is a Democrat, but puts the good of the community before any question of party expediency.

BLATCHLEY. There was a Thomas Blatchley who sailed for New England in 1635; was in Hartford in 1640; New Haven in 1643; Branford in 1645; and in Guilford in 1666. In the last named place he was admitted as a planter April 23, 1668. His business was that of a merchant, and he died in Boston in 1674. Some of his descendants are yet in Guilford.

There was a Samuel Blatchley who removed from Guilford in about 1653, where he was an early planter, to that part of the town which later became Madison.

Soon after 1725, the time of the permanent settlement of Madison, there was a Joshua Blatchley who settled in the south part of the town.

Few men have been more prominently identified with the growth of New Haven, through the past fifty years, than the family introducing this article. The extensive real estate firm of S. L. Blatchley & Sons was established in 1852 by the father, the late Samuel L. Blatchley, who, along in the late 'sixties, took his sons, Samuel R., the late Charles Carroll, and later Joel Blatchley, in the business with him, and, from the beginning, these men together, or in turn, have carried on extensive building operations and real estate transactions, and have been interested in public improvements which have materially aided in New Haven's growth.

The late Samuel L. Blatchley was born Feb. 13, 1804, in North Madison, Conn., a son of Joel and Ruth (Loper) Blatchley, of that town. Joel Blatchley was one of the prominent men of his day in the town, and at the first town meeting, in 1826, was chosen one of the selectmen. The name of Blatchley has been identified with the towns of Guilford and Madison from the early Colonial period, and the name is on record from that section in the war of the Revolution, in the professions, and a number of times as graduates of Yale College.

Samuel Loper Blatchley received his boyhood

education in the common schools of his native town, and, by application as he advanced to manhood, succeeded in obtaining a good business education. His business career was commenced as an insurance agent in his town, and later he kept a country store there, in which the handling of clocks was a chief feature of the business. In those days it was no uncommon thing for a merchant to travel over the country, and especially in the South, selling goods and Yankee notions. Mr. Blatchley had some experience in this line, making his headquarters in Baltimore. In 1846 he removed to New Haven, Conn., and ever afterward made that city his home. Here he opened a co-operative grocery store on State street, and the "Commercial Union" is still remembered by the older people of the city.

In 1852 Mr. Blatchley engaged in the real estate business and his efforts were soon crowned with an assured success, and in time he built many business houses and dwellings, and bought and sold real estate quite extensively. Among the structures built by him were: The "Madison House," later called the "Selden House;" the building of the *Daily Courier*; the building on the corner of State and Court streets, and a number of brick buildings on State and St. John streets. In 1866 he purchased of the Maltby heirs and the Yale College corporation a large tract of land south of Grand street, in Fair Haven, and opened the avenue bearing his name, and at its junction with East Grand street erected the large brick house which thereafter was his place of residence. At the time of the opening of Blatchley avenue, there were few buildings in that part of the Eleventh ward. Just south of his residence he gave a lot to Grace Episcopal Church, on which a fine church edifice and parsonage were afterward erected, and in this enterprise he was largely interested. Mr. Blatchley sold many building lots on Exchange and Woolsey streets, which streets were opened by him, and he also purchased, at a cost of something like \$40,000, some forty acres of land on Fair Haven Heights, which he subdivided and sold in building lots. Also he purchased some twelve acres of ground of Deacon John Farren at a cost of about \$40,000, and opened up Farren avenue, selling the land in building lots; he purchased other building sites on Grand avenue and Bright street, from Grand avenue north.

In 1860 Mr. Blatchley associated in the business with him his sons, Charles C. and Samuel R., both young, active men, who were chiefly instrumental in building up and conducting the extensive real estate business of the firm of S. L. Blatchley & Sons. These gentlemen were largely instrumental in projecting and building the old State Street Horse Railway. They operated largely in the vicinity of Cedar Hill, and greatly developed the city eastward and northward. They also were prominent in advancing the projects resulting in the Quinipiac and Chapel street draw-bridges, and caused

many streets to be opened, erecting many buildings, and were most potent factors in the progress of New Haven.

The senior Mr. Blatchley in early life was a member of the Masonic fraternity. While residing in the city proper he attended the North Congregational and Third Churches, and later Grace Episcopal Church, in Blatchley avenue. Of a genial and cheerful disposition, he had many friends; was of commanding personality, standing six feet three and one-half inches in height, and in his prime had an erect form and a fine carriage.

On Dec. 23, 1827, Mr. Blatchley married Mary A. Robinson, who was born July 20, 1805, daughter of Ebenezer Robinson, of Durham, Conn., and died Dec. 9, 1874. Mr. Blatchley survived her, passing away July 26, 1883. Of their nine children: (6) Samuel Robinson and (7) Charles Carroll are mentioned below. (1) Joel S., who died Jan. 8, 1874, was a graduate of Yale, class of 1850, and was a lawyer by profession, practicing at Dubuque, Iowa, and later at San Francisco. Losing his health, he returned to New Haven, where until his death he was a member of the firm of S. L. Blatchley & Sons. He married Marion Hall, who survives him, with two children, Louise and Margery; they reside in Denver, Colo. (2) Helen Lavinia is the wife of Rev. H. C. Hovey, of Newburyport, Mass. They are the parents of three children—Edmund Otis, one of the curators of the New York Museum of Natural History in Central Park; Helen Carter, wife of Rev. Henry F. Ellinwood, of Medina, N. Y.; and Clara, wife of Rev. Royal W. Raymond, of Stratford, Conn. (3) Mary J. is Mrs. William Ludden, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; they have had no children, but have an adopted daughter, Gertrude. (4) Ann Elizabeth, who died June 10, 1892, was the wife of Alexander Emery, of the firm of Steel & Emery, New Haven. They had several children—Jacob E., now deceased, who was in the employ of S. L. Blatchley & Sons; Mary C., deceased; Alice S.; Charles A., of Bridgeport; Louise and Elizabeth, twins, both deceased; Helen, deceased; Joel, deceased; and Samuel W., of New Haven. (5) Alice C., who died Nov. 15, 1877, unmarried, was a teacher in the Woodward high school, Cincinnati. (8) Sarah Louise, who died March 13, 1873, was a member and valedictorian of the first class graduated from Vassar. (9) Clara I. died unmarried Dec. 28, 1882.

CHARLES CARROLL BLATCHLEY, a son of Samuel L., and late of the firm of S. L. Blatchley & Sons, was born July 28, 1841, in North Madison, Conn. His parents having removed to New Haven when he was but a lad, he there passed his boyhood, attending the public schools, and was graduated from the high school. Then he entered Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1863, studied law in New York, and was admitted to the Bar in that city in December, 1864. In May, 1865, he opened an office in New Haven, but after several years'

practice in that place he associated himself with his father and brother, Samuel R., in the real estate business, which engrossed his entire attention, and in which he was most successful. Mr. Blatchley was a director and large owner in the State Street Horse Railroad, and was a life member and secretary of the East Rock Park commission, and a director in the Young Men's Institute. About the middle of January, 1887, Mr. Blatchley became seriously ill with Bright's disease, and died at his home March 5, 1887, in his forty-sixth year.

On Nov. 27, 1893, Mr. Blatchley was married to Susannah, daughter of Jacob Emery, of Hogsburg, N. Y., who survives him with five children. Of their family Catherine E., a graduate of the Musical Department of Yale, is a music teacher and musical supervisor of the Westville schools. Mary Nancy graduated from high school, and is now an eighth grade teacher in the Strong school. Susan L. and Charles C. are deceased. Jacob Emery and Samuel L. were twins, and the latter is deceased; the former is a member of the firm of Blatchley & Shepard. Alice is deceased. William Joel is a sophomore in the Sheffield Scientific School. Charles Alexander is attending the Boardman Training School for Boys. Henry died in infancy. Charles C. Blatchley was a man of correct morals, and of the highest integrity, possessed good judgment, and was an excellent business man. He was straightforward and true in his friendships.

SAMUEL ROBINSON BLATCHLEY was born at North Madison Nov. 15, 1839, and spent his school days in New Haven and Cincinnati, attending the high schools in both cities, passed through the Hopkins grammar school in New Haven, and graduated at Yale in 1862. For five years he taught school in Cincinnati, and then returned to New Haven. Mr. Blatchley was president of the old Horse Railroad Company at the time of its sale to the syndicate, and his brother Charles had previously served in the same capacity. He now deals extensively in real estate, laying out lots, etc., having a large interest on Prospect street, where in company with Dr. Phillips he owns thirty-two acres. On June 23, 1864, he was married, in Cincinnati, to Miss Nancy McM. Evans, a daughter of Hugh Evans, of that city.

JARED A. BASSETT (deceased), an energetic and skillful agriculturist, who owned and operated a fine farm of forty acres on Dixwell avenue, Hamden, was born Nov. 1, 1832, a son of Jared and Eliza (Bradley) Bassett, and grandson of Timothy Bassett. His birth occurred in the same house in which he lived all his life, and in which he died Dec. 31, 1899.

Jared Bassett, the father, was also born upon the same farm, and throughout life successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a good sized man, being five feet, eleven inches in height and weighing 165 pounds. Being one of the lead-

ing and influential citizens of his community, he was called upon to serve his fellow citizens as selectman of Hamden, and member of the Legislature. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian and a member of the church of that denomination in Hamden. He died at the age of sixty-six years, and his wife at the age of fifty-five. In their family were three children, namely: Eunice, deceased wife of James T. Mix, of New Haven; Cornelia, who died at about the age of sixty years; and Jared A., our subject.

Upon the home farm Jared A. Bassett early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and his literary education was obtained in the common schools of Hamden and Everest's private school of Centerville. He assisted in the operation of the farm until his father's death, and then took complete charge of the same. He engaged in general farming and the dairy business, and in his labors met with well-deserved success.

Mr. Bassett was married, Feb. 26, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth A. Percy, of Watertown, Conn., and to them was born a daughter, Annie E., who died at the age of twenty-one years. The Democratic party always found in Mr. Bassett a staunch supporter of its principles, and as a citizen he was ever ready to discharge any duty that devolved upon him.

LYMAN A. GRANNISS, a well-known and reliable contractor and builder at No. 116 Franklin street, New Haven, was born in the house where he now lives in East Haven, March 3, 1837, a son of Joseph Granniss, who was also born in East Haven, as was also his father, Samuel. The latter was probably a farmer, and died at a great age.

Joseph Granniss was one of a number of children, and was reared on a farm. His life was devoted to the cultivation of the soil, though for a number of years he was largely engaged in the oyster business, carrying oysters from New Haven to Albany, N. Y., by team, and later from Bridgeport to the same destination by boat. He lived in East Haven all his life, and died there at the advanced age of eighty-five years. His wife, Louisa Luddington, was born in East Haven, a daughter of one of the old families of that section. She became the mother of thirteen children, of whom three only are living: Daniel H., Collis B. and Lyman A., all of whom are now residing in New Haven. Mrs. Granniss died at the age of sixty-five years. Both she and her husband belonged to the Congregational Church. Politically he was a Republican.

Lyman A. Granniss spent his early years at home, where he had his education in the local schools. After the demise of his father, he bought out the other heirs, and still owns the old homestead. Under his energetic management the farm is well cultivated, and produces fine crops. About 1880 Mr. Granniss began a contract business, very

largely in street work, laying macadam, setting telegraph poles, and doing similar work, in company with E. J. Upson. In 1890 he took up the ice business, and for ten years did both a large wholesale and retail business. He has been a director of the Hygienic Ice Co. since its organization, and he is also interested in the Swift Beef Co., of New Haven and Chicago.

Mr. Granniss was married, in April, 1862, to Antoinette Thompson, a native of East Haven, and a daughter of Elizer Thompson, for years the keeper of the New Haven Light House, and previous to that a groceryman. Mrs. Granniss was one of a family of nine children, and is herself the mother of two children, both of whom are dead. Mr. Granniss is a Republican, and was elected first selectman in 1868, a position he held until 1875, having been chosen to this on several subsequent occasions. In the General Assembly of 1871 he held a seat with credit. Mr. and Mrs. Granniss attend the Old Street Congregational Church of East Haven.

JOHN PINNEY PHELPS, until the spring of 1901, was one of Hamden's worthy citizens and prominent dairy farmers. He was born in the town of Winchester, Conn., Dec. 24, 1834, and is descended from one of the old and honored families of New England. His father, Ralzelmon Phelps, was a native of West Granville, Mass., and a son of John and Betsey (Bingham) Phelps, both of whom were born in Enfield, Conn., and at an early day removed from West Granville, Mass., to Ohio, locating in Granville, Licking county, where they spent their remaining days. The father of our subject was but two years old on the removal of the family to Ohio, and in Granville he grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade. On attaining his majority he returned East and took up his residence in Colebrook, Litchfield Co., Conn., and after his marriage he located in the town of Winchester, Conn., where he continued to make his home throughout life. There he followed his trade and also conducted a hotel and store with marked success, and became the owner of property in that town. In his religious views he was a Universalist, and in political sentiment was a Democrat. He married Miss Emma Pinney, daughter of Asaph Pinney, and to them were born two children: Emeret E., who died at the age of twelve years; and John P., our subject. Both parents died in Winchester, and were laid to rest in the cemetery at Colebrook, Connecticut.

John P. Phelps received his education in the district schools of his native town, and began his business career as an employe in the factory of the Winsted Auger Co., of Winsted, Conn., where he remained until 1861. After the death of his father he located on the home farm, and engaged in its cultivation until 1885, when he came to the town of Hamden, New Haven county, where until April,

1901, he was extensively engaged in general farming, dairying and stock raising, owning and operating a fine farm of eighty-seven acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation. When he left the farm in 1901 he moved to Centerville, and is now living retired.

On Nov. 21, 1854, in Hamden, Mr. Phelps was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Gorham, a native of that town and a daughter of William and Lucretia (Dorman) Gorham. For the past thirty years she has been an invalid, having lost the use of her limbs by locomotor ataxia, but she bears her suffering with great patience. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps had two children: (1) Cora E., born Dec. 21, 1857, was married on Jan. 6, 1876, to Luther C. Phelps, and they have one child, Emma Pinney, born June 3, 1888. Luther C. Phelps died Jan. 23, 1890, and his widow now lives at home with her parents. (2) Charles J., the younger child of our subject, was born Nov. 5, 1875, and died the same month.

Mr. Phelps is a supporter of the Democratic party, and has served as a member of the board of relief and as justice of the peace. He is a broad-minded man and liberal in his religious views, and he attends the Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is a member of Hamden Grange, and he gives an earnest support to every enterprise which he believes calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his town and county. He is therefore numbered among the useful and valued citizens, and is well and favorably known.

THEODORE BRISTOL, a well-known business man of Milford, New Haven county, was born in that town Feb. 18, 1837, son of Johnson and Elizabeth (Davidson) Bristol. His family has been identified with Milford from an early date, his grandfather, Jehial Bristol, who attained the advanced age of ninety-four years, having been a farmer and shoemaker there. This worthy pioneer married Miss Martha Beecher, a native of Orange, New Haven Co., Conn., for his first wife, and they had children as follows: Miranda, who married John Welch, of Milford; Clarinda, who died in childhood; Willis, who conducted a wholesale and retail shoe business in New Haven until his death, and was a prominent man in local politics as a member of the Whig and Republican parties; Johnson, our subject's father; and Martha C., who married William Thomas, of Fair Haven, an oyster dealer. By his second wife, Flavid, daughter of Dr. Austin, also of Milford, Jehial Bristol had two children: Hiram, a shoemaker by trade, who died in New Haven; and Lucia, who married Samuel Sanford, son of Capt. William Sanford, of Milford.

Johnson Bristol, our subject's father, was born in Milford Nov. 19, 1807, and died Dec. 16, 1891. For thirty years he conducted a grocery business in Milford, but his last years were spent in retirement. Politically he was a Democrat, and as a citi-

zen was held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen. His wife, Elizabeth (Davidson), who died in Milford July 10, 1893, was a native of Milford, and daughter of Richard T. Davidson, a carpenter, who lived to the age of ninety-four years. Of their nine children, the eldest, Henry, is a grocer in Milford; the second and third died in infancy; Jane married Monson Hinman, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Theodore, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Harriet died at the age of sixteen years; Charles is in the employ of our subject; Elizabeth married Edward Burleigh, of Milford; and Edson is a farmer in Milford.

Theodore Bristol was reared in Milford, and for twenty-three years was employed by N. A. Baldwin, a straw hat manufacturer in that town, but in 1872 he purchased his present livery business, in which he has met with decided success. He attends Plymouth Congregational Church, and is an active member of the Masonic fraternity, while politically he affiliates with the Democratic party. Mr. Bristol married for his first wife Caroline A. Merwin, daughter of Mark Merwin, of Milford; at her death she left one child, Julia E., now the wife of Walter M. Irving, contractor and builder, of Milford. By his second wife, Rachel C. Wright, of Clinton, Conn., Mr. Bristol has had two children: Grace L., who married George R. Clarke, a meat dealer in Milford; and Royal M., who died at the age of six years.

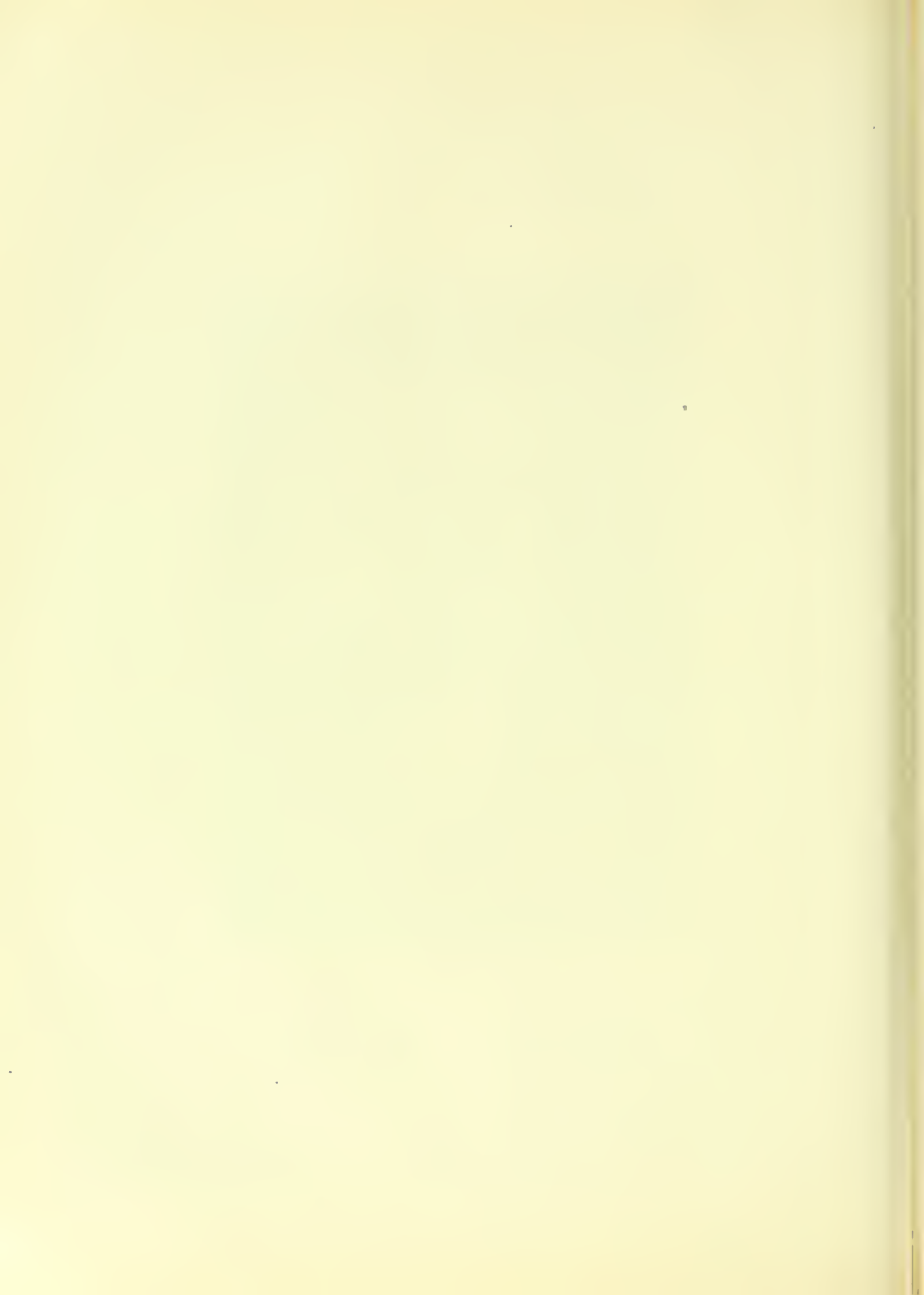
FRANK BRAZOS has carried on a thriving business as a contractor in New Haven for the past six years, and his success has been commensurate to that enjoyed by the other members of this well known family.

Antoine Brazos, his father, the senior member and founder of the firm of Brazos & Sons, Middletown, is probably one of the best examples of a self-made man that Middletown can present at the present time. When all the circumstances of his history are considered, his early life and lack of educational advantages, and his beginning life afresh in a new country, it is doubtful if a parallel case can be found in all Connecticut. A man's success in life ought not to be determined by the heights to which he has climbed, but by the depths from which he arose.

Mr. Brazos was born at Pico, Azore Islands, Aug. 15, 1826. His parents, Joseph and Rosa Brazos, were both natives of the Islands, and his father was a farmer. It was in that far away corner of the earth that Antoine spent the first nineteen years of his life. Instead of common schools for all the people, as is the rule in this country, he had never seen an institution of that character until he came to the United States. His education has been gained entirely in the great school of experience. When nineteen years of age Mr. Brazos came to the United States, where his brother had already preceded him, and had attained a good position as



Theodore Bristol



mate of the schooner "Smith D. Bellows," plying between the Connecticut river and the coast points. Antoine made the voyage across the ocean on the bark "Azore," bound for Boston. He landed in that city, expecting to find his brother Manuel. A shipwreck delayed his arrival, and Antoine was a stranger in the city, not able to speak one word of English. His predicament was anything but pleasant. He secured work, however, on a vessel, and began a career as a sailor which lasted some seven or eight years, and was an eventful period in his history. He had many narrow escapes, and more than once was saved with but a few of the crew. One ship on which he was a sailor was wrecked on the extreme lower coast of Florida, and he with two companions were all that escaped death out of a crew of twelve men. At another time his ship was blown far out to sea, and badly damaged, and for seven weeks the crew were without food, and suffered greatly from lack of water.

Communication with his brother Manuel had long been established, and that gentleman finally persuaded his brother to give up a sea-faring life and come to Middletown. Manuel Brazos was one of the founders of the Hartford and New York Transportation Co., and was its general manager for a number of years. He died in Hartford. Frank Brazos, another older brother of Antoine, also came to the United States, and died in Hartford when about forty years old.

Mr. Brazos began business in Middletown in 1854, and his beginning was a very modest one. He bought out Philo Clark in a stevedore business, and had three horses as his principal working force. In 1872 his business had so increased that he resolved to make still farther extension and took all kinds of contracting, such as raising sunken vessels, general trucking, railroad building and sewer construction, not only in Middletown, but anywhere in the United States. He gave up the stevedore business a number of years ago, and as his sons became old enough he took them into business. At the present time the firm of Brazos & Sons is composed of the father and five sons, Joseph, Manuel A., Louis, John and George. Brazos & Sons have a department in their business devoted to ice in Middletown, which requires six wagons in season. In Middletown they have constructed twenty-seven houses from start to finish, a magnificent record for the firm. Many thousands of dollars have passed through their hands as wages for their employes. At the present time their pay roll is about \$3,000 a month. The senior member of the firm has been particularly fortunate in the ability possessed by all his sons, and their devotion to the business.

Antoine Brazos was married, in 1855, to Miss Ann Neale, a native of County Carlow, Ireland, and a daughter of James Neale. They are the parents of a numerous family: Eunice J. married W. W. Hulse, a real estate man of Amityville, Long Island. Julia A. graduated from Wesleyan Uni-

versity, and is now a teacher in the Middletown high school. Joseph is a member of the firm mentioned above. Mary is a teacher in Middletown, where she was educated in the high school. Frank is our subject. Manuel A. is a member of the firm. Annie E. is a trained nurse at Hartford. Alice R. graduated from the Middletown high school in 1889. Louis belongs to the firm as do also John and George. Mr. Brazos has a beautiful home at the corner of High and Loveland streets, which was built in 1890. He is a Republican politically, and he attends the Episcopal Church.

Frank Brazos was born in Middletown April 8, 1864, and spent his early years in his native town, where he received his education. At the age of eleven years he began working for his father. For five years he was with the Clichester estate, in the real estate business in New York City. He then became a member of the firm of Brazos & Sons, and so continued until May, 1895, since which time he has engaged in general contracting business, independently. He enjoys a large patronage, employing an average force of one hundred men. He has resided in New Haven for seventeen years. Mr. Brazos is a Republican politically, and a member of the Union League and the Young Men's Republican Clubs. He was married, in New Haven, to Miss Ida Englehart, of that city, and they reside at No. 808 Elm street, where he built a home in 1894.

PORTER GAY AND HENRY ADELBERT HULL, worthy representatives of an old and honorable New England family, are great-grandsons of Benjamin Hull.

Benjamin Hull was born about 1725, was a farmer by occupation, and resided on the old Hull homestead, which lies about one-eighth of a mile southwest of the present home. It is related that the said Benjamin and a son were one day at work in the fields, during the Revolutionary war, when three British soldiers came by on horseback, and that they captured both Benjamin and his son, who were never seen or heard of again. Benjamin Hull married Amy Hill, who was born July 6, 1726, and died Dec. 1, 1820. The fourth son in their family of seven children was Benjamin, who married Hannah Humiston, the records telling of her baptism in St. John's Church in 1781, and of her death in 1845. Benjamin Hull was a farmer, and passed his life on the homestead. He left a family of nine children, the seventh being Jarvis, father of the gentleman whose name opens this article.

Jarvis Hull was born June 15, 1800, on the home farm, and had only the limited educational advantages obtained in the primitive schools of the locality. Selecting the trade of shoemaker, he soon became an expert, and, as the custom was in those days, would go with his bag of tools from house to house, remaining until the whole family had been shod. Later he established a shop on his own farm, engaging in cultivating his land during the sum-

mers and in the winter time attending to his shoe-making. One of his specialties was the making of wedding gear, and he successfully manufactured neat and dressy boots and shoes from leather, gaining considerable reputation in the vicinity. Mr. Hull died June 25, 1872, and was buried in North Haven. In politics he had always been a staunch Democrat. He reared his whole family in the faith of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Hull married Eliza Gay, who was born in 1800, in Meredith, Delaware Co., N. Y., daughter of Lucian Gay, a farmer there. She died April 8, 1874, a member of the Episcopal Church. The children born to this union were: Julia A. is the widow of Charles Hine, and now resides in Northford; Porter Gay is mentioned below; Jane E. married Smith Tyler; Celia E. married Jasper E. Higbie, of Meriden, and both are deceased; Henry Adelbert is mentioned below; and Harriet A. resides in North Haven.

Porter Gay Hull was born Sept. 5, 1832, and enjoyed the educational advantages of the district schools. While still a young man he engaged in business with his uncle, Orrin Hull, at City Point, at which time City Point had but three houses from the Bridge down to the Sound. Ten years later he returned to North Haven and was employed by Sharon Bassett, who had a shop on the farm now owned by George Morgan, where he engaged in the making of wagon bolts, by horse power. After two years at this place Mr. Hull removed to Birmingham, Mr. Bassett changing his location to that place, and continued with him in the same business. An opportunity offering, he left Mr. Bassett to enter upon the trade of machinist with the Hamden Iron Co., one year later going to Waterbury, Conn. There he engaged in the manufacture of cotton gins, but his career here was interrupted, the company going out of business, and he was then employed by Blake Bros., of Westville, manufacturers of hardware, with whom he remained eight years. He was thus employed when Fort Sumter was fired upon, the works closing down on that day. By this time Mr. Hull was a skilled mechanic, and easily secured employment with Eli Whitney, of Whitneyville, with whom he remained some four years, in the manufacture of guns, pistols and other fire arms for which there was great demand on account of the progress of the Civil war. While engaged in these works he was called upon to assist in guarding the factory, as fears were entertained that attempt might be made to burn or loot it. Leaving this factory, Mr. Hull went to New Haven, where he accepted a position in the restaurant and ice cream parlors of C. F. Lockland (who was located where Hemblein & Co. now are), remaining there until 1864, when he became head clerk for the "Tontine Hotel." This situation he held efficiently for the following twenty-seven years, retiring in May, 1897.

In 1897 Mr. Hull came to his present home, the people of the "Tontine" regretting his de-

parture, as he had been a very popular adjunct of the house. The traveling public have many pleasant recollections of Mr. Hull, whose genial personality made him admirably qualified for the position he filled. His present residence is a comfortable one, his busy life having earned him a competency. Politically Mr. Hull is a Republican, although all the other members of his family are Democrats. Socially he is connected with Hiram Lodge, No. 36, I. O. O. F., and Franklin Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., all of New Haven.

Henry Adelbert Hull was born Nov. 16, 1844, and attended the district schools, returning to agricultural work after his school days were ended, part of the time on the home farm, the remainder on farms in the vicinity. Until he purchased his present farm of sixty-five acres he remained on the home place, and is now engaged in the successful operation of his own estate. As an active member of the Democratic party he has been called upon to hold many of the local offices, and is socially connected with the New Haven Grange, and Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 62, O. U. A. M. He is a member of North Haven Co-operative Feed Co., an organization of the substantial men of this locality. Both the Hull brothers are among the representative citizens of North Haven.

JAMES M. EMERSON, who for the past quarter of a century, has been editor and proprietor of the *Ansonia Sentinel*, the first newspaper of that place, is a native of Maryland. His birth occurred in December, 1845, in Denton, the county seat of Caroline county, that State. His early education was received at the public schools of that town, and at the age of fourteen he became a student in the preparatory department of Washington College, Chestertown, Md., from which he was graduated four years later, taking the second honors of his class.

Mr. Emerson's active career as a newspaper man began not long after he attained his majority, when he succeeded his father, John H. Emerson (now deceased), in the publication of the *American Union*, the Republican organ of Caroline county. He remained in charge of this paper as editor until July, 1871, when he accepted a call to the editorial staff of the Wilmington (Del.) *Daily Commercial*. He sustained this relation until his removal to Ansonia, in August, 1876. In July of that year he and W. H. Cramer (who came from Wilmington) purchased the *Sentinel* from Rev. Edward M. Jerome, the senior member of the firm of Jerome & Carpenter, by whom the journal was founded in November, 1871. When Mr. Carpenter withdrew Mr. Jerome engaged as foreman F. M. Rider, until recently business manager of the *New Haven Leader*. After a couple of years Mr. Cramer sold out to Mr. Emerson and returned to Wilmington, and the latter has since been sole proprietor.

The *Sentinel* has risen to its present prestige

from humble beginnings. The first office was on the main floor of the Gardner block (opposite the post-office), where a space 16x40 feet in dimensions was fenced off for its use. When Mr. Emerson took charge there were but 935 subscribers, and the outlook at first was none too encouraging, for, while he lost no ground, he apparently gained none. But when the growth set in it proved strong and steady. The job department had considerable business, and in 1879, when Mr. Gardner built a large addition to his factory, the *Sentinel* sought better accommodations in the new portion of the building. From this time the business of the paper began to increase. New machinery was introduced, and the second story of a small frame building which stood on the present site of the Y. M. C. A. building, was used for a composition room. In 1881 Mr. Emerson, feeling himself justified in securing a permanent location, bought the present site of the *Sentinel* building, of the W. & L. Hotchkiss Co. He erected a three-story building, the presses being established on the lower floor, and the composing room, etc., on the upper story. The second story was for a time rented out for offices, but one after another was found necessary as the *Sentinel* continued to grow, until the entire building was needed to carry on the business of the paper. Another story was finally added, where, to the present, the composition and job work have been carried on. When the linotype machines were put in and new floor space was required, the top floor of the building next door was leased, for editorial purposes. Then the sidewalk at the north end of the building was dug out to give storage room for the paper, which is received by the car-load, and thus every foot of available space has been utilized. Further extension will require a new site, which would have been selected long ago, had any suitable location been found.

On Jan. 1, 1884, appeared the first issue of the *Evening Sentinel*, and the paper has been published daily ever since. But 600 copies of the daily were sold at first, and the subscription list remained stationary for some time, but various local circumstances combined to demonstrate its importance to the public, and, as before, the progress made has been sure and substantial. The patronage has increased until the present ratio is one subscription for every six inhabitants in the field it covers—a record unequalled by any paper in the State. There is no doubt that this happy condition of affairs is due for the most part to Mr. Emerson's public spirit, which he has shown in numerous ways since his settlement in Ansonia. It is an undisputed fact that the *Sentinel* as a business enterprise ranks as of first importance in Ansonia, the mere statement that \$20,000 is paid annually, all in the locality, for work on the paper and in the job printing department, carrying some idea of its commercial value. The business has not lacked rivals, but they have come and gone without appreciable effect on its popu-

larity or influence, except, perhaps, the healthy stimulus of opposition. The New Haven papers at one time enjoyed a large circulation in the valley, and it was the need of a local daily thus plainly demonstrated that Mr. Emerson attempted to fill when he made the important change in 1884, thus bringing to Ansonia a revenue and an industry that were rapidly being monopolized by outsiders. The name was changed to the *Ansonia Sentinel* when the borough was made a town by action of the Legislature in May, 1888.

The mechanical outfit of the *Sentinel* is worthy of special mention. A Potter drum cylinder press, a small Gordon jobber and type enough for immediate needs were all the office boasted when the business was started. At the present day there is hardly a city of the size of Ansonia which has a newspaper equipment so up to date and complete. The setting of type by hand was discontinued several years ago, and three Mergenthaler linotype machines installed. These have since been increased to five. New presses have been purchased from time to time, each an improvement on its predecessor, and the Hoe two-deck Straight-Line Rotary now in use has a capacity of 20,000 4 or 8-page papers, or 10,000 10, 12 or 16-page papers per hour. The facilities for obtaining news are on a par with the equipment. The *Sentinel* is served by the Associated Press, and receives the news direct in the editorial rooms by private wire.

ANDREW FOOTE AUSTIN is one of the best known and most influential citizens of North Haven, his public life having covered many years. His family ranked among the oldest settlers in the State. John Austin married Prudence Roys, and testified to the birth of their son, Joshua, in Wallingford, Conn., in 1708. Joshua Austin married Mercy Hall, and their son, Abner, was born in Wallingford Nov. 17, 1734. Abner Austin married Ann Beers, and their son, Joseph, became the grandfather of the subject of this review.

Joseph Austin followed agricultural pursuits in Wallingford, where he married Bethia Page. They had three sons, Abner, Caleb and Joseph. He died in North Haven.

Joseph Austin was born April 23, 1803, and in 1825 came to North Haven, locating on the land now owned and occupied by his son, following the occupation of farming and butchering until his death, which occurred Oct. 14, 1854. He married Celia, daughter of Rufus and Elizabeth (Harrison) Foote; the three children born to this union were: Andrew Foote; Abner E., who married Ruth B. Coe, and after her death wedded Mary Gilbert; Charles R., who died in August, 1851.

Andrew F. Austin was born March 26, 1834, on the farm he now owns. His primary education was received in the district schools, and was supplemented in the State Normal School, his natural ability placing him in the rank of teachers when but

eighteen years old. For fifteen years he was engaged in teaching in the winters and farming in the summers. When he reached his twenty-fifth year he was appointed a justice of the peace, which position he has held for forty-three years, being a trial justice, and still holds the office. His decisions are of such an impartial character, and show so much wisdom, that his fellow citizens have been justified in reposing their confidence in him for so long a period. Mr. Austin has held for many years the office of school visitor, the duties of which he has faithfully performed. In 1880 he was made census enumerator, in the taking of the tenth census of the 102d district, which then included his native town. In 1882 he had the honor of representing his town in the Legislature, serving on the committee on Claims. In 1862 he was made a selectman, and served for fourteen years in that capacity as town agent. For many years he was a trusted and valued employee of the Marvin Safe Co., of New York, and traveled in the sale of burglar proof safes, severing this connection when the company entered the combine; he was similarly engaged with the firm of Bradley & Co., of Syracuse, N. Y., leaving them only when the firm went out of business.

Although the owner of a fine farm, Mr. Austin does little farming himself, his time being occupied with his business in the community, and with that of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, of which he is the agent. Mr. Austin settles up estates where the intricacies of the law make difficult and long continued litigation, and his methods of honest and fearless justice have caused his advice to be sought and acted upon. Had Mr. Austin entered the legal profession, it is the opinion of his acquaintances that he would have made his mark; his judgments are almost always sustained by the higher courts.

On Nov. 26, 1857, Mr. Austin married Charlotte P. Stiles, a native of North Haven, and a daughter of Horace and Lois P. Stiles, the former a brick manufacturer of North Haven. Mr. Stiles was a son of Isaac Clark Stiles, and a grandson of Isaac Stiles, who was a brother of Ezra Stiles, president of Yale College. Isaac Stiles was born in Windsor. His father, Isaac Stiles, came to North Haven in 1724, and was a Congregational minister there until 1760. Isaac was a son of John Stiles, who was born in Windsor, in 1607, a son of Francis Stiles, who came with seven others of the name to America on the ship "Christian" in 1634, landing in Boston, and going to Windsor with the Rev. Warham expedition.

To Mr. and Mrs. Austin were given two sons. The younger, Gardener E., died in February, 1895. The elder, Frederick W., married Juline Rebecca Barnes, and two children have been born to them, Clarence A. and Esther Louise. He resides in New Haven, where he is employed in the office of the Merwin Provision Co. In politics our subject has

always been a staunch Republican and has been a useful and active worker for his party. All the family are identified with the North Haven Congregational Church, and they enjoy the esteem of the community.

BENJAMIN HALL, dairy farmer of East Wallingford, warden of the Episcopal Church, and one of the leading spirits of his community, was born on the farm which is now his home Oct. 30, 1830. A descendant of one of the old families of New Haven county, he has worthily sustained the family honor by a clean and upright life.

John Hall was the first of this family to settle in New Haven county. Coming from England to Boston prior to 1650, with his family, he located in this region. In 1660 his three sons, with others, came to Wallingford, and were signers of the Plantation Covenant. On this interesting document John Hall's name appears in 1672. In 1675 he was chosen selectman of the town, as was also his son John, and here the remainder of his life was spent; he died in 1676, at the age of seventy-one years. He and his wife, Jane (Woolen), had seven children: (1) John, baptized Aug. 9, 1646, died Sept. 2, 1721; (2) Richard was born July 11, 1645; (3) Samuel, born May 21, 1646, died March 5, 1725; (4) Sarah was baptized Aug. 9, 1646; (5) Thomas was born March 25, 1649; (6) Jonathan was born April 5, 1651; (7) David, born March 18, 1652, died July 17, 1727.

John Hall (2), the eldest in the family of John, was one of the first settlers of Wallingford, where he was postmaster and a man of influence, and where he died. On Dec. 6, 1666, he was married to Mary, daughter of Edward Parker, and she died Sept. 22, 1725, the mother of the following children: (1) Elizabeth, born Aug. 11, 1670; (2) Daniel, born July 26, 1672, who married Thankful Lyman; (3) Mary, born June 23, 1675; (4) Nathaniel, born Feb. 8, 1677, who married Elizabeth Curtiss; (5) John, born March 14, 1681; (6) Lydia, born Jan. 21, 1683; (7) Samuel, born Dec. 24, 1686, who died Nov. 1, 1689; (8) Esther, born Aug. 30, 1693; (9) Caleb, born Sept. 14, 1697.

John Hall (3), whose name appears in the foregoing list, was born in Wallingford, and was married June 28, 1707, to Elizabeth Royce, who died Sept. 2, 1755, at the age of sixty-six years. He lived to be eighty-five years old, passing away April 27, 1760. A land owner and a practical and successful farmer, he spent his entire life in Wallingford. He had a numerous family, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: (1) Isaac and (2) Peter, twins, July 22, 1709; (3) John, Dec. 28, 1712; (4) Asahel, Jan. 10, 1717; (5) Royce, Dec. 20, 1718 (graduated from Yale, 1737, and died May 20, 1752); (6) Abigail, March 7, 1723; (7) Elizabeth, July 9, 1725; (8) Benjamin, April 4, 1728 (married Phebe Hall, and died Dec. 11, 1806); (9) Elisha, Sept. 15, 1730; (10) Sarah, Aug. 25,



Benjamin Hall

1752; and (11) Abel, the date of whose birth is now unknown.

John Hall (4), son of John (3), born Dec. 28, 1712, was a lifelong farmer in his native town of Wallingford, where he died May 13, 1795; he was buried in Guilford. Abigail Russell became his wife June 11, 1739, and they had the following children: (1) Elias, born March 10, 1740; (2) Jared, July 19, 1741; (3) Abigail, Oct. 16, 1743; (4) John, Dec. 6, 1744; (5) Elizabeth, Sept. 28, 1745; (6) William, June 15, 1747; (7) Mary, Jan. 23, 1749; (8) Eunice, July 6, 1751; (9) Anna C., Aug. 15, 1755; (10) Benjamin, July 2, 1757.

Benjamin Hall, the grandfather of our subject proper, was born as noted above in the town of Wallingford, and like his father was an extensive land owner and farmer. He owned and cultivated the farm where his grandson now lives, and the handsome house which is the home of the Hall family was built by him. In politics he was a Whig, and in religion a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Hall married Lydia Cook, and they had four children: (1) Lyman was born March 20, 1798; (2) Mary, born June 12, 1799, married Joel Curtis; (3) Eline married Miner Harrison; (4) Orrin was born March 2, 1803.

Orrin Hall, father of Benjamin, lost his father by death while he was still very young, and obtained only a district-school education. From an early age he was engaged in farm labor. When he was twenty-eight years old he settled on the old homestead, where he became engaged in farming and stock raising, and he remained on the farm all his life, dying there at the ripe age of seventy-two years. His remains rest in the Center street cemetery at Wallingford. In religion he was a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics a Whig in early life, and in later years a Democrat. Abstemious and temperate in his habits, and a hard-working man, he was a good citizen and a kind father. Orrin Hall and Mary Todd were married in Wallingford, where she was born, in the Society of Northford, daughter of Thelas Todd. Four children came to this union: (1) Benjamin is mentioned below; (2) Glosion is living retired in New Haven; (3) Mary is the widow of Ransom Baldwin; (4) Elbert resides in western Missouri. The mother died in Meriden, at the home of her daughter, and was buried in the Center street cemetery, Wallingford. A member of the Episcopal Church, she was a good Christian woman, and was highly respected in every relation of life.

Benjamin Hall began life as a poor boy, and had only the advantages of a common-school education. He worked at farm labor from a very early age, and continued thus until his marriage, when he settled down to farming on his own account, and has ever since been engaged in general agriculture and stock raising. To-day he is one of the most extensive dairymen of Wallingford, keeping a herd of sixty cows. Many improvements have

been wrought on the farm since it passed into his hands, and he is one of the largest land owners in the town of Wallingford, accumulating this extensive property very largely through his own efforts. A genial and affable man, he is pronounced a good neighbor, and a kindly-hearted and upright member of the community by all that know him. He resides on the old homestead where five generations of Halls have lived. Twice appointed postmaster at East Wallingford during the McKinley administration, he filled that position until the office was abandoned for the rural delivery.

Benjamin Hall was married, in 1857, in East Haven, to Miss Martha Todd, daughter of Jonah H. Todd. She died in 1862 in East Wallingford, and was buried in the Center street cemetery. A member of the Episcopal Church, she was an exemplary woman in every respect. For his second wife Mr. Hall married, on April 11, 1866, Clarissa C. Porter, who was born in Farmington, Conn., a daughter of William S. Porter. Two children were born to the first marriage: (1) Jane Elizabeth, who married Alson B. Bartholomew, of Wallingford, and died April 23, 1892; and (2) Martha Todd, who married Hon. Henry C. Wooding, of Yalesville, a dairy farmer. Mr. Hall is now serving his sixth year as senior warden of the Episcopal Church, of which he has been a vestryman for many years. He is also a member of the Wallingford Grange, and is highly respected in the community. Domestic in his habits, he has led a clean and wholesome life, and believes that the noblest ideals may be largely carried out in our daily acts. He is singularly free from the petty vices that mar social life, has never used tobacco, and has never been under the influence of intoxicants; he has never taken a drink at a bar.

RICHARD MANSFIELD EVERIT, a retired merchant, formerly of the old firm of Hotchkiss Bros. & Co., of New Haven, but more recently of the firm of Burdett & Everit, of New York, who were extensively engaged in foreign trade with Europe, the West Indies and South America, has long been one of New Haven's leading citizens.

Born April 9, 1824, in the old Mansfield homestead—the home of his maternal ancestors, which stood in Grand avenue, a little east of the Mill river bridge and which was purchased by his father—Mr. Everit is the son of the late Capt. Richard and Sarah (Mansfield) Everit. The former was a son of William Everit, a soldier of the Revolution and a descendant of one of the earliest settlers of Long Island, while the latter was descended from one of New Haven's early planters.

William Everit, seeing the British land on Long Island, immediately went with two others to the house of the commanding officer, Capt. Woodhull, to notify him of the landing. While they were in the house it was surrounded by British troops, and the captain of the British demanded the surrender

of Capt. Woodhull; the latter gave up his sword to the British officer, who thereupon ran him through with it. During the excitement William Everit and his companions escaped through the window and hid under the floor of the barn. They were located by the British and made prisoners of war, being confined where the old post-office was in Nassau street, New York. Mr. Everit made his escape from the prison through the aid of his wife, who was in the habit of bringing him provisions each week. The day of his escape she brought him a suit of clothes instead of provisions, and after donning them he mingled with the visitors, and so escaped, rejoining the Colonists.

Capt. Richard Everit was born in New York City Dec. 23, 1772. He became a ship master, commanding packet ships trading between New York and Holland, London and Bristol, England, and also made voyages to other European ports, the West Indies and South America. The second American vessel which visited Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, now a great hide exporting place, was commanded by him. Capt. Everit's life in some respects was remarkable. He began going to sea at the age of eleven years, and followed a sea-faring life until he was fifty, when he retired to New Haven and lived there for forty years. During his whole life he never drank a glass of rum, gin or brandy, a remarkable circumstance considering his occupation and the habits and customs of his class and the times. Being of a kindly and genial disposition, he had many friends, and few, if any, enemies. He died March 4, 1803, in New Haven.

On March 31, 1811, Capt. Everit was married to Elizabeth Mansfield, who was born Jan. 27, 1780, daughter of William Mansfield, of New Haven. She died March 28, 1818, and Capt. Everit married, Feb. 6, 1820, her sister Sarah, who was born April 4, 1791. Mrs. Sarah Everit died July 23, 1875. One son came to the first marriage, Phineas, born Dec. 7, 1812, who died unmarried Sept. 18, 1854, in New York. The children of the second marriage were: Elizabeth, born Jan. 15, 1822, died July 7, 1822; Richard Mansfield is mentioned below; William Lyon, born Oct. 21, 1826, married July 28, 1853, Adelaide Prescott Frink; Mary Mercein, born Feb. 7, 1829, married, Aug. 4, 1851, John H. Coley, who for many years was a leading dry-goods merchant in New Haven.

Richard Mansfield Everit was educated in the schools of New Haven and vicinity, attending the John E. Lovell Lancasterian School, the school kept by S. A. Thomas, and the old Fair Haven Academy, an excellent institution, then kept by Joshua Pearl. Young Everit prepared for college, but sickness at the time prevented him from commencing a college course, and he entered upon his business career, beginning Feb. 1, 1841, as a clerk under the late Charles H. Oaks. After remaining with Mr. Oaks a little less than five years, and going, during the latter part of his stay, on business for

the first time to the West Indies, he became the agent of the Peck Bros.—Nathan, Wyllys and Henry E.—of New Haven, for three years. After this experience he associated with J. A. Bishop, and entered upon his first business venture on his own account. For seven years he spent a large part of his time in the West Indies, where nearly all the New Haven trade was then concentrated. In 1851 he became associated with Russel, Henry O. and Edward Hotchkiss, who were the successors of their father on Long Wharf. Early in that year he embarked for Brazil on a business inspecting tour, to ascertain what might be done in a business line. At Para, on the Amazon, a place then but little known to Americans, he remained some eighteen months, and there established a good trade. This enterprise was the means of introducing into that region many articles of American growth and production, which were before wholly unknown. On returning from Brazil, Mr. Everit became a partner in the house of Hotchkiss Bros. & Co., which relations he continued until 1860. Desiring a larger field of operation than New Haven afforded, and for other reasons, he went to New York City, and there with Charles P. Burdett formed a partnership under the title of Burdett & Everit, which continued for nine or ten years, the firm building up a large and profitable business with Brazil, the West Indies and Europe.

In 1869 in the very prime of life and in the full tide of prosperity, Mr. Everit, at the early age of forty-five, retired from business, solely in consequence of ill health. Returning to New Haven, he established for himself a beautiful and charming home, located on a level plateau, on the east side of Whitney avenue, only half a mile distant and in full and grand view of the precipitous front of East Rock, the park itself extending nearly to his grounds. Here he is enjoying with his family the fruits of a well-spent life, and dispenses a generous hospitality to his many friends. Mr. Everit is enterprising and public-spirited, as is evidenced in the appearance of his commodious grounds and residence, which add great beauty to the "City of Elms." In 1869 he purchased a large farm about twenty-two miles west from Boston, in what is now the flourishing town of South Framingham. This land is laid out for the building of a city, and Mr. Everit has spent a great amount of money and time on the property.

On Feb. 5, 1861, Mr. Everit was married to Miss Mary Talman Lawrence, daughter of Watson E. Lawrence, of New York, and Augusta Maria (Nicol) Lawrence, of New Haven, and children as follows have been born to them: Richard Lawrence, of South Framingham, Mass.; Emma Augusta, deceased; Arthur Mansfield, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Annie Coley, wife of Dr. L. S. De Forest; and Edward Hotchkiss, at this writing superintendent of Equipment of the Southern New England Telephone Co.

On his mother's side Richard Mansfield Everit is in the seventh generation from Richard Mansfield, who came from Exeter, Devonshire, England, and settled in Quinnipiac (now New Haven). From this settler our subject's lineage is through Major Moses, Jonathan, Lieut. Nathan, William and Sarah (Mansfield) Everit. William Mansfield, son of Lieut. Nathan, was born April 1, 1750, at the old Mansfield home on the present site of the Sheffield North College, and married (first) Dec. 25, 1770, Elizabeth Lyon, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Maltby) Lyon.

EDWARD IVES (deceased) was for many years one of the best known citizens and prominent farmers of Cheshire. He was a native of New Haven county, born in Meriden, Oct. 14, 1836, and was a great-grandson of Zachariah Ives, one of the first settlers of Cheshire, where he followed farming. Jesse Ives, son of Zachariah, followed farming in Meriden, where he died Feb. 12, 1836, leaving his wife, Marilla (Johnson), a native of Southington, Conn., and four children, Jotham, Lyman, Rosetta and Almon, all now deceased.

Jotham Ives, father of our subject, was born in Meriden Sept. 7, 1808, and was there reared and educated. He wedded Mary Rice Way, who was born in Meriden Sept. 10, 1807, and died Aug. 31, 1878. His death occurred May 18, 1864. Of their five children Edward was the eldest; Amos was mayor of Meriden in 1897-98-99; Betsey is the wife of Robert Hallam, of South Meriden; Julius Isaac is a resident of Meriden; and Almon J. makes his home in Tracy, a town of Wallingford.

Edward Ives passed his boyhood and youth in Meriden, and attended school there. In 1862 he purchased a farm in Cheshire, to which he moved in May of that year, and on which he continued to make his home until called from this life March 25, 1880. As a public-spirited and progressive citizen he gave his support to every worthy enterprise for the public good, and in his death the community realized that it had lost a valuable and useful citizen. He was widely and favorably known and had a host of warm personal friends, who esteemed him highly for his sterling worth.

On April 25, 1862, in Middletown, Conn., Mr. Ives married Miss Lois Lucelia Smith, and to them were born two children: (1) Howard Edward, who is engaged in general farming on the home place, was married, Oct. 25, 1899, in Cheshire, to Miss Cornelia Matilda Atwater; they have a son, Edward Atwater, born Sept. 16, 1901. (2) Henrietta, who married, Aug. 30, 1888, John C. Rapson, of South Meriden, and has two children, Hazel Lucelia and Lilian Gertrude.

Mrs. Ives is a native of Cheshire, and belongs to quite an old and prominent Connecticut family. Her paternal great-grandparents were David and Abigail (Lewis) Smith, natives of Southington, Conn., and the former a son of David Smith and

grandson of Gideon Smith. Mrs. Ives' grandparents were Gideon Lewis and Lois (Barnes) Smith, also natives of Southington, who in 1823 moved to Cheshire, where the grandfather followed farming throughout the remainder of his life, dying there Jan. 20, 1850. His wife died July 31, 1846. Their children were Elizabeth, wife of Sherman Hart, of Berlin, Conn.; Rhoda, wife of John Hall, of Kennington; Abigail, wife of Seth Pratt, of Southington; Sylvia, wife of David Beach, of Southington; Loyal, the father of Mrs. Ives; Rollin, who died in Cheshire; Lois, who married Asabel Warner, and died in Auburn, New York; and Lola, wife of Burrill Parker, of Southington.

Loyal Smith, Mrs. Ives' father, was born in Southington, July 14, 1807, and died Oct. 31, 1870. He was sixteen years of age when the family removed to Cheshire, where he afterward engaged in farming throughout life. He was quite a prominent and influential citizen of his community, and was a member of the State Legislature from Cheshire in 1856 and again in 1867. In that town he was married, Oct. 29, 1829, to Miss Henrietta Dickerman, who was born in Hamden Nov. 26, 1807, and died June 10, 1864, a daughter of Samuel and Lois (Peck) Dickerman, also natives of Hamden, where her mother died Nov. 12, 1822. Her father died in Cheshire June 30, 1840. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born eight children, as follows: Sereno D., a resident of Meriden; Lois, who died at the age of six years; Eliza, who died in Cheshire in 1848, at the age of eleven years; Lois Lucelia, now Mrs. Ives; Rhoda, wife of Amos Ives, of Meriden; Loyal B., of Cheshire; Samuel D., of Wallingford; and Franklin Pierce, a farmer of Cheshire.

EDWIN AUGUSTUS HOTCHKISS, who passed away Dec. 16, 1883, ranked among the leading business men and citizens of New Haven in his day, and no man enjoyed to a greater extent the esteem of all with whom he was associated.

Mr. Hotchkiss was born in New Haven Dec. 4, 1835, and was a son of Isaac Thompson Hotchkiss, also a native of that city, where he was long engaged in the coal business, becoming a prominent figure in the mercantile circles of the city. He died in 1870. Edwin A. Hotchkiss attended the New Haven schools, also Major Russell's Military Academy—the school in which many of the leading citizens of New Haven have finished their literary training. After reaching his mature years he was associated with his father in the coal business, which after the death of that honored gentleman he carried on with his brother, David T. Hotchkiss, until his death. He was one of the largest dealers in coal in the city, and took a high position in mercantile circles by reason of his force and strength of character, backed by executive ability, good judgment and the strictest integrity.

On Nov. 23, 1858, Mr. Hotchkiss was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Mulford Parker,

who was born Feb. 6, 1838, and they had three children, two of whom are living: (1) Edwin A., born Sept. 28, 1859, is engaged with his uncle in the blotting paper business, and is a very fine young business man. He and his brother are both esteemed for their genuine and unaffected manliness, and have a host of friends. Edwin A. Hotchkiss is a member of the Union League Club, and like all the family attends Trinity Church. (2) Caroline M., born July 31, 1866, died Dec. 18, 1868. (3) Howard Parker, born April 1, 1870, a graduate of Sheffield Scientific School, is now in the employ of the Security Insurance Co. On June 14, 1900, he married A. Mabel Lee, of Athol, Mass., daughter of Joseph Lee, now deceased, and they have one child, Howard Parker, Jr., born Aug. 27, 1901. All of the family enjoy a reputation for superior character, kindness and general intelligence of a high order, and their fine qualities, cordial spirit, general progressiveness and wide-awake ideas, are fully appreciated by their many friends. The comfortable and attractive home, which Mrs. Hotchkiss now occupies, at No. 1226 Chapel street, was erected by her father, Col. Joseph Parker, and is one of the most imposing in this city of elegant homes. Edwin A. Hotchkiss, the father, was a man far above the average in qualities of both head and heart. Though an able business man and inflexible in the discharge of his duties, he was kindness itself to all with whom he came in contact in any of the relations of life, and especially in his own home, where he was ever regarded as the model husband and father. In his death New Haven suffered the loss of a worthy citizen, the commercial world a man of fine business talent, and society a gentleman whose presence was ever welcome among the ranks of the most cultured.

Col. Joseph Parker, father of Mrs. Hotchkiss, was the inventor of blotting paper, and was one of the largest manufacturers of paper in the country. He was born in Litchfield county, Conn., son of Dr. Joseph Parker, practicing physician in that county all his life. Col. Joseph Parker married Caroline Mulford, who was born in New Haven, daughter of Hervey Mulford, one of the old residents of that city. Hervey Mulford was a graduate of Yale College, and was a lifelong merchant. To Col. and Mrs. Parker were born six children, two of whom are now living: Joseph, who is still carrying on his father's business, and Mrs. Edwin A. Hotchkiss.

WILLIS C. HALL, proprietor of a leading grocery in Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, born March 16, 1833, in Cheshire, and comes of good old Connecticut stock, of English ancestry.

John Hall (1), the great-great-great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, came to these shores from England about the year 1638, first locating in Boston, then in New Haven, Conn., and later settling in Wallingford, where he died. His

son John (2), and grandson John (3), were born in England, and his great-grandson John (4) was born in Wallingford. Jared Hall, great-great-grandson of the emigrant, and the great-grandfather of our subject, was born July 19, 1741, in Wallingford. He married Lucy Hall.

Amos Hall, son of Jared, and the grandfather of our subject, was born May 21, 1773, in Cheshire, Conn. He married Elizabeth Bontecou, a lineal descendant of Pierre Bontecou, merchant, who was a French Huguenot refugee from La Rochelle, France, and landed in New York in 1689. He was a prominent member of the French Huguenot Episcopal Church in New York, in which he held prominent offices. Amos and Elizabeth (Bontecou) Hall settled on a farm in Wallingford, now in Cheshire, where they reared a family of children as follows: (1) Eliza, born Sept. 21, 1804, married William Prichard, son of David and Ann (Hitchcock) Prichard, and they then settled in Brunswick, Ohio, where he was a farmer and drover; he died in Jefferson, Iowa. (2) Charles is the father of our subject. (3) Nancy, born in November, 1808, died May 4, 1873; she married Hiram Bradley, of Cheshire, Conn., born Oct. 3, 1809, and they settled in Southington, Conn., where he followed the business of carriage and wagonmaker. (4) Amos, born Feb. 18, 1811, married Aspatia Doolittle, and for some time they lived in Cheshire, later removing to Brunswick, Ohio, where he followed farming. He returned to Cheshire, and died there Aug. 16, 1861. She is also deceased, and they are buried at Cheshire. (5) George A., born Jan. 31, 1814, married Sarah Merriams, of Prospect, Conn., a daughter of Rufus and Mary (Hotchkiss) Merriams; he was a farmer, and now lives in the town of Waterbury. (6) Susan S., born Oct. 13, 1817, married Henry Livingston, of Brunswick, Ohio, a son of Henry G. Livingston; they both died in Brunswick, she on May 5, 1885. (7) Henrietta E., born April 30, 1821, married Edward Terrell, of Waterbury, Conn., and died there Feb. 5, 1870.

Charles Hall, father of our subject, was born in Cheshire, Conn., Oct. 12, 1806. On Sept. 30, 1830, he married Amy Moss, daughter of Asahel and Amy Andrews (Hitchcock) Moss, and a lineal descendant from John Moss, one of the first settlers of Wallingford, who died at the patriarchal age of one hundred and three years. Some time after their marriage our subject's parents moved to Brunswick, Ohio, settling on a wild tract of farm land. In 1843 he returned to Cheshire, where he died on his farm; his wife passed away Aug. 13, 1875. In religious faith they were identified with the Congregational Church, he being a Sunday-school teacher in same. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican. In 1832 he was commissioned, by Gov. Peters of Connecticut, as captain of the 32d Regiment of Militia. A family of nine children were born to Charles Hall and his wife: (1) Celia E. died at the age of four years. (2) Willis C. is our



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subject. (3) Ellen M., born Jan. 12, 1835, married Seth Eleada Frost, who was born in Wolcott Feb. 24, 1832, and is a farmer in Southington, Conn. (4) Emma, born Aug. 11, 1837, was married, Dec. 25, 1860, by Rev. John S. C. Abbott, to Elmer William Hitchcock, and they settled on a farm in Cheshire. (5) Gardner M., born in Brunswick, Ohio, Jan. 11, 1841, died Oct. 13, 1880; he was a member of the firm of the Hall & Upson Ice Co., also president of the Naugatuck Valley Co., of Bridgeport, Conn. On May 10, 1870, he married Georgiana Elizabeth Mullings, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Brooks) Mullings. (6) Franklin Amos, born in Brunswick, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1843, enlisted in Company H, 20th Conn. V. I., during the Civil war, was captured and confined in Libby prison. On his return home he became a traveling salesman, and later proprietor of the "Earle House," Waterbury. On Oct. 9, 1867, he married Adelaide Ulissa Munger, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Russell) Munger, of Waterbury. He died Feb. 20, 1879. (7) Denison Asahel, born Jan. 18, 1847, died unmarried Dec. 2, 1875. (8) Adelaide Eliza, born Sept. 17, 1849, was married, June 14, 1871, to George B. Lawton, of Waterbury; he is a diesinker in Waterbury, and lives in Cheshire. (9) Warren L., born May 21, 1856, is a merchant in Waterbury; he married, Dec. 14, 1881, Etta Louise Andrews, of Naugatuck.

Willis C. Hall, the subject proper of these lines, passed his boyhood in his native place, Cheshire, with the exception of the five years he lived in Ohio, and he received a liberal education at the district schools. For a time he worked on a farm, and later clerked for Samuel Hitchcock, in Cheshire, some four years, after which for two years he conducted a dry-goods and grocery business. His store being destroyed by fire, he returned to the old farm for a time, or until 1862, in that year taking up his residence in Waterbury, where he worked for the Scovill Manufacturing Co. for some time, and then clerked for B. S. Hotchkiss eight years, after which he and I. A. Spencer conducted a grocery store in Waterbury seven years. Mr. Hall then opened a grocery on Bank street, which he continued one year, at the end of which time he and his brother, Warren L., went into a fruit and commission business, the copartnership existing four years. In the fall of 1890 he opened his present grocery business at No. 11 Cherry street, in which he is meeting with desirable success.

On May 26, 1857, Mr. Hall married Elizabeth Heatly, daughter of William Heatly, of England, whose ancestors fought under William the Conqueror; she died Nov. 20, 1873, the mother of three children: Charles Edward, Walter (deceased) and Gardner Irving. On June 13, 1876, Mr. Hall married (second) Orinda Daniels, who was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., daughter of Joseph B. and Eleanor (Miller) Daniels, and two children came of this union, Joseph and Alfred, both of whom

died at the age of five years. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are members of the Episcopal Church at Waterbury. In politics he is a Republican, and he cast his first presidential vote for Fremont. He is a prominent member of the community in which he lives, a supporter of all matters of public concern that are calculated to advance the public welfare, and all who know him hold him in high regard.

BENJAMIN BREWSTER BROWN was a deacon of the Congregational Church of Prospect for several years, and the oldest living resident of that town. He was born in Windsor, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1815, a son of Daniel and Charlotte (Roe) Brown, both natives of Long Island. His maternal grandfather was Capt. Roe, who served as an officer in the Revolutionary war. The father followed farming both on Long Island and in Windsor, N. Y., and both he and his wife died at the latter place. They were earnest and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and he was a Democrat in politics.

Our subject attended the public schools and also a select school of his native town, but the greater part of his education was acquired through his own unaided efforts. He assisted his father in the operation of the farm until sixteen years of age and then learned the tailor's trade, which he continued to follow until 1845. It was during that year that he came to Prospect, and located on the farm which he owned and occupied until his death. Through the summer months he engaged in agricultural pursuits, while during the winter he successfully engaged in teaching school for fifteen years, being employed in the district schools of Prospect and Cheshire, and at that time he was one of the most popular educators of the community. He continued to actively engage in farming until old age compelled his retirement.

In Prospect Mr. Brown married Miss Emily B. Hotchkiss, a native of that town and a daughter of David M. and Zeruah (Stevens) Hotchkiss, and granddaughter of Frederick Hotchkiss. By this union were born two children: (1) Clarence Henry, a resident of Wallingford, Conn., and deacon of the Baptist Church there, married Nettie F. Mansfield, and has two children, Emily Adeline and Edna Louise. (2) Frederick Hotchkiss, who is engaged in the furniture business in New Haven, and is deacon of the Congregational Church there; he married Kate E. Woodward, of Bethany. The wife and mother, who was a good Christian woman and an active member of the Congregational Church, died April 1, 1887.

In 1864 Mr. Brown was elected on the Republican ticket to the State Legislature, and was called upon to fill other offices, having served as a member of the school committee, as selectman of Prospect, and justice of the peace for several years. On attaining his majority he became identified with the Whig party; later was a staunch Republican, and still

later, on account of his views on the temperance question, he cast his ballot with the Prohibition party. For many years he was an active and prominent member of the Congregational Church, and served as teacher in, and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and for the long period of forty years filled the office of deacon. His long and well-spent life justly entitled him to the high regard in which he was held, and no citizen in Prospect was more honored or esteemed. Over his life record there falls no shadow of wrong, his public service was most exemplary, and his private life was marked by the utmost fidelity to duty. He died at his home, which he loved so well, July 31, 1900, and was laid to rest beside his wife in the Prospect cemetery.

LEWIS ROSSITER ELIOT (deceased), in his lifetime one of Guilford's best known and most highly respected citizens, descended from one of the oldest families of Connecticut. Tradition traces the ancestry of the Eliots of England to the time of the landing of William the Conqueror on the shores of that country in 1066. In the early history of England the name was variously spelled Eliot, Elliot, Elyot, Elyotte, etc.

John Eliot, commonly called the "apostle to the Indians," was the American ancestor of the Elliots and Eliots, of which family our subject is a worthy member. That great and good man was born in England, Dec. 20, 1604, in—as authorities claim—Nasing, County of Essex, though both the counties of Devon and Cornwall lay claim to his birthplace, and there is a record of his baptism in the register of the church at Widford, Herefordshire. Nothing is related of his parents except that they gave him a liberal education and were exemplary for their piety, to which fact Mr. Eliot himself bore testimony, when, in after years, he wrote thus: "I do see that it was a great favor of God unto me to season my first years with the fear of God, the word, and prayer." He was educated at Jesus College, University of Cambridge, where he became distinguished for his love of the languages, especially Greek and Hebrew, of which he acquired a sound, thorough and discriminating knowledge. He became well versed in the general course of liberal studies, and was particularly learned in theology. After leaving the university he was employed as usher in the grammar school of Rev. Thomas Hooker, at Little Baddow, County of Essex. Mr. Hooker subsequently was one of the most eminent of the worthies of New England. He exerted a salutary influence on the formation of Mr. Eliot's character and principles, and decided him in pursuing the profession of a Christian minister. When Mr. Hooker was driven from England, Mr. Eliot followed him to the New World, making the voyage in the ship "Lion," and arriving at Boston Nov. 3, 1631, in company with his brothers Jacob and Philip, Gov. Winthrop's wife and children and about sixty others. He was im-

mediately placed in charge of the First Church of Boston, the pastor, Mr. Wilson, having gone to England temporarily, on business. His betrothed, Annie Mountfort, who was born Sept. 16, 1603, followed him to New England, and they were married in October, 1632. Mr. Eliot continued in charge of the Boston congregation until his removal to Roxbury, where he was ordained Nov. 5, 1632. He was the first minister in that place, and continued as teacher of the church there until his death, a period of nearly sixty years, preaching as long as his strength lasted. His meeting house was on the hill where the present meeting house of the First (Unitarian) Church of Roxbury now stands.

At that time there were many Indians within the limits of the English plantations, and to Christianize and improve them became the ruling motive of Mr. Eliot's life, his work among them commencing Oct. 28, 1646, at Nonantum, in Newton. He devoted his great intellect to learning their language, and made several translations of Holy Writ, the most noted being that known as the "Indian Bible." The New Testament was published at Cambridge in September, 1661, and was followed by the Old, and thus the entire Bible, with a catechism and the Psalms of David in metre, was given to the Indians in their own tongue within forty years after the settlement of the country. This work was of such magnitude, requiring such deep and exhaustive learning, that it yet excites the wonder of philologists. Eliot's labors were far greater than those of any of the translators in Germany, England and France, for they had the facilities afforded by copies of the Bible in Latin, which was the conventional language of the priests and students of Europe, while his work was in an unwritten and unknown language, which he was first obliged to learn; and, after his Bible was published, he had to establish schools and prepare a grammar and other books for instructing the savages to read it. In all these arduous duties he had no assistant but an Indian boy. Thus a humble and modest, yet faithful and zealous, pastor of a small Christian community, on the shores of a vast continent which was then almost a wilderness, alone achieved a work which excited the wonder and admiration of both continents, and has rendered his name memorable forever in the annals of literature and piety. With such holy ardor and untiring perseverance did he prosecute his great and commendable labors as to richly deserve his exalted title of "apostle to the Indians." His manner of preaching was very plain, yet powerful; his delivery graceful. The old oak at South Natick beneath which he preached to the Indians in 1690 is still standing. Mr. Eliot's death occurred May 20, 1690, in the eighty-sixth year of his age, and he was laid to rest in what was called the minister's tomb, in the First burying ground. His wife died March 22, 1687. Their children were: Ann, born Sept. 17, 1633, was a daughter of excellent character, and remained with her parents as long as they lived;

she was the wife of Habakkuk Glover. John, born Aug. 31, 1636, died Oct. 11, 1698. Joseph, born Dec. 20, 1638, is mentioned below. Samuel, born June 22, 1641, died in 1664. Aaron, born Feb. 19, 1644, died Nov. 18, 1655. Benjamin, born Jan. 29, 1647, died Oct. 15, 1687.

(II) Joseph Eliot, first of the name in Guilford, born Dec. 20, 1638, died May 24, 1694, at Guilford, where he was settled as a minister. He owned the home and ground occupied all his lifetime by the subject of this sketch, and which is now the residence of Mrs. Eliot and her son Edward. He was graduated from Harvard in 1658. On Nov. 23, 1662, the people of Northampton unanimously expressed their desire to settle Mr. Eliot as a teacher, and fixed his salary at fifty pounds. In 1664 he was settled at Guilford receiving ordination Dec. 23, of that year. It is said that he delivered an annual sermon before the General Assembly, and he received a grant of land from that body, probably in acknowledgment of these services. He continued to discharge his pastoral duties at Guilford until his death. Joseph Eliot first married Sarah, daughter of Hon. William Brenton, governor of Rhode Island, and after her death he married Mary, daughter of Hon. Samuel Wyllys, of Hartford. She died Oct. 11, 1729, at the age of seventy-three years. His children, four by each wife, were as follows: (1) Mehitabel, born Oct. 4, 1676, married William Wilson, of Guilford, and died April 14, 1723, without issue. (2) Ann, born Dec. 12, 1677, married Dec. 20, 1698, Hon. Jonathan Law, of Milford, governor of Connecticut, and died Nov. 16, 1703. (3) Jemima, born in 1678, married Rev. John Woodbridge, of West Springfield, Mass., and died June 10, 1718. (4) Barshua, married Augustus Lucas, of Fairfield, a French refugee. (5) Jared, born Nov. 7, 1685, died April 22, 1763. (6) Abiel is mentioned below. (7) Mary, born in 1688, married in 1734, Hawkins Hart, of Wallingford, and had a large family. (8) Rebecca, born in 1690, married John Trowbridge, sheriff of New Haven, and after his death became the wife of Ebenezer Fisk; for her third husband she married Capt. William Dudley.

(III) Abiel Eliot, son of Rev. Joseph, was a farmer in Guilford, and died Oct. 28, 1776. He married Mary Leete, daughter of John Leete, of Guilford, and great-granddaughter of William Leete, governor of Connecticut. Their children were: (1) Nathaniel, mentioned below; (2) Wyllys, born Feb. 9, 1731, who died Sept. 20, 1777; (3) Rebecca, born Sept. 8, 1733, who married Nathaniel Graves, of Guilford, and died July 7, 1820; (4) Timothy, born Oct. 23, 1736, who died April 17, 1809; (5) Levi, born Nov. 1, 1739, who died March 21, 1765; (6) Margery, born March 19, 1742, who married Theophilus Merriman, of Wallingford, and died May 15, 1823.

(IV) Nathaniel Eliot, son of Abiel, was born Aug. 15, 1728, and died April 24, 1804. He was a

farmer and land owner in Guilford. On Jan. 3, 1754, he married Beulah Parmelee, born in Guilford Aug. 30, 1732, a daughter of Joseph Parmelee; she died Sept. 16, 1818. Their children were: William (sketch of whom follows); and Mary. The daughter, born May 1, 1762, died Sept. 10, 1819. On Sept. 30, 1787, she married Israel Halleck, of Dutchess county, N. Y., who died March 7, 1839. They had three children: Maria, born July 19, 1788, resided in Guilford; Fritz Greene, poet and writer, born July 8, 1790, was also a resident of Guilford; Nathaniel E., born in 1792, died Sept. 29, 1793.

(V) William Eliot (grandfather of Lewis R.) was born Feb. 10, 1755, in Guilford, where he was a lifetime farmer, dying there Feb. 14, 1833; he was buried in Alderbrook cemetery. He married Nov. 26, 1780, Ruth Rossiter, born in North Guilford April 17, 1757, daughter of Nathaniel and Deborah (Fowler) Rossiter. She died July 19, 1814, the mother of three children: (1) William Horace, Sept. 13, 1781, married to Mary Law; (2) Charles, sketch of whom follows; and (3) George Augustus, born June 6, 1792, married Sarah Brown, and settled in Erie, Pennsylvania.

(VI) Charles Eliot (father of Lewis R.), born July 20, 1787, in Guilford, spent all his life there in farming pursuits, dying in 1870. In Guilford, Oct. 15, 1815, he married Chloe Pardee, born April 5, 1785, a daughter of James Pardee, of East Haven, and six children were born to them: (1) Adeline, born June 28, 1816, married May 12, 1839, Josiah Griswold, of Guilford; he died Dec. 22, 1842, and she married (second) Leveret C. Stone; (2) Lewis Rossiter, sketch of whom follows; (3) Edward, born March 25, 1820, became a merchant in Detroit, Mich.; (4) Sarah Ann, born Nov. 3, 1821, married Dec. 31, 1843, Henry Reeves Spencer, of Guilford; (5) Charles Morgan, born Dec. 8, 1824, resident in Meriden; (6) Ruth, born Nov. 23, 1829, married April 23, 1848, Samuel Augustus Wilcox, of Guilford.

(VII) Lewis Rossiter Eliot, the subject proper of this memoir, was born Jan. 23, 1819, in Guilford, where he followed agricultural pursuits all his life, being a large land owner, and successful in all his operations. As a Democrat, he took a lively interest in the affairs of his party, of which he was one of the leaders in his town. For several years he served as assessor, and filled other offices of trust with marked ability and characteristic fidelity; was a director, and at one time president, of the Guilford Savings Bank. In church matters he always took a lively interest as member of the Episcopal Church, of which he was a vestryman for several years; taken all in all, he was a good, loyal citizen, respected and esteemed. In his domestic relations he was especially happy as a loving husband and kind, indulgent father. Well-read, and possessed of good executive ability, he was often appealed to in intricate matters of business, and at various times

called upon to settle estates. He died June 9, 1893, and was laid to rest in Alderbrook cemetery.

The late Lewis R. Eliot was twice married, first time Dec. 5, 1847, to Fanny Griswold, born in Guilford, Oct. 27, 1823, died Dec. 24, 1856, and one child, Fanny Maria, born March 26, 1853, graced this union. For his second wife Mr. Eliot wedded Nov. 17, 1858, Catherine Graves, a native of Guilford and daughter of Sherman and Ann (Griswold) Graves, to which union came two children: Miss Elizabeth, who was educated in part in Guilford, in part at Mount Holyoke Seminary, Mass.; and Edward, sketch of whom follows. The mother of these, a lady of culture and refinement, is yet living in Guilford.

(VIII) EDWARD ELIOT, only son of the late Lewis R. Eliot, was born in Guilford, Oct. 14, 1861, and received a liberal education at the public and high schools of the locality. He was reared on the home farm of 150 acres, and has ever since operated same, raising tomatoes chiefly, and conducting a dairy.

On Oct. 16, 1889, Edward Eliot married Maud A. Lee, born in Berlin, Wis., a daughter of William W. and Elizabeth (Vedder) Lee, both of whom died in Guilford. Three children have been born to this union, viz.: Elizabeth Maud, July 14, 1890; Lewis R., April 2, 1892; and Catherine Graves, Sept. 5, 1894.

In politics Mr. Eliot is a Democrat; for five years served on the board of burgesses of Guilford; in 1898 was elected warden of the borough; is a member of the school committee; and a director of the Guilford Savings Bank. Socially, he is affiliated with the New England Order of Protection. In religious faith he is a member and vestryman of the Episcopal Church in Guilford.

GRAVES FAMILY. (I) George Graves, the ancestor of Mrs. L. R. Eliot, and the first of the name in Connecticut, was a native of England, whence he came to this country, settling in Hartford, Conn., where he died in 1673. He had three children: George, sketch of whom follows; John, and a daughter.

(II) George Graves, died in Hartford, Dec. 3, 1692. He married, April 2, 1651, Elizabeth Ventnor, and had six children: George; Elizabeth; John, sketch of whom follows; Ruth, wife of John Webb; Mehitabel, wife of James Harrison; and Mercy.

(III) John Graves, born in Hartford, married in 1680, Susannah Webster, born Oct. 26, 1658, and died in 1680, a daughter of Robert Webster, of Middletown; he married (second) Harriet, daughter of Philip Davis. Children: Elizabeth, wife of Ebenezer Dudley; John, sketch of whom follows; Sarah, born Sept. 25, 1698, wife of James Munger; and four other daughters.

(IV) John Graves, born March 3, 1695, in Hartford, moved to East Guilford, and died there April, 1759. He married (first) Phebe Hand March 19,

1719, and (second) Keziah Norton, Aug. 1, 1723. She was born Dec. 21, 1700, and died Oct. 8, 1771. Children: George, born May 30, 1724; Phebe, Jan. 29, 1726, married Enos Hall; Samuel, born Aug. 3, 1728, died Nov. 25, 1730; Joanna, born Oct. 8, 1730; Sarah, born Jan. 23, 1733; John, sketch of whom follows; Submit, Jan. 13, 1738; Keziah, born June 27, 1743, died Oct. 8, 1775; Samuel (2), June 11, 1746; and Rufus, born Sept. 27, 1749, married Elizabeth Benton.

(V) John Graves, born Oct. 9, 1735, in East Guilford, died April 13, 1791. He married Dec. 20, 1760, Elizabeth Graves, born Sept. 24, 1736, died April 17, 1767, a daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Isbell) Graves. He married (second) Sarah Dudley, born March 14, 1744, and died Nov. 17, 1797. Children: John, sketch of whom follows; Merriman, wife of Joseph Bartlett, died Sept. 23, 1791; Titus, married to Rachel Dudley, died in 1814; George died without issue.

(VI) John Graves, born at East Guilford Oct. 16, 1761, died Sept. 28, 1819; married January, 1787, Hannah Crane, born 1764, died Jan. 16, 1852. Children: Henry Crane, born June 12, 1788, married Clarissa Crompton, and died in 1846; Elizabeth Amelia, born Feb. 17, 1791, married Phineas Dudley; Nancy Merriam, born Sept. 10, 1793, died March 16, 1849; Sherman, sketch of whom follows; Rebecca, born March 4, 1798, married W. W. Dowd, and died Oct. 28, 1873; and John Adams, born Sept. 1, 1805, married Amelia Bailey, and died in 1837.

(VII) Sherman Graves, born Sept. 20, 1795, died Sept. 12, 1875; married Nov. 4, 1819, Ann Griswold, daughter of John and Hannah (Dudley) Griswold. Children: Elizabeth, born Sept. 18, 1820, died Sept. 20, 1849; John, born Feb. 17, 1822, married Nancy Landon, and died Nov. 4, 1883; Catherine born May 16, 1824, now the widow of Lewis R. Eliot; and Harriet, born Sept. 26, 1825, died May 18, 1849.

HON. RICHARD R. HEPBURN, judge of probate and clerk of the town of Milford, was born in Milford May 23, 1847, son of Richard and Maria Hepburn, and comes of an excellent line. The Hepburns were of the family famous in Scottish history. Judge Hepburn is a great-grandson of Capt. Peter (born in Stratford) and Mary (Cobb) Hepburn, of Taunton, Mass. Peter was a sea captain previous to the American Revolution, and sailed between the Colonies and Europe. Afterward he had extensive rope walks reaching from River to High street, and his homestead was on the corner of Broad and River streets, where the Taylor Library now stands. In winter he taught navigation, and his nephew, who afterward became celebrated as Commodore Isaac Hull, was among his pupils.

Richard Hepburn (1), youngest son of Capt. Peter, and grandfather of Hon. Richard R., was a



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sea-faring man in early manhood, but afterward engaged in the draying business in New York City. He died in Brooklyn in the year 1865, at the age of eighty-eight, and was buried in Milford. This worthy citizen married Harriet Miles, of Milford, and had seven children, as follows: (1) Thomas was connected with the police force in New York City, and also with the custom house in the same place for a time. He was prominent in the Masonic fraternity. He died in New York, but was buried in Milford. (2) Richard, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below. (3) Henry, who died in San Francisco, was a shipmaster and commanded vessels running between New York, Liverpool and China. He, too, was identified with the Masonic fraternity. (4) Jane (deceased) married Nathaniel C. L'Hommiedieu, who in early life was in the United States navy, and for many years in the employ of the government at the Brooklyn navy yard. (5) Elizabeth (deceased) married John C. O'Connor, who entered the United States navy early in life, and later became a merchant and ship owner, and the possessor of valuable realty in New York City. (6) Harriet married Samuel Bryan, a copper-plate printer in New York, afterward a trusted employe of the government at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, at Washington, D. C. (7) Sarah resides in Milford, Connecticut.

Richard Hepburn (2), our subject's father, was reared in New York City, spending some years of his boyhood as a clerk in a ship chandler's store on South street. He afterward followed the sea, and at the age of twenty-one years was placed in command of a vessel. Much of his time in later years was passed in Milford. During the trouble between this country and Mexico he commanded a troop ship carrying a New York regiment to Matamoros, with our subject on board. When the Rebellion broke out he enlisted in the navy, with the rank of acting ensign, and served as such on board the monitor "Passaic," and other vessels, until the close of the war. A notable incident in his career was the successful voyage to the Canary Islands in the bark "Grapeshot," for the capture of Lu Baker, the man who shot Bill Poole in a theatre in New York City, which event gave Capt. Hepburn a National reputation for rapid passages. He died at Staten Island Jan. 2, 1891. He married Maria J. Curry, who died Sept. 17, 1873. She was a native of Peekskill, N. Y., and her father was a farmer of that town. Two children were born of this union: Richard R. and Fannie, of whom the latter died Aug. 26, 1877, unmarried.

Richard R. Hepburn, the third of the name and the subject of this sketch, attended the schools of Milford when a boy, and completed his course of study in Brooklyn, but he did not go to school after he reached the age of twelve years, the best part of his education having come from contact with the world. During boyhood he made several trips across the Atlantic with his father. For eight-

een or twenty years he was employed by Nathan A. Baldwin, of Milford, the manufacturer of straw hats, but his public duties have since occupied much of his time.

On July 17, 1884, Judge Hepburn married Miss Ella V. Clements, a native of Milford, and an adopted daughter of John F. Clements. One child, Fanny, has blessed this union.

In politics Judge Hepburn is a Republican, and his popularity is shown by the fact that he now holds several public offices, within the gift of his fellow citizens, having served as Town Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics since January, 1895. Judge of Probate since January, 1897, and Judge of the Milford Town Court since July, 1901; he is vice-president of the Milford Savings Bank. Socially he is prominent and belongs to the following fraternal organizations: William Fowler Council, No. 64, Order United American Mechanics, of which lodge he has been recording secretary since its organization; Wepowage Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., with which he united in 1881; and Volunteer Council, No. 819, Royal Arcanum, of which he became a member in 1897. He has recently accepted the secretaryship of the Milford Cemetery Association, and is at the present time clerk and treasurer of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Milford, and a member of the Society's committee.

PROF. WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS is one of the well-known and most highly esteemed citizens of Wallingford, where during his long residence he has won a high place in the regard of the community. His talent and skill as a violinist have brought him considerable renown.

Prof. Williams was born June 18, 1849, on the old Williams homestead, and was reared on the farm. He early displayed remarkable talent for music, and at the age of nine years had mastered the principles of violin playing. His teachers have been among the most distinguished of the world, one the celebrated Prof. Frantz Milcke. For a number of years he has played violin solos in public, charming his audiences, and receiving many expressions of pleasure from them. For several years he conducted the Williams Orchestra, which, during its existence, was one of the best in the State, and he has figured in almost all the prominent concerts and musical gatherings of his section, at one time playing with the well-known Theodore Fleisher. He has written a number of orchestral compositions. Some of the pupils of Prof. Williams have become celebrated, and his name is known far beyond local boundaries. He owns one of the finest old violins in existence. Prof. Williams is interested in several enterprises in the locality of Wallingford. He is the owner of the race track and fair ground site, very valuable land, which he has leased to the Agricultural Society, and to the Wallingford Cycling & Trotting Association. As a

lover and fine judge of good horses, Prof. Williams has become the owner of some fine specimens, and his trotting stock is well known through the State.

Prof. Williams was married, in January, 1878, in Wallingford, to Miss Mary E. Jones, daughter of Charles N. Jones, a merchant of Wallingford, a lady of refinement and culture, who holds an enviable position in the social circles of the city. Seven children have come to this union: Charles Leslie, born in 1878; Robert Cook, in 1881; Sarah Emma, in 1883 (a graduate of the high school, now a bookkeeper); Elsie L., in 1886; Florence, in 1888; Herman, in 1890; and William, in 1895. Prof. Williams is a member and supporter of the Republican party, but is no office seeker. The religious connection of the family is with the Episcopal Church, and they are highly esteemed in Church circles.

Charles Nicholas Jones, father of Mrs. Williams, was born on the old Jones homestead, Sept. 18, 1830, son of Street Jones and a grandson of Nicholas Jones, old settlers of New Haven county. Street Jones was a man of education, became a large land owner, at one time owning 10,000 acres, dealt extensively in cattle and raised many horses. He died at the age of eighty-four. He took an active interest in the welfare of the Democratic party, and served as a member of the State Legislature, as selectman, and in other local offices, taking also an active interest in educational matters. Through his influence school houses were built, charitable institutions were planned, and religious work in the Congregational Church carried on. Street Jones was married in North Haven to Mary Pierpont Eastman, a daughter of Benjamin Eastman, and to this union were born ten children, of whom we have record of the following: Benjamin Trumbull, Peter Eastman, Charles N., Mary P. (who married Charles D. Childs, of Wallingford, Vt.), Sarah, one that died in infancy, Julia (who married and removed to Albany, N. Y.), and Samuel (who became a stock dealer in Kansas).

Charles N. Jones received excellent educational advantages, attending the district school in youth, and later the Connecticut Literary Institute, at Suffield. His home continued to be on the farm until 1870, and he engaged in farming a part of the Cook homestead. In the year mentioned he removed to Wallingford, where he started a grain and feed business, in connection with a grocery, and has been thus engaged for over thirty years. Mr. Jones also owns and operates a farm at Cook's Hill, on which he has a productive peach orchard. Mr. Jones married Ellen Cook, of Cook's Hill, a daughter of John and Mary (Munson) Cook, and a member of an old and representative family. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones: Mary E., the wife of Prof. Williams; Emma, who married William Hodgkinson, of Wallingford; Sarah Cook, who married William Talcott, of Wallingford; and Florence Bertha, now Mrs. Samuel

Chulce. Mrs. Jones died in 1879. In 1889, Mr. Jones married Abbie Bristol, daughter of Uriah Bristol, of Cheshire. Mr. Jones is a prominent member of the Congregational Church. He has served his fellow citizens as selectman, and for six years has been chairman of the board, and is treasurer of the borough. The family is held in high esteem in Wallingford, where Mr. Jones has long been regarded as one of the representative citizens.

EDWARD PAYSON BRETT, one of the oldest builders in New Haven, and a man of stability of character, who possesses the esteem of the community, is a descendant, in the seventh generation, of one of the pioneer settlers of Massachusetts.

William Brett and Margaret, his wife, came from England, in 1645, and with Miles Standish and others, became early settlers of the town of Bridgewater, Mass. He was an elder in the church, and often took the pastor's place.

Nathaniel Brett, son of William and Margaret, married Sarah, daughter of John Hayward.

Seth Brett, son of Nathaniel and Sarah, married Sarah Alden, daughter of Isaac Alden.

Samuel Brett, son of Seth and Sarah, married Hannah, daughter of David Packard.

William Brett, son of Samuel and Hannah, married Molly, daughter of Ezra Allen.

Cyrus Brett, son of William and Molly, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born Oct. 18, 1789, in North Bridgewater, Mass. He married Mary Winchester, who was born in 1802 in Boston, Mass. From 1836 to 1856, Mr. Brett was a successful dealer, in Baltimore, Md., in the line of gent's' furnishing goods, but coming troubles warned him of business disturbance, and he wisely closed out his interests, and returned North, dying in New Haven, Dec. 30, 1864, his wife having passed away but little more than one month previously, on Nov. 9.

Edward Payson Brett was born Sept. 12, 1837, at Baltimore, Md., where he spent his early school days. In March, 1855, he came to New Haven and began work, as an apprentice, with Bristol & Merwin, builders, on Artisan street, working for them until 1863, when he formed a partnership with Horace Hubbell. They continued in business together until 1867, when the partnership was dissolved. In 1869 Mr. Brett entered into partnership with Charles E. Brown, and they continued together until 1880. From 1882 to 1884 Mr. Brett had as a partner C. M. Manning, but for the past seventeen years has been alone. Mr. Brett has built many of the dwelling houses in New Haven, and was entrusted with the work for the Winchester factory. He is one of the most extensive jobbers in New Haven. For the past ten years he has also engaged in the manufacture of boxes. He is noted for his industry and activity, as well as for his high sense of honor in business dealings. On Dec. 24, 1866, Mr. Brett was married to Harriet J. Crossley,

who was born Dec. 25, 1842, at Tariffville, Conn., daughter of Thomas Crossley, of Middletown, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Brett have had children as follows: Mary and Hattie, who died in infancy; Lulu, who is a graduate of the Connecticut State Normal School, at New Haven, and is a teacher in that city; Edna P., a graduate of Hillhouse High School, at New Haven; Thomas C., a graduate of Sheffield Scientific School, class of 1896, and now secretary of the Yale Safe and Iron Co., of New Haven; and William W., also of that city. Since the spring of 1881 the family home has been in Gilbert avenue. Mr. Brett is a Mason, holding membership in Wooster Lodge No. 70, and is a member of the United Congregational Church, of New Haven. In politics he is a Republican, and his first Presidential vote was cast for Lincoln.

ELLSWORTH B. COOPER, the well-known and popular town clerk and treasurer of Hamden, is a native of that town, born in Centerville, Sept. 25, 1838.

Charles Cooper, his father, was born in the town of Hamden, Jan. 29, 1798, a son of Ezra Cooper, and during his youth learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in New Haven for some time. Going subsequently to Whitneyville he was employed in the gun factory there until about 1836 or '37, and, after leaving the gun factory, built a blacksmith shop at Centerville, where he followed his trade for twelve or fifteen years. He resided at Centerville for many years before his death, which occurred Feb. 11, 1872. He married Laura Cadwell, who was born Oct. 8, 1807, on the Pardee homestead in Centerville, in the same house where our subject's birth occurred. She was a daughter of Elizur and Esther (Pardee) Cadwell (the latter a daughter of Joseph and Esther Pardee), and died Feb. 6, 1879, and was buried in Centerville cemetery, where her husband also rests. Elizur Cadwell came from Durham, Conn., to Centerville, where he followed his trade, that of blacksmith. In the family of Charles and Laura Cooper were five children of whom two grew to adult age. Charles Whitney, the eldest, was born in 1836, and served one year as a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted in 1861, in Company K, 6th Conn. V. I.; he has never married and is now a resident of Centerville. Charles Cooper was a Democrat in political faith, and took a deep interest in his party's success, but he was in no sense a politician. Mrs. Cooper was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Ellsworth B. Cooper acquired his primary education in the district schools of Hamden, which he attended until 1851, and then entered a select school conducted by Miss Elizabeth H. Dickerman, where he remained two years (this school was at the present location of Mt. Carmel Children's Home). Subsequently he was a student in the North Haven Academy under Miss Eunice Linsley, and later attended Stiles French's boarding school in Wall

street in New Haven. In 1858 he commenced teaching, and successfully followed that profession for several years, in the public schools of North Branford, North Haven and Hamden. In 1867 he was assistant teacher in Rev. H. H. Noble's boarding school, of Brookfield, Litchfield Co., Conn., and the following year taught at Mt. Carmel. In 1871 Mr. Cooper commenced clerking in the store of Eneas Warner, of Centerville, and remained with him until 1877. In 1876 he was elected town clerk and treasurer of Hamden, which offices he most creditably and satisfactorily filled until November, 1900, when he resigned the position of treasurer, but he still continues to serve as town clerk.

Mr. Cooper was married Oct. 9, 1889, to Miss Julia A. Culver, of North Haven, a daughter of Samuel Culver, and a successful teacher in North Haven and Wallingford, Conn. In December, 1874, our subject joined Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M. Politically he is independent. As a citizen he ever stands ready to discharge all duties devolving upon him, and the best years of his life have been devoted to the interests of his town and county. A most courteous, obliging official whose competency and efficiency may be judged from the length of his service in town office, few men are better known throughout the community, or have more warm friends than Ellsworth B. Cooper.

KENDRICK HARVEY SIMONS, the well known contractor and builder of Waterbury, Conn., was born in Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., March 11, 1838.

Sylvanus Simons, his grandfather, was a farmer in Massachusetts, where several of the Simons brothers had settled at a point then called "Simons Pond," and there he reared a family of seven children, of whom we have the following record: Solomon was a farmer, and reared a large family, most of whom went to Ohio, in which State he, too, passed the latter years of his life; Harvey was the father of our subject; Hiram was a farmer; Daniel and Philip also followed the same calling; Mary was the next in order of birth; and Eunice was the youngest.

Harvey Simons, his father, was a native of Sandisfield, Mass. (just over the Connecticut line), born June 13, 1795, and his death occurred Dec. 4, 1877. He was reared a farmer. His wife, who was Dianthy Bailey, a daughter of Andrew Bailey, a Massachusetts farmer, died at the age of fifty-two years, the mother of four children, viz.: Darwin, who was a soldier of the Civil war, and is now a mechanic in Waterbury; Juliette, widow of Hiram Andrews, late of Norfolk, Conn.; Andrew B. and Kendrick H., both mentioned below.

Andrew B. Simons was born in Goshen, Conn., April 2, 1833, and like his younger brother, Kendrick H., is a carpenter and builder. He lived on his father's farm in Massachusetts until seventeen years of age, and then came to Connecticut, where

under Joseph Bunnell at Winsted, Litchfield Co., he learned the carpenter's trade. He remained with Mr. Bunnell two or three years, and then worked in Torrington, Ansonia, Bridgeport, and other places until 1852, when he came to Waterbury, where he has since been actively engaged as a contractor and builder, with the exception of two years passed in the Pennsylvania oil regions. During this period of over half a century he erected, for three or four years, 150 houses per year, many of them at a cost of \$15,000 each. In 1865 he moved to his present place in the southern part of Waterbury, which, in his honor, is now called Simonsville, he having been the principal factor in developing that part of the city. In 1854, Andrew B. Simons married Julia Ann Taylor, who was born in Willimantic, Conn., a daughter of John Taylor. Two children have blessed this union: Charles H., a carpenter; and Ida, who is married to George E. Shay, of Woodbury. In politics Mr. Simons was formerly a Democrat, as was his father, but after the Civil war he became an ardent Republican. Although he has been foreman of Fire Company No. 1, and also first assistant of the fire department, he has not escaped the devastation of the fiery fiend, and within two months lost twenty tenements through its malevolence. Mr. Simons is a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., of Waterbury. With his family he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, by the members of which they are all most highly esteemed, as well as by society at large. Mr. Simons is a public-spirited man in the broad sense of the word.

Kendrick H. Simons was reared on the Sandisfield homestead until sixteen years of age, then came to Connecticut and for two years worked in a cutlery factory at Winsted. In 1857 he came to Waterbury and learned the carpenter's trade with his brother Andrew B. Simons. At this trade he worked as a journeyman about fifteen years. He spent the year 1865 in Titusville, Pa., at that time the principal center of petroleum oil, and began then to contract and build on his personal account. Being artistic and skillful, he has met with unusual success, and many of the more elegant, as well as the ordinary, buildings that dot the streets of Waterbury and its suburbs, attest his mastership of his trade.

On Jan. 3, 1866, Kendrick H. Simons married Maria Antoinette Neal, a native of Burlington, Hartford county, Conn., and a daughter of Ira T. Neal, of Winsted, Conn. Two children were born of this union: Herbert A., who died at the age of four years; and Irving N., who passed away at the age of twenty-six, when he had nearly completed his studies in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. The latter had married Aug. 15, 1895, Miss Emma Michaux, who with one child, Mildred N., survives him. In politics Mr. Simons is a Republican, and in religious belief both he and his wife are members of the Advent Church.

Ira T. Neal was of Scotch extraction, and his oc-

cupation was that of a mechanic. He married Rachel M. Bradley, who bore him three children: George W., deceased; Jane M., wife of Charles C. Lathrop, of Bridgeport; and Maria Antoinette, wife of Kendrick H. Simons. Mr. Neal passed away June 14, 1880, and his wife survived until June 17, 1893, when she, too, entered into rest.

EDWIN SOMERS PARMELEE, one of the progressive business men of Wallingford, New Haven Co., Conn., and Thomasville, N. C., was born April 16, 1834, in Southbury, New Haven county.

Walter Parmelee, his father, was born Nov. 12, 1808, in Newtown, Conn., and died Dec. 7, 1886, in the city of Wallingford. He was a wagonmaker, and followed that occupation throughout life. In 1881 he retired from active life and came to Wallingford, to spend his remaining years with his sons. Previous to his coming to this city he had a little wagon shop in Southbury, and always had been a very active and industrious man. In 1828 Mr. Parmelee married Miss Harriet Dikeman, of Newtown. Both were members of the Episcopal Church, and in later years attended the Methodist Chapel at Southville. A Democrat, and very well informed in current questions, Mr. Parmelee was, however, too much pressed with business cares to take much interest in the machinery of the party organization. Mr. and Mrs. Parmelee were the parents of two children, Edwin S. and Bruce Leavenworth, the latter at present living in Wallingford.

Amos Parmelee, the father of Walter Parmelee, was a wagonmaker; he married Mary Somers, and lived in Newtown, Conn. Noah Parmelee, father of Amos, came from England, and was a manufacturer of saddle trees. He married a Scotch woman. The Parmelees have always been woodworkers.

Edwin Somers Parmelee acquired his education in the common schools of his native town, and on leaving school went into his father's shop to learn wagonmaking. When he was twenty-three he left home, and went to Naugatuck to take the position of foreman in the factory of the Naugatuck Wheel Co. There he remained until 1860, when he purchased a piece of timber land in Southbury, and began to make heavy wagons and carts. In 1864 he bought a wheel factory, and a farm in Woodbury, where he was busily employed until 1872, in which year the factory was destroyed by fire. Shortly after this catastrophe Mr. Parmelee, in company with his brother-in-law, Bryant A. Treat, purchased the Naugatuck Wheel Co., and became president thereof. They conducted the plant very successfully until 1878, when it was removed to Wallingford in connection with the Wallingford Wheel Co., which they had purchased some two years before. On May 30, 1888, the Wallingford factory was struck by lightning, and entirely destroyed by fire. Mr. Parmelee sold his interest to the American Wheel Co., and retired from the business before it was resumed. The same year he bought the Thomas-



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ville (N. C.) Spoke Works, and the next year the Newton (N. C.) Spoke & Handle Works. He conducted both until 1808, when they were consolidated at Thomasville, where he is still engaged in business. About seventy-five men are employed in the works at Thomasville. Mr. Parmelee is also largely interested in native lumber, and in this line gives employment to quite a number.

On Sept. 14, 1859, Mr. Parmelee was married to Miss Mary A. Treat, of Oxford, a daughter of Atwater Treat, and a direct descendant of Gov. Treat. Their children are as follows: (1) Jennie M., born Aug. 4, 1862, was married Oct. 6, 1880, to Seymour G. Baldwin, a wholesale lumber dealer of Wallingford, son of the late Dr. Vincent Baldwin, of Wallingford. They have had the following children—Mary E., born Sept. 30, 1884; Walter P., born June 13, 1889; Elizabeth G., born Aug. 26, 1892; and Edwin Seymour, born July 21, 1881 (died Oct. 28, 1881). (2) Hattie Elizabeth, born June 2, 1865, married Aug. 30, 1893, Robert C. Canby, a native of Philadelphia. Mr. Canby is a metallurgist, and has charge of a smelter in San-Luis-Potosi, Mexico, the largest in that country. (3) Mary Rebecca, born June 22, 1868, is now bookkeeper in the office of her father's spoke works at Thomasville. (4) Eva Treat, born Nov. 11, 1874, is at home. (5) Sarah Edwina, born Aug. 30, 1881, is at present taking a finishing course in German and French in Coburg, Germany. Mr. Parmelee was born and bred a Democrat, but he is unalterably opposed to the ratio of 16 to 1. The entire family are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

JUDGE JAMES R. CAMPBELL is one of the most favorably known citizens of the town of Wallingford, where he holds the position of Deputy Judge of Wallingford Police Court. He was born in Windham, N. H., Nov. 14, 1829, and belongs to the celebrated Scotch Campbells. For hundreds of years the various generations of this family have been conspicuous in Scotland. Among the stoutest followers of Oliver Cromwell, they were given a tract of land in Derry, Ireland, which they abandoned after the restoration of Charles II, and came to New Hampshire, where many of their descendants may still be found. Some have penetrated into other parts of the United States, and wherever they have gone, their upright, honorable and industrious lives have done credit to the New Hampshire Campbells.

Henry Campbell, born in Ireland, located in the Derry colony in New Hampshire, and took an active part in the French and Indian war. He became the father of five children: (1) Daniel, born in Windham, N. H., in 1737, became a land owner, and there died. (2) John, born 1747, served in the Revolution, and died in 1823. He married Molly Campbell. (3) Jane Hylands. (4) Sophia L. (5) David.

David Campbell, born in Windham, N. H., in

1757, died March 11, 1830. He was a farmer and mill owner, and erected the first carding mill in that part of the State. A soldier in the Continental army, he served at the battles of Bunker Hill, Long Island and Bennington, being twice wounded at Bunker Hill, and also in the Cherry Valley campaign. Elizabeth Dickey, his wife, became the mother of the following children: (1) Rachel, who died single; (2) Mary; (3) Martha, who married and lived in Francetown, N. H.; (4) David, who was twice married, first to Mary Marden, and second to Mehitabel Marden; (5) James; (6) Hannah, who married James Clark Cloyd; (7) John.

John Campbell was born July 17, 1803, was educated in the common schools, and was reared a farmer boy. Much success attended his labors and he spent his last years in Nashua. An active and devoted Methodist, he was a trustee of the church and a faithful worker for its advancement. Mr. Campbell was also deeply interested in school matters, and was a strong advocate of public education. In politics he was a Whig. On May 29, 1828, John Campbell was married to Hannah Pierson, who was born in Nashua, a daughter of Captain Joshua Pierson. To this union were born four children: James R., born Nov. 14, 1829; Charles; Caroline; John.

James R. Campbell attended the public schools of Nashua, and for two and a half years was a student in the engineering department of the West Point Military Academy, but was compelled by his ill health to give up the course. In 1852 Mr. Campbell removed to Yonkers, N. Y., where he engaged in the contracting business in company with Deboise & Hendrick, dock and bridge builders, remaining with them until 1865. That year, again consulting his health, which had failed him, he came to Wallingford, and bought the farm on which his home is now made. For a number of years he was engaged in manufacturing, and in 1878 became interested in a brown-stone quarry, to which he gave his attention for sixteen years, when he retired from every kind of business interests except his farm.

Judge Campbell is a man well known in Wallingford for his upright character and genial manner. He is much respected in the community, and has been a leader in every kind of forward movement. To the schools especially does he give a willing service, serving on the Central District Committee, and on the building committees of the Colony Street School and the High School.

Judge Campbell was married Nov. 28, 1852, to Jane Barnes, who was born in Litchfield, N. H., a daughter of Reuben and Rebecca (Martin) Barnes, and a granddaughter of Joseph Barnes (who was a physician and surgeon in the war of the Revolution), and of Dr. Amos Martin (who served in the war of 1812). To this union were born the following children: (1) Charles, born in March, 1855, died April 3, 1879. (2) Ida E., born July 20, 1857, married Dec. 27, 1877, Rev. L. E. Rockwell,

a Methodist minister, of Portland, Oregon, and has one son, Foster, born in September, 1880. (3) Jennie, born May 29, 1869, was educated in the Wallingford schools and at Smith College, graduating from the latter in June, 1893; she also studied one year in the graduate school at Yale College, giving special attention to the classics. At the present time she is teaching Greek and Latin in the Wallingford High School, and her work there is highly appreciated. Mrs. Rockwell was also a teacher before her marriage.

Mrs. Campbell taught school when a young woman, and is a lady of education and refinement. Much devoted to her husband and family, she is a consistent Christian woman. Mr. Campbell is a Republican, and a staunch party man, but has never had a hunger for political position. He was elected Deputy Judge in 1897. For twenty years he has been a trustee of the Yalesville Methodist Church, to which his wife and daughters also belong. Since 1851 Judge Campbell has been a member of the Odd Fellows.

HON. GROVE J. TUTTLE, who, for a quarter of a century and more, has been a member of the New Haven County Bar, and a useful citizen in his community, has descended from one of the Colony who settled New Haven, in 1639.

William Tuttle, the emigrant ancestor of Grove J. Tuttle, with his wife Elizabeth and three children, sailed in the ship "Planter" from London, England, to New England, in 1630, landing at Boston, and later were of the colony which settled New Haven, in 1639. From this William Tuttle, our subject, is a descendant in the seventh generation, his line being through Jonathan, Nathaniel, Nathaniel (2), Jesse and Jesse Tuttle (2).

Jonathan Tuttle, son of William, the emigrant, baptized in Charlestown, Mass., in 1637, married Rebecca, a daughter of Lieut. Francis Bell, of Stamford. Mr. Tuttle began a settlement near the Quinnipiac river in what is now the southern part of the town of North Haven, in about 1670, and built a bridge over the river which was long known as Tuttle's bridge. He died in 1705.

Nathaniel Tuttle, son of Jonathan, born in 1676, married Esther Blakeslee, and died in 1728. Nathaniel Tuttle (2), son of Nathaniel, born in 1714, married first in 1737, Mary, a daughter of Josiah Todd, who died in 1742; and second he married Abigail Ingham.

Jesse Tuttle, son of Nathaniel (2), born in 1750, married first Lucy, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Alling) Dickerman, of Hamden, and second, Eunice Gilbert. Mr. Tuttle was chosen tythingman of Hamden for the year 1794; grand juror in 1798; one of the surveyors of highways, in 1803; and a selectman, in 1805, 1806, 1807 and 1808; and as representative in General Assembly for several terms. He died in Hamden, in 1849.

Jesse Tuttle (2), son of Jesse, of Hamden, and

the father of Hon. Grove J. Tuttle, of New Haven, was born Aug. 18, 1802, and first married Dec. 29, 1825, Dencey R., daughter of John B. Johnson, of Wallingford. She died in 1840, and his second marriage took place May 1, 1842, to Lucinda, daughter of Willoughby Williams, of Wallingford. To the first marriage were born John, Lucy and Charles R., and to the second marriage, Dwight W. and Grove J.

Grove J. Tuttle was born in the town of Wallingford, Conn., April 2, 1851. His early education was acquired in the public schools of New Haven, and in the High school of that city and then he entered upon the study of law, under the direction of Charles H. Fowler, and was admitted to the bar in New Haven, in 1874, and has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in that city, meeting with deserved success.

Mr. Tuttle has held various local offices in a manner creditable to himself, and satisfactory to his fellow-citizens. A number of times (1879, 1886 and 1893) he has ably represented his town in the General Assembly of the State. For twenty-five years, Mr. Tuttle has been an efficient member of the school board of which he has been president for ten years; for twenty-five years also has been justice of the peace; three terms he has served as grand juror; and was appointed county auditor for 1893-1894. He held the office of prosecuting agent for New Haven County for two years, from 1893 until 1895. In 1898 he was the Democratic candidate for State Senator from the Seventh district, and though defeated reduced the Republican majority from 2621 in 1896, to 880 in 1898.

On June 8, 1887, Mr. Tuttle was married to Miss Emma J., daughter of Eber and Almira Downs, of New Haven, the former of whom was formerly a farmer of Woodbridge, and died at the age of fifty years; the mother died in 1901, aged eighty years. Mrs. Tuttle has one sister, now the wife of L. W. Hotchkiss, of Shelton. Socially he is popular in Adelphi Lodge, F. & A. M., and is considered one of the leading men in New Haven.

CAPT. OLIVER N. BROOKS, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the town of Guilford, and a member of the Legislature, was born in West Brook, Conn., Feb. 7, 1822, a son of Nathan Brooks. Simeon Brooks, an uncle of the Captain, was a prominent manufacturer in the town of Chester.

Nathan Brooks was a stone-cutter by trade. He married Nancy A. Clark, a daughter of Joseph Clark, a farmer in Chester, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and a man of much character and ability. After marriage Nathan Brooks was located for a time at Westbrook, but afterward removed to Killingworth, where he followed his trade for many years. In 1839 he located at Guilford, where he made his home until his death at the ripe age of eighty-eight years, and was

buried in the Guilford cemetery. He was a Democrat in early life, but in his last years was a Republican. Mrs. Nathan Brooks also died in Guilford and was buried in the same cemetery. The few who are alive to remember her speak well of her as a woman of high character and religious faith. She was the mother of thirteen children, three of whom died in infancy. Those who lived to maturity are the following: (1) Julius died in 1849. (2) Zera C. resides in Derby, Conn., at the age of eighty-one years. (3) Roxanna M., the widow of George H. Chapman, of Saybrook, for many years a merchant in Boston, is living in Winchester, Mass. (4) Capt. Oliver N. (5) Eliza F. is the widow of James H. Prince, of Winchester, Mass. (6) Laura A. married Frederick H. Fowler, and both are deceased. (7) John G. was drowned in Nebraska in 1859, while on his way to California. (8) Julia A. married Richard H. Woodward, a real-estate man in Long Branch, N. J. (9) Cynthia E. married Erastus H. Cusby. (10) Frances E. married R. H. Chipman, a coal dealer in New York, who has his home in Philadelphia.

Capt. Oliver N. Brooks removed with his parents to Clinton when he was four years old, and there attended the public school and the academy. When thirteen years of age he went out as a cabin boy with Capt. Eldikin, on board the schooner "Planet," making a short voyage from Clinton to Philadelphia to take on a coal cargo for New Haven. From this humble beginning he worked himself up in rank to a position as commander and master, when he was only nineteen years old. At that early age he was perfectly competent to command a vessel, and the first in his charge was the sloop "Ostrich." For eleven years he commanded different vessels in the Atlantic coast-wise trade. In 1851 Capt. Brooks was appointed keeper of the Faulkners Island Lighthouse, receiving his appointment from Thomas Corwin, Secretary of the Treasury, and for thirty-one years he was always at his post of duty, and rendered valiant service in the rescue and service of those imperilled by wind and water. During his long term of activity over one hundred vessels were stranded near the Island; in seventy-one of these disasters, eight of which were total wrecks, Capt. Brooks rendered valuable assistance in an open boat, often at the great peril of his life. One noble rescue he effected was that of the crew of the schooner "Moses F. Webb," which went ashore on Goose Island on Nov. 23, 1858. Single handed and alone he rescued the crew, and his daring efforts won the applause of the whole country. Many valuable and touching letters and testimonials were sent him, and are now preserved as valuable mementoes of a noble deed.

From the Life Saving Benevolent Association of New York he received a letter of ardent appreciation, accompanying the bestowal of a gold medal, only bestowed where "Life has been exposed in saving life," which was signed by Daniel Lord,

the vice-president of the association. The medal bears this inscription: "Presented to Oliver N. Brooks, keeper of the Faulkners Island Light, for rescuing with great courage and humanity four lives from the wreck of the schooner Moses F. Webb, on the 23rd of November, A. D. 1858." The value of this medal was fifty dollars, and its weight forty dollars.

From the citizens of New Haven he received the following letter, bearing date Dec. 6, 1858:

"Impressed by the account of your bravery on the 23rd of November, 1858, in rescuing five persons from the wreck of the schooner Moses F. Webb, at the hazard of your own life, we have procured the accompanying testimonial of our admiration of your courage and your humanity. We present your wife the salver and tea set, your children the cups and napkin rings, and yourself the purse containing \$126, in the hope that your example may encourage others to succor the imperilled. That your life may long be spared and your health and prosperity be continued is the earnest wish of yours respectfully, Washington Webb. In behalf of Thos. R. Trowbridge; Hotchkiss Bros. & Co.; L. W. & P. Armstrong; E. C. Scranton; James W. Brester; Canfield & Spencer; D. M. Welch; English, Atwater & White; George D. English; C. L. English; Minott A. Osborn; D. S. Graves; S. W. King; C. T. Candee; P. A. Pinkman; Dr. Bishop; E. A. Mitchell; T. Q. Betts; R. Chapman; C. B. Whittlesey; City Fire Insurance Co., N. H.; William Comer (Secretary Springfield Fire Insurance Co.); S. A. Thomas; Fred Lines; S. W. Mansfield; Wylie & Brother; C. P. Hubbell; Lawrence, Bradley & Pardee; Lindsley & Carlisle; James E. English; Lucas Gilbert; S. L. Smith & Co.; Sylvanus Butler; S. D. Cooley, Jr.; D. A. Benjamin; C. M. Ingersoll; Bishop & Bros.; W. A. Ensign; Wm. B. Johnson; S. B. M. Huges; S. Punderford; Leonard Daggett; S. S. Griffing; S. S. Atwater; D. S. Glenney; Isaac Thompson; W. T. Bradley & Co.; Isaac Anderson; Bushnell & Co.; L. Treadway & Co.; D. Trowbridge; Solomon Collis; John Walker; H. J. Norton; M. R. Shepard; S. G. Peck; John W. Russell; C. S. Chaplain; E. Arnold & Co.; Benjamin Noyes; C. H. Tuttle; E. Marble; Cowles & Leete; Strong & Hall; E. E. Hall; R. P. Cowles; Joel Ives; D. Killam & Co.; F. L. Bostwick; C. O. Crosby; S. R. Spencer; S. S. Rowland; S. E. Stone; Saml. Rowland; Edw. Bromley; D. S. Stout; J. H. Benham; N. D. Sperry; Alfred Blackman; W. T. Eustis, Jun.; G. S. Sheffield; and W. Bristol."

The original documents are in script, executed by D. Stanton, beautifully done, and could not be duplicated for less than thirty dollars. The salver bears the following inscription: "Presented to Mrs. Mary M. Brooks, by the citizens of New Haven, in honor of the noble conduct of her husband, Capt. Oliver N. Brooks, who at the peril of his own, saved the lives of five persons from a wrecked ves-

sel during a storm in Long Island Sound, on the 23d of November, in 1858." The salver alone is worth \$80. At this time the citizens of Guilford presented him with a membership in the Masonic lodge.

During Capt. Brooks' term of service in the lighthouse many improvements were made, such as the introduction of kerosene oil. He had three assistants from 1866 to 1882, in which latter year he retired from the service, with a record of which any man might be proud. Locating on the old homestead in Guilford, he became interested in real estate at Sachem's Head, where he built a number of summer cottages. In 1887 he went to California, and located in Arch Beach, where he was in business, and where he spent three years. During this time he was appointed postmaster, and visited many places of interest in the southern part of the State. In 1890 Capt. Brooks came back to his Guilford home, and has since lived retired from active business. The Captain is a keen observer, and a fine conversationalist, being a well-read man and widely informed on all current topics. Capt. Brooks was elected to the Legislature in 1892, though he is a Democrat, and was a member of the Committee on Temperance. In 1898 he was again elected by a good majority.

On Jan. 4, 1846, Capt. Brooks was married to Mary M., who was born in Guilford, a daughter of John and Betsy (Field) Hart; she was a lady of a charming personality, with fine artistic tastes, and was highly esteemed by those who had the privilege of her acquaintance. In her home are many creations of her artistic skill, especially noticeable being preparations of rare and beautiful sea shells, which evidence her love of nature. Mrs. Brooks died Oct. 28, 1899, and was buried in Guilford cemetery. The Captain and Mrs. Brooks were the parents of three children: (1) Oliver N., Jr., who died in infancy; (2) Mary E., who married Henry I. Thrall, formerly of Guilford, now of Cuba, has two children, Allison Irwin and Edith Amelia, both born in Riverside, Cal.; (3) Nancy Amelia, who married Edwin G. Hewsted, a nephew of Prof. Cyrus Northrop, president of the University of Minnesota, and has two children, Oliver Brooks and Edwin G. Capt. Brooks is a skilled taxidermist, and has a valuable collection of animals and birds. Mrs. Thrall, his daughter, has much ability in music and art.

HARVEY W. BEACH, late of Branford, where in his lifetime he was a successful and popular business man, was born May 1, 1834, in that borough, a son of Timothy and Esther (Cook) Beach. The father, a native of Branford, and a farmer all his life, was a son of Andrew Beach. The maternal grandfather of Harvey W. Beach was Joseph Cook, a resident of Branford for many years, who married a Miss Wheadon. He served as a private in the war of the Revolution.

Harvey W. Beach grew to manhood in Branford, where he obtained his education in the common schools. A miller by trade, he owned and operated a combined grist and sawmill. For many years he was in the ice business. During the Civil war Mr. Beach was a member of Company B, 27th Conn. V. I., enlisting Aug. 22, 1862. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, was taken prisoner May 3, 1863, incarcerated in Libby prison six days later, and paroled on the 21st of the same month. Mr. Beach was honorably discharged at New Haven after nine months' service. For some five years after his return from the war he was a member of the State militia, in which he rose to the rank of captain.

On coming home Mr. Beach resumed his business of milling, and carried it on until his death, May 3, 1881. He was married, Nov. 16, 1859, to Cornelia Hubbard, daughter of Richard and Rhoda (Andrews) Hubbard, of Durham, Conn., and to them were born nine children: (1) Willys E., born Dec. 27, 1857, married Frederica Miller, and has one son, Lewis, born March 8, 1880. (2) Anzonitta, born Dec. 20, 1858, died Dec. 12, 1863. (3) Isaac P., born March 20, 1860, married Grace Wheeler; they had no children. (4) Harvey E., born Aug. 14, 1861, died Aug. 30, 1862. (5) Cornelia A., born Jan. 20, 1863, married Walter Boynton, and has two children—Nellie May, born May 15, 1885, and Clarence N., born April 29, 1888. (6) Fred A. M., born Feb. 28, 1868, died April 11, 1899. (7) Clara L., born Jan. 4, 1871, died Oct. 2, 1891. (8) Edna L., born Sept. 15, 1873, died Jan. 3, 1874. (9) Ada V. was born Nov. 8, 1877.

Mr. Beach was a member of the Baptist Church, with which his widow also unites. He was enrolled in Widows' Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M. In politics he was a Republican.

RUFUS M. GILLETTE, an honored and highly respected citizen of Naugatuck, who is now living a retired life, was born in Prospect, this county, March 30, 1829, and is of French descent. His paternal grandfather, Benjamin Gillette, was born in France, and on his emigration to America located on a farm in Milford, New Haven Co., Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life. He had only two children: Garret, father of our subject; and Benjamin, who never married and was engaged throughout life in farming in Milford.

Garret Gillette was born and reared in Milford, and there he was married, Oct. 23, 1804, to Nancy Platt, of the same town, but shortly after his marriage he removed to Prospect and located upon a farm, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there April 16, 1874. His wife passed away May 6, 1841. To them were born eleven children, as follows: Abigail, born Jan. 1, 1810, married Lucius Talmadge, a farmer of Prospect, now deceased, and she died in March, 1892; George S.,



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born March 26, 1811, was a mechanic, and died in Seymour; Martha, born June 19, 1813, died Oct. 22, 1835; Nancy, born Nov. 4, 1815, died Aug. 29, 1836; Jonathan, born June 19, 1817, was a carpenter of Prospect and died in 1880; Mary, born Sept. 18, 1819, married Harry Smith, a manufacturer of Prospect, and died Jan. 1, 1877; William, born Nov. 12, 1821, was a farmer of Milford, and died in 1878; Sarah Ann, born Jan. 8, 1824, is the widow of Harry Morse, a farmer of Prospect; Bennett, born Sept. 5, 1826, was a carpenter of Prospect, and died in 1876; Rufus M., our subject, is next in order of birth; and Garret, born Feb. 4, 1831, was a farmer of Prospect, and died Dec. 8, 1878.

The boyhood and youth of Rufus M. Gillette were passed in Prospect, and his education was acquired in its district schools. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade with his brother, and continued to follow the same throughout his active business life, but for the last three years he has lived retired. On April 1, 1896, he removed from Prospect to Naugatuck, where he owns a beautiful home and is surrounded by all the comforts which make life worth the living.

Mr. Gillette was married, May 20, 1854, to Miss Abigail Payne, also a native of Prospect and a daughter of Stephen and Abigail (Doolittle) Payne, who were born in the same town. Her maternal grandfather was Joseph Doolittle, a farmer of Prospect. In early life her father was a speculator and manufacturer of buttons, but later engaged in the hotel business in Naugatuck, Waterbury and Milford. He died in 1892, and her mother departed this life in 1854. To our subject and his wife were born three children, namely: Rubie, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Mary, wife of George W. Andrew, of Naugatuck; and Joseph, an electrician of New London, Connecticut.

Politically Mr. Gillette is identified with the Republican party, and in 1888 he represented his town in the State Legislature. He and his family are influential members of the Congregational Church, and he has always taken an active part in church work. He has championed every movement designed to promote the general welfare, has supported every enterprise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of all social, educational and moral interests. After a useful and honorable career he can well afford to lay aside all business cares and live in ease and retirement at his elegant home in Naugatuck, which, in its appointments, evinces the refinement and culture of the inmates.

JOSEPH T. BEARD. The Beard family is one of the oldest and most prominent in the town of Milford, and the old homestead, now occupied by the subject of this sketch, has been held by the family since 1639—the only tract of land in town which can show a title running unchanged in one family since the first settlement. The Fowler prop-

erty, with which the Beard homestead formerly divided that honor, has changed hands, being sold first to George Gunn, and by him to the New Haven Water Company.

Joseph T. Beard traces his descent from Capt. John Beard, the pioneer, through Benjamin, son of Capt. John; Joseph; Benjamin, who married Abigail Clark; Andrew; and Joseph Beard, his father.

Andrew Beard, our subject's grandfather, was born March 3, 1752, on his farm in Milford. During the Revolutionary war he served as a soldier. He married Susan Rogers (who was born in Milford) Nov. 30, 1779, and eleven children came of this union: Sally, 1781; Andrew, 1784; Andrew (2), 1786; Benjamin, 1788; Susan, 1790; Abigail, 1793; Abigail (2), 1794; Mariah, 1796; David, 1798; Joseph, 1800 (father of our subject); and Minerva, 1802.

Joseph Beard was born in Milford in May, 1800, and, like his ancestors, carried on farming as an occupation. Politically he was a Whig, and later a Republican. His death occurred Oct. 4, 1870, from an accident on a railway. He married Mary Ann Baldwin, daughter of Hezekiah Baldwin, of Milford, and she lived to the good old age of ninety-two, dying Feb. 17, 1892.

Joseph T. Beard was born in Milford April 19, 1840, and, as the only child, inherited the homestead. He attended the district schools near his home and the high school at Milford, and on leaving school at the age of nineteen gave his attention to farming as a business. He is a general farmer, and is noted for his excellent management. At present the farm comprises 200 acres, a portion of his inheritance at the site of Naugatuck Junction having been sold to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company.

Politically Mr. Beard is a Republican, and he and his family are members of the Congregational Church. In 1872 he married Miss Alice A. Davis, of Seymour, Conn., and they have had five children: Nellie is a school teacher in Milford; Ernest T., a farmer in Milford, married Fannie W. Booth, of Shelton; Alice married Fred M. Smith, of Milford; Warren is a machinist of Bridgeport, Conn.; and Harold is at home.

Mrs. Alice A. (Davis) Beard is of Welsh descent in the paternal line, and her family is well known in Seymour, where her grandfather, Dr. James W. Davis, practiced medicine at an early day. Her father, Henry P. Davis, was born in Smithtown, Montgomery Co., N. Y., May 16, 1818, and spent the greater portion of his life in Seymour. His death occurred there March 31, 1885. By occupation he was an axmaker and later a farmer. He married for his second wife Almira Steele Holcomb, who was born in Seymour Feb. 22, 1810, and died March 20, 1885. Of their three children, George S. is a mechanic in Waterbury, Conn.; Burr S. is a miner in California; and Alice A. married our subject. The Steele family is one of the oldest in

Seymour, and Mrs. Beard's maternal grandfather, Deacon Bradford Steele, served for about eight months in the Revolutionary army, enlisting about July 10, 1777, as a lad of sixteen. His wife, Ruth Wheeler, was born Sept. 17, 1705, a daughter of Simeon Wheeler, and died Feb. 20, 1856. Her mother, Sarah Baldwin, who was born April 11, 1746, and died May 13, 1826, married first a Mr. Wheeler, and second Capt. Bradford Steele. In this line Mrs. Beard is a descendant of Sylvester Baldwin, the pioneer, the line being traced as follows: Sylvanius, son of the pioneer; Richard; Timothy; and Capt. Timothy Baldwin, father of Sarah Baldwin Wheeler.

WEBSTER. This well known and numerous family of New England traces its line of descent to John Webster, fifth Colonial governor of Connecticut, who landed in Massachusetts Sept. 4, 1635. He and his wife Agnes left Warwickshire, England, in the spring, and settled first in Cambridge, Mass. During that year a company of one hundred persons was organized to form a Colony on the banks of the Connecticut river, and in June, 1636, a well ordered band set forth. Gentlemen of fortune and rank and delicately bred ladies were there, and bravely endured the hardships of that journey over mountains, through swamps, across rivers, and drove their flocks and herds before them.

In Benjamin Trumbull's "History of Connecticut" we find the following: "For twenty years Mr. John Webster had been annually chosen into the magistracy of Connecticut, being elected Governor in 1656. At the election in Hartford, May 17, 1655, Thomas Wells was elected Governor, and John Webster Deputy Governor. At the election in 1656 John Webster was elected Governor, and Thomas Wells Deputy Governor. At the election in 1657 John Winthrop was elected Governor, Thomas Wells Deputy Governor, and John Webster Chief Magistrate. Mr. Webster removed to Hadley, Mass., in 1659." During this entire period he was active in the administration of public affairs, and the records show him to have acted in nearly every important movement. In 1639 he was one of a committee appointed to confer with a like committee from New Haven concerning the best way to treat with the Indians regarding their murderous attacks at Middletown. In 1640 he acted on another committee, which in this day and generation seems extremely curious if not futile, "to consult with the elders of both plantations" to prepare instructions for the punishment of lying, "which begins to be practiced by many people in the commonwealth." In 1645 we find him as one of a committee appointed by the General Court to arrange "all particulars and several charges of the late war and for the support of Uncas"—the "late war" referring to trouble with the Narragansett Indians, and a little later, when Long Island was threatened by the Dutch and Ninigrate, he was appointed with others

to secure a frigate of some ten guns for the necessary defense. In 1649 the New England Congress employed him to levy on the towns for the necessary men and ammunition for the Indian troubles. Besides all these various duties it is found that he surveyed highways, administered justice, looked after the impost duties, and the exportation of provisions in times of scarcity, and he assisted in drawing up legal papers and petitions. During the time he was a member of the New England Congress he was one of the authorities on Indian troubles, both as regards protection from them, and as regards the Indians' conversion to Christianity and his education at Cambridge. The fact that the papers and correspondence on these topics were written in Latin speaks well for the educational standing of the men in the Colony.

During his administration as governor there seems to have been a period of comparative quiet. The term of office was for but one year, and not until 1660 could the same person be elected governor more than once in two years. The duties of governor were varied, and for a long time no compensation was received, but in 1647, owing to the many expenses, the sum of thirty pounds was granted.

For some time there had been an increasing difference on the subject of religion, the disputed points being chiefly baptism, and various rules in church government. Gov. Webster and many other prominent members of the Colony advocated the strictest construction of doctrines, denying baptism to any but the children of members in full communion. He was firm in his belief, and in the debates that occurred he took an active part, and when after all other ways had been tried it was decided to found a new Colony at Hadley, in Massachusetts, he signed the agreement, dated April 18, 1659. After locating at Hadley he seems to have had much to do with the laying out of the town, but shortly after became ill, and in 1661 passed to his last rest. He had a family of four sons and three daughters. The eldest, Robert, ultimately located in Hartford in the old homestead, with his wife Susannah. Dr. Noah Webster, of New Haven, was a lineal descendant of Gov. Webster, through Robert. The children mentioned in Gov. Webster's will are: Robert; Thomas, who married Abigail Alexander, of Northampton, Mass., where he settled, and where he died in 1686, leaving several children; William, who, with Thomas, inherited the estate at Hadley, married Mary Reeves in 1671, and died in Hadley in 1687 or 1688; Matthew, who settled in Farmington, and died there leaving a son, John; Anne, who married John Marsh, of Hadley; Elizabeth, who married William Markham, of Hadley; and Mary, who married a Mr. Hunt, by whom she had a daughter, Mary, who married John Ingersoll, of Westfield, and their descendants are now the Ingersolls of Connecticut.

(II) Robert Webster, eldest son of Gov. John

Webster, married Susannah Treat, daughter of Richard Treat, of Wethersfield, Conn. They made their home in Middletown, Conn., and in 1651 Robert Webster became the first recorder of the town. In 1660 they removed to Hartford, where he died in 1676, and his wife in 1705. Their children were: John, born Nov. 10, 1653; Sarah, born June 30, 1655; Jonathan, born Jan. 9, 1657; Susannah, born Oct. 25, 1659; Samuel, Joseph, William and Mary. There is no record other than the names of the four children last mentioned.

(III) Jonathan Webster, son of Robert, was twice married. His first wife was Dorcas Hopkins, of Hartford, where he, too, made his home, and by her he had five children: Jonathan, born March 18, 1682; Susannah, born April 25, 1686; Mary, born Sept. 29, 1688; Mehitable, born March 8, 1691; and Stephen, born Jan. 21, 1693. His second wife was, in her maidenhood, Mary Judd, daughter of Thomas Judd, of Farmington, Conn., and she bore him but one child, Benjamin, born Aug. 9, 1698.

(IV) Benjamin Webster, son of Jonathan, appears on the records as "Deacon Webster," and he made his home in Litchfield, Conn., where he married Elizabeth Peck, daughter of Deacon Paul Peck, and died July 10, 1755. He was the father of seven children: James, born June 2, 1734; Elijah, born Dec. 28, 1732; Benjamin, born Dec. 8, 1736; Stephen, born in Litchfield May 21, 1739; Elizabeth, born Jan. 23, 1741; Charles, born March 9, 1743; and John, born April 3, 1747.

(V) Stephen Webster, son of Benjamin, married Hanor Kilbourn, daughter of James Kilbourn, by whom he had three children: Sarah, born Sept. 8, 1765; Truman, born Jan. 12, 1770; and Orange, born Dec. 28, 1780.

(VI) Truman Webster, son of Stephen, was born in Litchfield, and settled there, engaging in farming. He married Diadema Sanford, daughter of Stephen Sanford, of Northfield, Conn., their marriage taking place Oct. 8, 1795. In 1799 they went to Northfield on a visit, and there their two boys were taken ill and died, and were buried in Northfield, whither Mr. Webster then removed, and where their other six children were born: David Sanford, born May 30, 1800; Sophia, born May 10, 1802, married Titus Turner; Lyman, born Nov. 7, 1805, married Elizabeth Smith; Abigail, born July 10, 1808, married Tertius Turner; Annie, born April 12, 1811, married Abner G. Fox; and Sally, born April 11, 1814, married Aaron W. Fox. The father of these children died Sept. 17, 1844, aged seventy-four years, and the mother on Aug. 10, 1839, when over seventy. They were devout members of the Presbyterian Church.

(VII) David Sanford Webster, son of Truman, was born in Litchfield, and followed farming until within ten years of his death, which occurred in Virginia in 1867. He married Clarissa Wattles, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Dean) Wattles, of

Bethlehem, Conn., the former a well-known bridge builder of the town, who died aged eighty-two years. Mrs. Lydia (Dean) Wattles, who was born in Oxford, died at the age of seventy-seven. David Webster and his wife settled in Bethlehem, where two children were born that died in infancy. In 1837 Mr. Webster purchased a large farm in Pleasant Valley, Conn., and there lived until 1850, when he removed to Waterbury. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, and took a keen interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the town. Mrs. Clarissa (Wattles) Webster was born in Hebron, Conn., May 11, 1800, and died in Waterbury Jan. 15, 1873. Of their children, four grew to maturity, as follows: (1) Henrietta Louise, born June 11, 1830, was married, Oct. 9, 1848, to Rev. Apollos Phelps Viets, and previous to locating in their present home in Waterbury they lived in Canton and Milford, Conn., and Hancock, Mass., respectively. They have had six children, namely: Elsworth Phelps, born Nov. 12, 1850, was drowned at Ansonia, Conn., July 28, 1867; Wordsworth B., born Nov. 18, 1854; John C., born Nov. 18, 1856; Mary Louise, born June 16, 1858, married William L. Horton, July 3, 1884; Beulah Ruth, born June 11, 1861, died Sept. 22, 1861; and Henrietta C., born Nov. 28, 1863. (2) Truman Monroe, born March 13, 1833, learned the trade of a mason, and located at Waterbury, Conn. In 1866 he wounded his foot by stepping on a nail, and his death occurred from lockjaw Nov. 23, 1866. His marriage to Miss Sarah White, of Durham, Conn., had occurred Oct. 15, 1855, and at his death he left three children, as follows: Eugene A., born July 16, 1856, now a druggist of Springfield, Mass., married Miss Nora Mead, of New Haven, Conn.; Arthur T., born Aug. 15, 1858, now a druggist of Waterbury, married Miss Addie Talmadge, of Middletown, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1880, and has one daughter; Carrie B., born March 14, 1860, married E. Darwin Ketcham, Jan. 10, 1882, and has three children. (3) Erwin Wattles, mention of whom will be made below. (4) Albert William, born Jan. 21, 1838, learned the machinist trade, and worked at this in Waterbury and New York, until his location in Ansonia in 1864, when he began the manufacture of metal goods, which he continued for four years, and then sold out to enter the dry goods trade. In 1873 he disposed of his dry goods store, and entered into partnership with Plummer & Galpin, dealers in clothing, dry goods, boots, shoes, etc., which continued for three years, when Mr. Plummer withdrew, and the business was continued under the name of Galpin & Webster for the next decade, when it was sold to W. A. Fellows & Co. Two years later Mr. Webster moved to New Haven, Conn., where he started the Elm City Shoe Store, which he still continues. He has been twice married, first on June 13, 1805, to Eliza Mardenbrough Peck, daughter of Eleazer and Louise M. Peck, of Ansonia, who died Aug. 10, 1882, leaving

three children: Louise Mardenbrough, born March 5, 1866, married John Disosway, of Staten Island, and has one daughter; William Wattles and Susie (twins), born March 16, 1869, the former of whom died in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 10, 1896, and the latter in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Webster married on Nov. 14, 1887, Miss Jennie P. Horton, daughter of Joseph S. and Annie Eliza Horton, of Port Ewen, N. Y., and they have two children: Albert Raymond, born Sept. 29, 1889; and Annie Clarissa, born Feb. 21, 1894.

(VIII) ERWIN WATTLES WEBSTER, son of David Sanford Webster, was born in Bethlehem, Conn., April 9, 1836, and his common school course was supplemented by one term at the select school in Watertown, Conn. In 1853, when seventeen years old, he left home to make his way in the world, taking a place in the ticket office of the Naugatuck Railway Company, at Waterbury, and in 1857 he removed to Ansonia, to assume the duties of his present position as general freight agent of the Naugatuck division of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. He has charge of all the freight and passenger traffic and of the telegraph office, the entire working force being under his direction. When he took charge he had but one man as assistant, but at present the station has seven clerks, being the second largest of the twenty-seven stations on the line of sixty-five miles of railway, all manufacturing towns. He has now been connected with this company for forty-eight years, and, with the exception of the superintendent, has been in their service longer than any other man. In 1863 he formed a partnership with his brother, Albert W., and for four years they operated a factory at Ansonia, making fancy metal goods. Politically Mr. Webster has been a Democrat all his life, but his breadth of view and liberality of opinion have won him friends in both parties. His public spirit has been shown in many ways, notably in official life, to which he has frequently been called by his fellow citizens. He has served many years on the town committee and as delegate to State and county conventions, and as selectman and town agent of Derby and Ansonia he gained the approval of the best element in both parties. He was first elected in the old town of Derby in 1877, and in the following year was made town agent. This position he held seven years, and when Ansonia was organized he became the first town agent there. In 1893, when a candidate for the State Legislature, he had a handsome majority, and his re-election in 1895 was a well-deserved tribute to his faithfulness and efficiency as a member of that body. When nominated for mayor of Ansonia, in 1895, he defeated one of the strongest candidates in the Republican party, and in 1896 he was again chosen for the position. He has been actively interested in educational affairs, and served as a member of the school board for a number of years, part of the time as chairman. He has also been burgess of the borough, register of

vital statistics, and grand juror, and has filled other positions of a public nature, giving to the duties of each the sound judgment and executive ability which have characterized his business career. Specially he is identified with George Washington Lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M.; Mount Vernon Chapter, R. A. M., and the Council, and his thirty years' membership make him one of the oldest Masons in the locality. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church, of which for three years he was junior warden.

Mr. Webster has been twice married, first to Miss Jane Miller, of Avon, Conn., who died Aug. 15, 1858. On Jan. 1, 1861, he married Miss Sarah Rogers, who was born in Millerton, N. Y., daughter of Orlando and Thirza (Fuller) Rogers. One child was born of this union—Aline Virginia, who married Frank G. Hotchkiss, April 25, 1887, and died at the age of twenty-five, Nov. 7, 1889, leaving one daughter, Aline Webster, born Jan. 4, 1889, who resides with her grandparents. Mrs. Webster's ancestors were early settlers on Long Island, and her great-grandfather, Isaac Rogers, and his wife, Annie Wilcox, removed from there to Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, and in 1773 to Millerton, then called Northeast. Joel Rogers, son of Isaac Rogers, was born at Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, and later made his home, with his wife, Annie Hedger, on a farm near "Boston Corners," where he died at the age of eighty years, leaving a large family. His wife died at the age of eighty-one. Orlando Rogers, father of Mrs. Webster, was a son of Joel, and was born and reared on the old homestead, following farming in that vicinity for many years, and dying at the age of sixty-one. Both he and his wife, Thirza Fuller, were devout members of the Methodist Church, in which faith she died at the age of sixty-three. Thirza (Fuller) Rogers was a daughter of Nathaniel Fuller, a farmer of North East, and his wife, Dorcas, and his father, also Nathaniel by name, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. Orlando Rogers and wife had eight children, of whom two sons and three daughters are living: Hilan, station agent at Torrington, and a prominent man there; Henry; Harriet Ellen, who married the late Nathaniel Lewis; Sarah, Mrs. Webster; Mary, widow of Walter Gilbert. Mrs. Webster is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, through her great-grandfather, Isaac Rogers, mentioned above.

EDMUND GOODRICH, one of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of East Haven, is now devoting his time and attention to dairy farming and the wood business. He owns and operates a well-improved and valuable farm of 125 acres, and, being a man of keen discrimination, sound judgment and good business ability, he is meeting with most gratifying success in his undertakings.

A native of New Haven county, Mr. Goodrich



EDMUND GOODRICH

was born Aug. 7, 1828, on the old homestead in the town of Branford, son of William and Mary A. (Whiting) Goodrich, and grandson of Bartholomew Goodrich, a lifelong farmer, who died at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. The father was born on the same farm as our subject, and died at the age of fifty-three. In his family were eight children, namely: John, who died at the age of nineteen years; Edmund, our subject; Sarah, now the widow of N. S. Hallenbeck; Jennette, widow of George Baldwin; Miles and Grace, both deceased; Horace, who lives on the old homestead in Branford; and one who died in infancy.

The subject of this review remained on the home farm in his native town until fifteen years of age, and then went to New Haven, where he served a five years' apprenticeship to the carriagemaker's trade with David Wilcoxon, receiving \$25 per year and his board. He continued to work at his trade until 1861, when he removed to Seymour and engaged in farming for three years, after which he again followed carriagemaking in New Haven for two years. In 1865 he located upon the farm in East Haven where he still makes his home, and to its cultivation and improvement has since devoted his energies with marked success.

On Oct. 6, 1852, Mr. Goodrich married Miss Mary A. Chandler, who was born July 7, 1829, in Elizabeth, N. J., and when a child was brought to New Haven. She died Dec. 30, 1900. Edmund C., the only child of this union, born May 18, 1857, is engaged in farming with his father. He married Miss Mary A. Hall, who was born in North Branford, daughter of Samuel L. and Anna (Leete) Hall, the former of whom served as a private in the Civil war, was wounded, and received an honorable discharge. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund C. Goodrich, viz.: Emma E., Dec. 21, 1880; Lyman H., March 15, 1884; Merton A., Aug. 26, 1887; Grace C., April 10, 1892; Carrie M., July 17, 1896; William E., May 23, 1898.

Politically our subject is identified with the Republican party, and religiously he is a member of the Congregational Church. As a public-spirited citizen he has manifested a deep interest in the progress of his town and county, and has ever taken his part in support of those measures calculated to prove of public good.

JAMES McDERMOTT, a retired stone mason and highly esteemed citizen of Union City, Conn., was born in County Kildare, Ireland, in 1827. His father, John McDermott, was also a stone mason by trade, and spent his entire life on the Emerald Isle. He married Ellen Dunn, a native of Kings County, Ireland, and to them were born eleven children, all of whom lived and died in Ireland with the exception of our subject. He grew to manhood in his native land, was educated in the national schools, and there learned the stone mason's trade.

Mr. McDermott was married in Ireland to Miss

Margaret Brennan, a sister of Andrew and P. J. Brennan, of Naugatuck, Conn., and they became the parents of the following children: James, who has now retired from business and is living on the income derived from his property; William, a Catholic priest now located at Danville, Ohio; John, a farmer of Naugatuck; Andrew, a grocer of Union City, Conn.; Mary A., wife of Joseph Le Roy, of Naugatuck; Patrick, foreman for E. E. Stevens, a lumber dealer of Naugatuck; Julia, wife of James Hagerty, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Margaret, wife of Joseph Doran, of Naugatuck; and Thomas and Nellie, who died in infancy.

In 1871 Mr. McDermott, with his family, emigrated to America, and took up his residence in Naugatuck, New Haven Co., Conn., where he worked at his trade for many years, but is now living a retired life in Union City, enjoying a well-earned rest. He is a faithful member of St. Francis Catholic Church, and is a Democrat in politics.

GEORGE FRANKLIN TYLER, a prominent and influential citizen of Cheshire, was born in the town of Prospect, Nov. 23, 1833, a son of Spencer and Sally (Ferrell) Tyler, also natives of Prospect, where they spent their entire lives. The father, who was a son of Ichabod and Elizabeth (Stearns) Tyler, natives of Cheshire, died in 1856, the mother in 1857. Our subject is the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, the others being as follows: Mary, who first wedded Stephen Beecher, and second a Mr. Day, and died in Forestville, Conn.; Luke, a merchant of Short Beach; Charlotte, wife of Henry Mix, of Bristol; Sarah, who married Henry Russell, and died in Wallingford in 1894; and Fannie, wife of William Berkley, of Waterbury, Connecticut.

The early life of George F. Tyler was passed in his native town, where he attended school and learned the matchmaker's trade, which he followed for some time. Later he worked at brazing in a hoe and fork factory before and after the Civil war. During that conflict he laid aside all personal interests and offered his services to the government, enlisting at Prospect, in July, 1862, in Company A, 20th Conn. V. I., for three years. The regiment was mustered in at New Haven and assigned to the Army of the Potomac. While stationed at Arlington Heights, Mr. Tyler was taken ill and was honorably discharged Dec. 4, 1862. He continued to make his home in Prospect until 1893, when he removed to Cheshire, where he now lives.

In his native town Mr. Tyler was married, in 1853, to Miss Emily A. Mix, who was born in Wallingford, a daughter of Elias and Maria (Judd) Mix, also natives of New Haven county. The father was a spoonmaker at Wallingford, and from there moved to Wolcott, thence to Cheshire; he died in Prospect April 11, 1861, aged fifty-six years, and his wife died in the same town July 28, 1894, at the age of eighty-three years. To our

subject and his wife was born one daughter, Emma G., who married Edgar B. Jeralds, and died in Prospect in February, 1876.

Mr. Tyler was for two years commander of Edward A. Doolittle Post, No. 5, G. A. R., of Cheshire, and is an active and prominent member of the Congregational Church, of which he is one of the deacons. His political support is always given to the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has been honored by his fellow citizens with several important official positions. He was a member of the State Legislature from Prospect in 1870 and in 1882; was doorkeeper of the House in 1887, 1889 and 1894; and doorkeeper of the Senate in 1897. He also served as selectman, justice of the peace, and in various other local offices in Prospect, and since coming to Cheshire was elected justice of the peace, but resigned. His public and private life are alike above reproach, and wherever known he is held in high regard.

FRANK HARVEY THOMAS, a representative and prominent citizen of Woodbridge, traces his ancestry back to more than one honored old family of that town. On the paternal side his great-grandfather was Amos Thomas, and the great-grandfather, John Thomas. The grandfather, who also bore the name of Amos Thomas, was probably a native of Woodbridge, where he grew to manhood and married Lucretia Baldwin, a native of that town and a granddaughter of Thomas Baldwin, who was born there. Her great-grandfather, Barnabus Baldwin, the first of the family in this locality of whom we have any definite knowledge, was a farmer of Woodbridge and Milford, and was probably born in the latter place. Our subject's grandfather, Amos Thomas, was a carriagemaker by trade, and engaged in that business in New Haven, where he also conducted a grocery store for a time. He owned property on Whalley avenue. A man of fine physical appearance, he was commissioned general in the State Militia, was captain of the police force of New Haven, a member of the fire department of that city, and foreman of No. 2 for a time. In politics he was a staunch Democrat.

John Thomas, the father of our subject, was born in Woodbridge in 1810, and was educated in the schools of that town. He lived in New Haven, Conn., and Newark, N. J., in both of which cities he engaged in carriage building—a trade he had learned from his father—and for many years was a resident of Derby, where he engaged in the grocery business. His political support was also given the Democratic party. In Oxford he married Miss Eunice Johnson, a daughter of Harvey and Nancy (Riggs) Johnson. She was born Sept. 28, 1822, and died April 27, 1897, while he died Jan. 8, 1865. Their children were Charles (1), Charles (2), John, Adelia and Lottie, all deceased; Frank Harvey, our subject; and Charles, a piano tuner of Derby, Connecticut.

Frank H. Thomas was born in New Haven Sept. 17, 1844, and was five years of age at the time of the removal of the family to Derby, where he attended school. At the age of eighteen he began life for himself as a mechanic in the Colt rifle shops at Hartford, Conn., and also clerked in his father's store. For three years he was engaged in the livery business in Derby, and embarked in the manufacture of corsets there, but later the plant was moved to New Haven, where business was carried on under the firm name of I. Newman & Co., and where employment was furnished 400 hands. Mr. Thomas owned a third interest in this business, but owing to poor health sold out at the end of eight years. In March, 1880, he returned to Woodbridge, where he purchased a farm of fifty acres, and has since successfully engaged in farming, making a specialty of vegetables and fruits.

At Derby, Dec. 25, 1866, Mr. Thomas was married by Rev. Stephen L. Mershon to Miss Jane Miller, a daughter of Samuel and Barbara (Smith) Miller and granddaughter of Samuel Miller. The father was born, reared and married in England, where he worked at carriage painting for some years, and then emigrated to America, locating in New Haven, Conn., where he died at a comparatively early age. After his death the family moved to Derby, where the mother died at the age of seventy-five years. She, too, was born in England, and was a daughter of Arthur Smith. Henry Gratton, a relative of the Smith family, and a man of some literary note, is buried in Westminster. Mrs. Thomas was born Feb. 13, 1848, and is one of a large family of children, the others being as follows: David, deceased, who was in the carriage business in New Haven; Eleanor, wife of George Smith, of Shelton, Conn., upon whose land the home for working girls now stands; Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Buckley, of Derby; Arthur, an officer of the British army in active service, who first enlisted as one of the Queen's Own Guard, and when last heard from was about to embark for India; Mary, wife of William Tyther, of Shelton, Conn.; Samuel, also a resident of Shelton, who was a soldier in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, and was severely wounded and taken prisoner while in the service; Martha, deceased; Martha (2), deceased; Jane and Sarah, twins, the former the wife of our subject, the latter deceased; and Richard, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have five children: Martha Eva, born June 14, 1868, is a milliner of New Haven. John Amos, born Jan. 30, 1870, married Lillian Truella, of Derby, by whom he has one daughter; he is a carpenter of Shelton. Dwight Samuel, born Sept. 6, 1871, is a mason of Hartford. Arthur Frank, born March 21, 1876, married Carrie Hills, and has one child, Franklin Arthur; he is a machinist of Shelton, Conn. Lillian Barbara, born Jan. 4, 1885, is at home. Both our subject and his wife are consistent members of the

Congregational Church, and while in business Mr. Thomas also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. He is a staunch Republican, but has never been an office seeker. He is a man of recognized ability, and, with his estimable wife, stands high in the community where they make their home. Those who know them best are numbered among their warmest friends.

WILLIAM SMITH, a highly esteemed citizen of East Haven, who for many years has been identified with its agricultural interests, was born in that town on the farm where John Thompson now lives, Dec. 28, 1822. It was also the birthplace of his grandfather, Samuel Smith, a son of Daniel Smith. Our subject's father, Asahel Smith, was born there Dec. 10, 1787. He married Eunice Miner, and to them were born eight children, namely: Mary, Lester, Henry, William, Harriett, Lucius, Harvey and Elizabeth. He died at the advanced age of ninety-one years, and his wife at the age of seventy-six. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and his father was a member of the Continental army in the Revolutionary war.

William Smith remained upon the old homestead, aiding his father in its operation until the spring of 1849, when a company of seventy-five men purchased the bark, "J. Walls," and made preparations to go to the gold fields of California. They sailed from New Haven on June 4, rounded Cape Horn, and after a voyage of seven months and five days landed in San Francisco. Mr. Smith went to Sutters Mills and was engaged in prospecting and mining on the south fork of the American river for some time, starting back east in November, 1850. On his return to East Haven he resided on the old homestead until his marriage.

On April 25, 1852, Mr. Smith married Miss Sarah J. Thompson, who was born June 10, 1827, a daughter of John and Julia A. (Foote) Thompson, the latter born Dec. 19, 1802. Her father was born Aug. 12, 1802, and was a son of John Thompson, Sr., a soldier of the Revolutionary war. The latter was a son of Timothy Thompson, a resident of the town of East Haven, where many of his descendants still make their home. Mrs. Smith is the third in order of birth in a family of six children, the others being Elizabeth A., John H., William S., Jerah F. and Isaac B. Jerah F. Thompson was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting first at Trenton, N. J., in August, 1862, for nine months, in Company B, 21st Regiment, and second in 1863; he served until the close of the war, and died in 1885, aged forty-eight years. Isaac B. Thompson enlisted in Company B, 15th Conn. V. I., in August, 1862, and was killed by a shell in front of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 12, 1862, aged twenty-one years.

After his marriage Mr. Smith purchased the old Samuel Chidsey farm in the Foxon District of East Haven, where he lived for a year and a half,

and then went to New Jersey, locating near Jersey City, where he made his home for four years. Returning to East Haven at the end of that time, he bought the place now occupied by Edward Eld, and after living there two years purchased the farm on which he now resides. Here he has since engaged in farming with fair success. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. He never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes calculated to advance the welfare of his town and county, and justly merits the high regard in which he is held. His estimable wife is a member of the Congregational Church.

AMOS HENRY ALLING (deceased) was for forty years one of Derby's most influential and honored citizens. He was descended from Roger Alling, one of a party who emigrated from England in 1636, and who, after passing a winter in Boston, settled at New Haven in the spring of 1637, making the journey from Boston by vessel, the voyage occupying three weeks. Roger Alling married Mary, a daughter of Thomas Nash, of New Haven, and became the father of seven children: Mary, Samuel, John, Sarah, Eliza, Susan and James.

Samuel Alling, eldest son of Roger, was one of the proprietors of the Colony in 1685. He died in 1707. He was twice married, and was the father of eight sons and three daughters, of which large family ten were living in 1709. His first wife was Eliza, daughter of John Winston, who bore him seven sons: Samuel, John, James, Roger, Roger (2), Theophilus and Daniel. His second marriage was to Sarah Chedsey, and the children of this union were Caleb, Sarah, Elizabeth and Esther. The line of descent to the late Amos H. Alling comes through Daniel Alling, the seventh son of Samuel, who became the father of Timothy, Silas and Daniel (2). Silas Alling, the great-grandfather of Amos H. Alling, married Dorcas Baldwin, of Woodbridge. Their children were Amos, Edward, Silas, Lewis, Asa, Anna and Rebecca. Amos Alling, the first born, married Millie Beecher, by whom he was the father of six children: Rebecca, Charles W., Asa, Sheldon, Bela and Alfred.

Charles Wyllis Alling, son of Amos, and father of Amos H., married Lucy Booth, of Woodbridge. They were the parents of seven children: The eldest, Mary, who is yet living, married Reilly Davis, of Oxford, Conn. Amos H., the subject of the present memoir, was the second child and eldest son. Charles B., a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere, is a successful and wealthy woolen manufacturer of Derby. Sheldon, the fourth in order of birth, died in infancy. Lucy married Nathan Treat, of New Haven county. Leonidas, whose biography may be found elsewhere, was the sixth child. John W., the seventh, is an attorney at law in New Haven. Charles W. Alling, the father of

this large family, for many years conducted the business of carding wool and weaving cloth, his principal trade being with the farmers of the neighborhood. His home and factory were in Orange, where he died April 6, 1868. His widow survived until Dec. 9, 1866. Long before his death Mr. Alling leased his factory to his sons, Amos H. and Charles B., under whose skillful management the business developed until they took up the manufacturing of hosiery and underwear, the plant being removed to Derby in 1858. A more detailed description of the growth of this enterprise may be found in the biographical sketch of Charles B. Alling.

Amos H. Alling was born in Orange Jan. 3, 1823. In his boyhood and youth he worked in his father's mill, and in 1845 formed a co-partnership with his brother, Charles B., to lease and operate the same as has been already said. The business connection between the brothers continued until the death of Amos H., which occurred Feb. 6, 1868. In 1847 Mr. Alling married Sarah E. Prudden, of Orange, a direct descendant of Rev. Peter Prudden, the first minister and founder of the church in Milford. They had three daughters, two of whom, Louisa Maria and Carolyn Elizabeth, survive. Mary died in 1862. In 1874 Louisa M. married Dr. George Lucius Beardsley, of Milford, and they have two children, Alling Prudden and Elizabeth Coley. In 1882 Mr. Alling married, for his second wife, Mrs. Harriet E. Griffin, who survives him.

Mr. Alling was not only a successful man of business, but also a public-spirited citizen, one whose manly character, liberality and upright life gained for him the esteem of the entire community. He was one of the original proprietors and incorporators of the Housatonic Water Co. in 1866, and one of the board of directors of same until his death. Fraternally he was a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and the temperance cause found in him a true supporter. Early in life he joined the Methodist Church, of which he was always a strong pillar. His religion was more than a form—it was active Christianity, governing his daily life, and entering into every dealing with his fellows. His benefactions, though liberal, were unostentatious. He will long be remembered as a man of Christian vigor, and one always active in causes to advance the kingdom of his Master on the earth, and to help lift the world to a higher plane.

WILLIAM W. HUGHES has in his career illustrated most forcibly the possibilities that are open to the young man who possesses sterling business qualifications. It proves that neither wealth nor social position, nor the assistance of influential friends at the outset of his career, are necessary to place him on the road to success. It also proves that ambition, perseverance, steadfast purpose and indefatigable industry, combined with sound busi-

ness principles, will be rewarded, and that true success follows individual effort only.

Mr. Hughes, who is now engaged in farming in Oxford, was born in Southbury, New Haven county, Dec. 22, 1823, son of Reuben Hughes, also a native of Southbury, and a soldier of the war of 1812. The paternal grandfather, William Hughes, was born in Wales, and as a soldier of the Revolutionary war aided the colonies in gaining their independence. He was with Washington's army during the dreadful winter at Valley Forge.

Our subject is a self-educated as well as a self-made man. He was only twelve years of age when his father died, and he at once began work on a farm in his native town for his board and clothes. At the age of nineteen he went to New Haven, where he learned house painting, which he followed for twenty years, several years of this time being spent in Naugatuck, the remainder in New Haven.

On Jan. 1, 1862, Mr. Hughes enlisted, at Naugatuck, becoming a private in Company F, 59th N. Y. V. I., and was detailed as a musician, having previously been a member of the 2d Regiment State Band for several years. During most of his service he was in and around Washington, D. C., and was discharged May 27, 1862. Returning to Naugatuck, he followed painting for two years, and then went to New Haven with the firm of W. & E. T. Fitch, a wholesale hardware firm, with whom he had a contract for the manufacture of harness hooks which he had patented. He received a royalty and interest in the business, and continued his connection with the firm for fifteen years. Giving up his contract in 1877, he came to Oxford, where he has since lived. He purchased property and turned his attention to fruit growing, and now has upon his place 300 plum trees, including six Japanese varieties, several hundred pear trees and currant bushes, besides other small fruits of all kinds, all in a good healthy condition. His place, which is known as the Oxford Valley Fruit Farm, is one of the most desirable in the town.

Mr. Hughes has been twice married. His first wife, who died in 1871, was Miss Martha Nettleton, of Prospect, Conn., by whom he had three children: Kate and Agnes, both deceased; and Harry N., proprietor of a shoe store in New Haven. Mr. Hughes' second wife was Miss Emily McEwen, of Oxford, Connecticut.

Progressive and public spirited, Mr. Hughes takes a deep interest in everything calculated to advance the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his town and county, and his home has become headquarters for literary, musical and other entertainments in Oxford. He was instrumental in organizing the Oxford Town Library, and volunteered his services as librarian free of charge. This library has been in his house ever since it was organized, and now contains nearly 900 volumes. Socially Mr. Hughes is a member of Delphi Lodge, F. & A. M., of New Haven; and Upson Post, No. 40.



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G. A. R., of Seymour; and politically he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He has been called upon to serve in several local offices of honor and trust, having been tax collector one year; grand juror and trial justice for several years each; and first selectman of Oxford. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county, and merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

JOSEPH F. GILPIN, whose widow now resides in her pleasant and attractive home at No. 114 South Cliff street, Ansonia, was a native of Manchester, England, born July 18, 1837, a son of James Gilpin, a native of Fairfield, England. James Gilpin was a carpenter, and followed that trade up to the time of his death, at the age of fifty-five years. He married Sarah Hitchen, who was born in Norwich, England, and they became the parents of thirteen children, three of whom are still living: (1) Hannah, Mrs. Sacheler, in New Zealand. (2) Luzetta, widow of Alfred J. Swick, living in Ansonia. (3) John E., who lives in Hartford. Alice, Mrs. Fielding, who resided in Lock street, Ansonia, died Feb. 10, 1900. Joseph F. was the second child and eldest son. The mother reached the age of eighty-two years. Both parents were members of the Moravian Church, in which they were faithful workers.

Joseph F. Gilpin learned the machinist's trade when a young man, and followed it until he came to the United States. In 1864 and 1865 he worked in New York, and then coming to Ansonia worked with the Ansonia Brass & Copper Co. as a machinist. He was faithful and industrious, possessed of unusual executive force, and soon became foreman of a room. He continued to advance, and presently became master mechanic and general superintendent of the water and steam power work of the four mills. Mr. Gilpin designed and built the beautiful copper mill, one of the largest of all the structures, and greatly admired by all who see it. The works have continually increased in size, and Mr. Gilpin directed the labor of one hundred men. He was highly respected by all who knew him, commanding the confidence of his employers and the good will and friendship of those whose work he directed. For twenty-five years he was with the A. B. C. Company, and was one of the oldest men in the shops of the city; all the latest designing in machinery, and all the new and novel designs of custom work were done by him, as he was confessedly the best mechanic in the shop. He died Jan. 11, 1892, at the age of fifty-four.

Mr. Gilpin was married in 1858 to Sarah Simpson, who was born in Oldham, England, one of the six children of Samuel and Anna (Blackburn) Simpson, and a granddaughter of James Simpson, the latter a wholesale butcher in England, who lived to be ninety-nine years old. Samuel Simpson was a grocer, and died at Manchester, England, at the early age of thirty-eight years. He married

Anna Blackburn, who was born in Oldham, England, one of the fourteen children of Anna Tarren, a native of Yorkshire. Of the six children born of this marriage, there are yet living Mrs. Gilpin, who is the oldest in the family; Ann Ogden, of England; John, in Oldham, England; and Samuel, in Southport, England. Mrs. Anna (Blackburn) Simpson died at the age of forty-four. Both she and her husband were members of the Episcopal Church.

To Joseph F. and Sarah Gilpin were born six children, of whom three are living: (1) Charles J., a master mechanic in the A. B. C. Co., who married Carrie Colling, and has three children, Frederick J., Bertha and Charles J. (2) Emma L. married William Roberts, a tube drawer in the Bridgeport Brass Co., and has two children, Clara Louisa and Emma E. (3) Sarah married Edward Harteniz, a cigarmaker in Ansonia, and is the mother of two children, Lillian G. and Flora Louisa. (4) Frederick had learned the trade of wire-drawing, and was twenty-two years old at the time of his death. (5) Clara died when seven years old. (6) One died in infancy.

Mr. Gilpin was a Mason, and held different positions in the local lodge; was a working member of the I. O. O. F., where he had passed the various chairs; and he also belonged to the Knights of Pythias, in which he had filled several important positions. In politics he was a Republican, and was deeply interested in public affairs. He bought the pretty home in which his widow is now living, and found keen delight in its care and improvement. Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin were both members of the Episcopal Church. They were highly respected and popular in the social circles in which they moved. She is still a great reader, and is an intelligent and thoughtful lady, thoroughly familiar with her fine library.

GEORGE COOK, an honored and venerable resident of Yalesville, and one of the older settlers of the town of Wallingford, was born in Plymouth Hollow, Litchfield Co., Conn., Oct. 10, 1823, a son of Sylvester Cook, who was a native of Litchfield county, where his boyhood and youth were spent.

On reaching adult years Sylvester Cook became a farmer in Plymouth Hollow, where he remained until 1824, when he removed to Middlesex county, and located in Middletown. There he continued farming, and lived until his death in 1874, at the ripe age of eighty-five years. His remains rest in Westfield cemetery. He was a Democrat in politics, but had little love for the intricacies of party machinery. In religion he was a Universalist, and lived a clean and upright life. Mr. Cook was married to Miss Marietta Hall, who was born in Meriden, a daughter of David Hall, and died in New Haven at the age of seventy-eight. Her remains were buried in the New Haven cemetery. To this union was born a family of eight children:

Elvah, who died young; Marvin; George; Lucy; Ruth, who married George Higly; Sarah, who married C. Finkam, of New Haven; Sylvester, a soldier in the Civil war; Josephine, who became Mrs. Lincoln. All these are dead except Sarah and the gentleman whose career forms the subject of this article.

George Cook was an infant when his parents came to Middletown, and there he grew to manhood under the parental roof. A common-school education was afforded him, and his was the life of the farmer lads of his day. From a very early age he worked at farm labor, and while still a young man spent some seven years in the employ of Comfort Hall, a farmer. For two years he worked for William J. Ives, and then bought a small farm in Prospect, which he afterward sold, and was then for five years on a farm which he had bought in Westfield, Middlesex county. Selling this at the expiration of that period, he came to Yalesville and entered the box shop of the Charles Parker Manufacturing Co., where he spent the ensuing forty years of his life, the greater part of this time being assistant foreman and foreman of his department. In 1898 he gave up active work and is now living a retired life. To-day he is one of the best known and most universally respected men of the community. His long years of honorable labor, his high character and his genial disposition command the confidence and retain the respect of the people with whom he has lived a full generation of years.

George Cook was married in 1846, in Westfield, to Miss Cornelia P. Anthony, a daughter of Ab-salom Anthony, and to this union have come eight children: (1) George, a resident of Wallingford; (2) Maryette, who married Charles Schrader; (3) Lorenzo, a dry goods merchant in Wallingford; (4) Charles, foreman of the Hallenbeck shop at Wallingford; (5) Frank, who lives in Indiana; (6) Lillie, who married Samuel Barnes, of Southington; (7) Cora, who married Charles Doolittle; (8) William C., who is a bookkeeper for the International Silver Co., of Meriden, and who married Nellie L. Tyler, of Wallingford. Mrs. Cook died in 1887, and was buried in Wallingford. She was a good woman, a faithful member of the Methodist Church, and had many warm and devoted friends. Mr. Cook was selectman of the town for two years, constable for ten years, justice of the peace for many years, and served as postmaster during Cleveland's first administration. A member of the Board of Relief, and the Board of Education, he has rendered his community lasting services. He is a Democrat in politics, and was once nominated by his party for representative in the State Legislature, but failed to be elected. One of the organizers of the Methodist Church in Yalesville, his name is associated with the history of its growth and progress; he was one of its first trustees and steward, and is still continued in the last named

position, chairman of the official board, class leader and assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. From the time of his union with the church he has been zealous in its behalf. Mr. Cook has many friends, who admire not only his upright character, his long and useful life, but also his warm and sympathetic heart.

FITCH SMITH (deceased), through years of his identification with Derby, enjoyed the highest respect of his fellow townsmen by reason of his strict integrity, true manhood and progressive spirit. He was a gentleman of refinement and culture, a sincere, honest man, true to his word, his friends and his convictions. His devotion to the public welfare made him a valued factor in public life, and by his death the community was deprived of one of her best citizens.

Mr. Smith was born in Derby Jan. 28, 1806, a son of Abijah Smith, who came here from Norwalk, Conn., where he was born. For some time he was engaged in the coal business in Pennsylvania, and is believed to have been the first in the United States to mine coal. He married Eunice Chatfield, a native of Derby, daughter of Ebenezer Chatfield, and sister of Caleb Chatfield, who was killed in the battle of Brandywine, in 1777, during the Revolutionary war. After their marriage they located in Derby. Thirteen children blessed their union.

Fitch Smith was twelfth in the order of birth in the family. When a young man he went to Newark, N. J., where he married Miss Jane H. Bouton, who was born in Salem, N. Y., a daughter of John M. Bouton, of French ancestry. To this union were born five children, Wilhelmina, Fitch W., Wilson H., Estelle and Helen. Fitch W. is a resident of New York; Wilson H. is deceased; and the daughters reside in Derby in the old home left them by their parents.

While a resident of Newark, Mr. Smith was a member of the firm of Smith & Wright, extensive leather manufacturers, doing business in the South, and he spent his winters mostly in Charleston, S. C. After several years devoted to the leather business he retired in April, 1843, and returned to Derby—Birmingham (now Derby) being his place of residence—where he was extensively interested in real estate, owning the greater portion of the small village, then in its earliest days. He was president of the Naugatuck Transportation Co. during its existence, a large owner in steamboats, was possessor of many sloops, and did an extensive carrying business. He was also a stockholder in many other enterprises, but shortly after the close of the Civil war he retired from active business life, giving his attention principally to his real estate interests. He opened up streets in Derby, named them, and made many other improvements in the property, which is now covered with beautiful homes. Mr. Smith was a man of high intelligence and a typical gentleman of the old school.

Mr. Smith died Jan. 10, 1894, his wife passing away on the 1st of the same month. They were active members of the Episcopal Church, and he gave the land on which the rectory and other buildings of the church have been erected. He was first a Whig and later a Republican, but took no active part in political affairs. He was very generous, extremely public-spirited, and took an active part in everything pertaining to the upbuilding of Derby, especially during its infancy, being a liberal contributor to the enterprises which insured its progress. It is to such men that the community owes its prosperity and advancement, and to them it owes a debt of gratitude which can never be repaid.

MRS. ALMIRA E. TURNER, of Woodbridge, is a worthy representative of an old and highly esteemed family of New Haven county, which was founded here by Richard Sperry, who came from England about 1660. Her paternal grandfather, Ebenezer Sperry, was a native of Woodbridge, born July 27, 1773, on what is known as the Sperry farm, and is still owned by the Sperry family. The house standing thereon was built when he was a child of five years. He wedded Mary Newton Booth, also a native of Woodbridge and a daughter of Walter and Mary (Newton) Booth. He died Oct. 26, 1850, and she departed this life Feb. 2, 1865, at the age of eighty-two years. They had two children, of whom Calvin, the father of our subject, was the youngest. Eunice married Edward Hine, of Woodbridge, and to them were born three children: Catherine Mary, who married the late Riley Peck, of Woodbridge, and died Nov. 5, 1901, aged seventy-four years; Sarah Antoinette, widow of Birdsey Bradley, of Hamden; and Velina, wife of Lewis Hitchcock, of Woodbridge.

Calvin Sperry was born on the old homestead Dec. 11, 1807, and there spent his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits. In addition to general farming, he was also engaged in the milk business for a time, and in his undertakings met with fair success. He was a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and was a consistent member of the Congregational Church of Woodbridge. After an honorable and useful career he died May 28, 1871, in his sixty-fourth year.

Mr. Sperry was married three times, his first wife being Sarah A. Carrington, a daughter of Liverus and Lowly Carrington. She died Jan. 23, 1853, at the age of forty-four years, and he next married Cynthia Riggs, by whom he had one daughter, Eleanor, now deceased. The third wife was Perentha Baldwin. There were three children by the first marriage, namely: (1) Elizur L., born Feb. 5, 1831, married Sarah L. Williams, and spent the greater part of his latter years in Florida; he died Aug. 16, 1901, aged seventy years. (2) Almira E., our subject, was born in Woodbridge March 28, 1837, and has been twice married, her first husband being Charles Baldwin, son of Newton

and Esther Baldwin. After his death she married George Turner, son of Orib and Nancy (Comstock) Turner. She makes her home in Woodbridge and is highly respected by all who know her. (3) Sarah Angeline, born Aug. 28, 1839, died April 19, 1849.

CHARLES H. STOWE. The first account we have of the Stowes was during the time of the Norman invasion. Whether they were in England before this time we are unable to ascertain. Several of the name are now living in Germany. It is a Saxon name meaning "place," and is written indifferently with or without the final "e," more commonly with it.

About the year 1500 there was dwelling in St. Michael's parish, London, Thomas Stowe, who is the first known ancestor. His will is recorded among the births in the London Register. His son, Thomas Stowe, Jr., was the historian and annalist, well known in history; he was Duke of Devonshire and Buckingham. From the Heralds' College it appears that there is a coat of arms, with the title of Duke, belonging to Thomas, Jr. Previous to their emigration to America a number of Stowes had lived in London, England, during several centuries. Their principal residence was in Leadenhall street, and they owned the beautiful place now occupied by the Duke of Buckingham, and known as "Stow Park." The name is also very common in Scotland.

John Stowe, Jr., the first Stowe to arrive in America, was born in England about 1595, and landed at Boston April 12, 1635, coming over in the ship "Elizabeth," Capt. Stagg, master. From there he moved to Roxbury, Mass., and he gave three acres of land for the grammar school of Roxbury. He died in September, 1663. From him Charles H. Stowe traces his ancestry through Thomas, Sr., Thomas, Jr., Samuel, Stephen, Jedediah, Sr., Jedediah, Jr., and Alvin.

Stephen Stowe, the tenth child of Deacon Samuel, was born May 22, 1726. He married Free-love Baldwin, of Milford, and the local Daughters of the American Revolution have honored her memory by naming their chapter for her. During the Revolutionary war a British ship had on board a large number of American prisoners afflicted with a contagious disease, whom they landed one cold winter's night near the Stowe home. He kept them during the night, and as no one could be found to care for them he volunteered to do so. Feeling that it meant to sacrifice his life, he made his will the next morning. In two weeks time he contracted the disease and died. He is termed a martyr to his country.

The Stowe family has been represented in the State from pioneer times, and Jedediah Stowe, the grandfather of Charles H., was born in New Haven county. For many years his occupation was farming, and his death occurred in Milford. He

married Martha Camp, and they had eight children, two of whom died in childhood. Jerry, a carpenter by trade, resided in Milford many years, but died in Bridgeport. Alvin is mentioned more fully below. Mary married Charles Baldwin, a grocer of Milford. Caroline married Samuel B. Gunn. Harriet married Hezekiah Baldwin. Martha married Isaac Woodruff, of Milford.

Alvin Stowe, our subject's father, was born in Milford May 8, 1802, and died March 21, 1889. He was a farmer by occupation, owning a farm of one hundred acres. He was prominent in local affairs, being one of the organizers of the Democratic party in the town, served several times as assessor, and three years as selectman. As a member of the Congregational Church he was active in religious work. He married Sarah Peck, of Milford, and had four children, namely: Urban C., born Nov. 2, 1838; Treat P., born April 22, 1841, died April 22, 1842; John N., born March 9, 1846, died Jan. 17, 1892; Charles H., born Nov. 22, 1848.

Charles H. Stowe, the subject proper of this sketch, a highly respected citizen of Milford, was born Nov. 22, 1848. After securing a district and high school education he learned the machinist's trade. Later he entered the employ of Baldwin, Rice & Read, as machinist, having charge of all the machines used by them in the manufacture of straw hats. Although the personnel of the firm has changed several times, he occupies the same position. He owns a small farm, but does not give his personal attention to its cultivation. As a prominent and influential member of the Democratic party he has held several public offices, having served two terms as assessor and four years as selectman. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Masonic fraternity. He and his family are identified with the First Congregational Church in Milford.

On Nov. 3, 1875, Mr. Stowe married Susan E. Smith, of Orrington, Maine, and four children have blessed their union: Mabel W., born Oct. 31, 1876, wife of Arthur Whitcomb, of Paterson, N. J.; Walter P., born Oct. 18, 1878, a graduate of the New York College of Pharmacy, now located in Brooklyn as a pharmacist; Stella L. C., born May 2, 1883; and Albert P., born Aug. 16, 1892.

DEACON SAMUEL HULL, one of the well-known and much respected citizens of Wallingford, is a deacon of the Baptist Church, and a leading agriculturist of that town. Born Feb. 5, 1824, on the Hull homestead in the North Farms District of the town, he is a descendant of two of the oldest and most prominent families in this part of the State. He has led a long and useful life, acting from high principles and seeking a noble ideal.

The Hull family came from Derbyshire, England, and George Hull, its first representative in America, settled at Windsor, Conn., in 1036. He was a surveyor. He married Elizabeth Loomis,

Richard and Andrew Hull, whose relationship to George is not known, were at New Haven the year that gentleman was married, 1639.

Dr. John Hull, an ancestor of Deacon Hull, was admitted a planter in 1661. Seven years later he removed to Derby, where he remained until 1687, in that year coming to Wallingford to spend the rest of his life. He died in 1711. Dr. Hull was the first of the name in the town. He exchanged the Hull homestead at Stratford for the Benjamin Lewis property at Wallingford. On Oct. 17, 1671, he married, for his second wife, Mary Jones, and after her death Rebecca Turner became his wife, Sept. 20, 1699. To him were born the following children: John, born March 14, 1661; Samuel, born Feb. 4, 1663; Mary, born Oct. 31, 1666; Joseph, born in 1668 (married Mary Nichols, of Derby); Benjamin, M. D., born Oct. 7, 1672 (married Elizabeth Andrews); Ebenezer, born in 1673 (married Lydia Mix); Richard, born in 1674; Dr. Jeremiah, born in 1679; and Asher.

Dr. Jeremiah Hull was a physician of more than ordinary skill and reputation, and was the proprietor of a considerable tract of land in Wallingford, where he died May 14, 1736. On May 24, 1711, he married Hannah Cook, daughter of Samuel and Hope Cook. She died Dec. 11, 1741. To this union came the following children: John, born Nov. 13, 1712, who married Mary Andrews; Moses, born Dec. 21, 1714, who died June 3, 1736; Tabitha, born March 3, 1717; Hannah, born March 18, 1720; Anna; Jeremiah, born Jan. 5, 1729, mentioned below; Joseph, born March 24, 1733, who married Hannah Corbitt; Patience, born Oct. 20, 1735; and Keturah.

Jeremiah Hull, noted above, was a prominent farmer and land owner in Wallingford, where his life was spent. He died Aug. 24, 1790, and was buried in Wallingford. On Jan. 18, 1753, he married Mary Merriman, who died Aug. 22, 1774. They had the following children: Caleb, born Dec. 1, 1753; Jeremiah; Samuel; and Ann, who married Jacob Rice. To his second marriage were born: Benjamin; Levi; Hannah, who married a Mr. Heath, of Wallingford; and Eunice, who married a Mr. Pratt, of Essex, Connecticut.

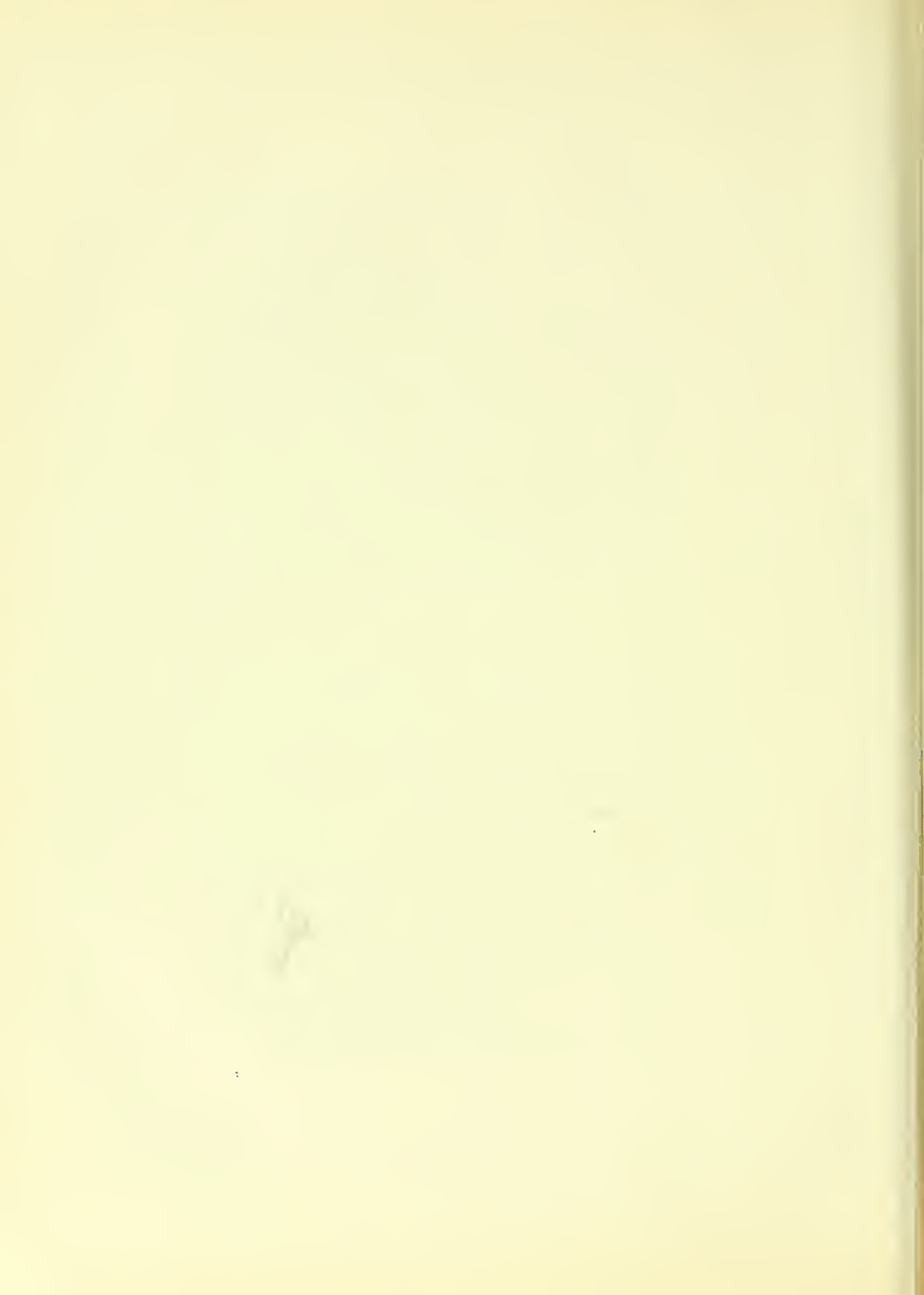
Samuel Hull, son of Jeremiah, and grandfather of Deacon Hull, served as a soldier throughout the Revolutionary war. He was born in Wallingford, married Lois Peck, and settled on the Hull homestead, on which he made extensive improvements, being one of the most enterprising farmers of his day in that section. He was a lifelong agriculturist, and he and his wife died on the farm. Mrs. Hull was a woman of much character and cultivation. Her father's home was in Deerfield, and when that town was burned by the Indians, in 1704, Mrs. Hull's mother or grandmother (with the lapse of years some uncertainty has arisen), then a girl, secreted herself, with the town records and Bible, in the cellar of the only house left standing. The



Samuel Hall



Susan E. Hall



Bible is now in the possession of Deacon Samuel Hull, our subject. Samuel and Lois (Peck) Hull had three children: William; Sylvester, who married Delilah, daughter of Benajah Morse; and Lois, who married Miles Ives.

William Hull, the father of Deacon Hull, for the most part educated himself, and was one of the best-known citizens of the town. He owned and operated a tract of 100 acres in the North Farms District of Wallingford, on which he made many substantial improvements, and gave much attention to stock raising. He did considerable business in getting out staves and other timber, and was a prosperous and fore-handed man. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Baptist Church. He died on his farm in 1849, and was buried in the Center Street cemetery. William Hull married Alma Hall, who was born on the Wallingford farm now occupied by her son, Col. Henry Hull. Her father, Reuben Hall, was one of the large land owners and farmers of Wallingford. Her mother was a Miller, and thus our subject is descended on the maternal side from Benjamin Miller, of Middlefield, one of the first settlers there. Benjamin Miller had several sons, and our subject's wife, Mrs. Susan A. (Miller) Hull, is descended from one of these on her father's side, and from another on her mother's side. Through a third son the line descends to our subject. The families were first united in the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. William Hull, and with the union of Samuel Hull and Susan A. Miller they are now doubly united. To Mr. and Mrs. William Hull came four children: (1) Col. Henry married Elnora Humiston. (2) Elizabeth first married Dr. O. Doolittle, and later Horace Smith. (3) Samuel is the subject proper of this article. (4) William Dexter died at the age of seventeen years.

Deacon Samuel Hull attended the North Farms schools, and also a select school at Meriden. He remained at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty years, when he went West to Illinois, then very largely a wilderness. After spending two years in the West he then came back to his Connecticut home, but soon returned to Illinois, where he engaged in farming. The poor health of his father very soon called him home again to cultivate the family farm, which passed into his possession after the death of his parents, and for the past fifty years he has been engaged in cultivating this very desirable tract, which has been the home of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was one of the first farmers to engage in tobacco culture. Mr. Hull is now enjoying the fruits of a long and useful life.

Mr. Hull was married Jan. 31, 1855, at Middlefield, Conn., to Miss Susan A. Miller, who was born there, daughter of Ira Miller, an old resident of that community. Mrs. Hull was educated in the public school of Middlefield and in a select school, and was a very capable and successful teacher before

her marriage. To this union have come two children: (1) Alida was educated in the district school, a select school in Meriden, and the State Normal at New Britain, and taught school in Wallingford three terms; she married Horace H. Williams, a dairy farmer, of East Wallingford. (2) Anna, who was educated at the district school and in the Grammar School at Boston, married Julius Williams, a farmer.

Deacon Hull is a Republican, but has no thirst for office. He and his wife belong to the Baptist Church, where for eight years he has officiated as deacon. They are both highly respected people, and have many warm friends throughout the community.

THE MILLER FAMILY, of Middlefield, is traced to Thomas Miller, of Birmingham, England, who came to Rowley, Mass., was made a freeman in 1639, and was a carpenter there in 1651, according to the records. Thence he moved to Middletown, Conn., where lands were recorded in his name in 1654, and where he was admitted to the church through letter, from Rowley. He built the first gristmill in that town, and it stood on Miller's brook, where one of the factories of the Russell Manufacturing Co. now stands, at the "Farms." By his first wife, Isabel, he was the father of one child, Ann, who married in 1653 Nathaniel Bacon. His second marriage, at the age of fifty-six years, was to Sarah Nettleton, daughter of Samuel Nettleton, of Branford. To this union came eight children, viz.: Thomas, born May 6, 1666, married Elizabeth Turner, for his first wife, and for his second spouse chose Mary Rowell; Samuel, born April 1, 1668, married Mary Eggleston; Joseph, born Aug. 21, 1670, married Rebecca Johnson, in 1701; Benjamin, born July 20, 1672, married Mary Johnson, and (second) Mercy Bassett; John, born March 10, 1674, married Mary Bevin in 1700; Margaret married Isaac Johnson; Sarah; Mehitabel, born March 28, 1681, was married to George Hubbard. Thomas Miller, the emigrant, father of this family, died Aug. 14, 1680, and his widow passed away March 20, 1727.

Benjamin Miller, the fourth of the above family, was one of the first three settlers of Middlefield town. He located in the southern part, on the east side of the Coginehaug or West river, not far from the Durham line. Tradition has it that the title of "governor" was conferred upon him, partly because of his influence with the Indians, partly on account of his being a large land owner, and partly on account of his dominant disposition. He was not, however, exempt from the action of the law, as will be seen. He was greatly annoyed at the frequent loss of his pigs, and suspected that they were devoured by bears; he accordingly kept watch, and one Sunday morning caught Bruin in the act, and shot and killed the animal. For this he was arrested on the charge of desecrating the Sabbath.

Benjamin Miller first married, Sept. 18, 1696,

Mary Johnson, who was born in 1676, a daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Smith) Johnson. They had eight children, namely: Rebecca married David Robinson, of Durham; Mary married a Spencer, of Haddam; Benjamin, born Oct. 2, 1700, married Hannah, daughter of David Robinson; Sarah, born Oct. 5, 1702, became the wife of Joseph Hickox, of Durham; Hannah, born June 1, 1704, was married to Ephraim Coe; Isaac, born May 2, 1706, died unmarried; Mehitabel, born Feb. 5, 1707, was married to A. Barnes; and Ichabod, born Dec. 15, 1709, married Elizabeth Cromwell, daughter of Capt. Joseph Cromwell. Mrs. Mary Miller, mother of the above named children, died Dec. 15, 1709, and Benjamin Miller, for his second wife, married Mercy Bassett, who was born in New Haven in 1677. To this union came seven children, namely: Lydia married Eliakim Snow; Amos, born June 1, 1713, married Abigail Cromwell; Ebenezer, born Aug. 20, 1714, died unmarried; Martha, born Dec. 8, 1715, married Thomas Atkins; Rhoda, born March 8, 1717, was married to Benjamin Bacon; David, born Oct. 3, 1718, married Elizabeth Brainerd; Thankful died unmarried. Benjamin Miller, the father, who was a man of fine physique, and very powerful, died Nov. 22, 1747, and Mercy, his widow, died Feb. 9, 1756. The remains of both were interred in the old cemetery at Middlefield.

Amos Miller, the second child born to the second marriage of "Governor" Miller, was a farmer in the East District of Middlefield. He married Abigail, daughter of Joseph Cromwell, to which union were born six children, namely: Ebenezer, Amos, Abigail, Daniel, Elisha and Joseph.

Elisha Miller, fifth child of Amos, was largely engaged in farming and fruit growing in the East District of Middlefield, and sold much of his fruit in Middletown; but, being a liberal, kind-hearted man, he gave a great deal of his fruit away, and in fruit season was always followed about the streets of Middletown by a crowd of small boys, whom he supplied liberally with his luscious products. He married Elizabeth Miller, and to them were born eleven children, viz.: Abel settled in Ohio, where he married and passed the remainder of his life; Abigail also went to Ohio, where she was married and where she died; Elizabeth died unmarried, in Middlefield; Jerusha and Mary also died unmarried, in Middlefield; Esther went to Ohio, was married to a Mr. Bingham, and died there; Elisha married Rhoda Parsons, of Durham; Eunice died young; Ira became the father of Mrs. Hull; George R., a farmer, married Martina Rice; Amos first married Miranda Miller, and afterward Arabella Miller, of Granville, Mass. (he was a colonel in the Stoddard militia).

Ira Miller, the ninth of the above family, was born July 21, 1792, on the farm now occupied by Frank A. Coe, in Middlefield. He received a plain district-school education, but was a very bright scholar, and for seventeen winters was a successful

school teacher in Middlefield and vicinity; in the summer he worked for his father on the farm, which he inherited. He went to Ohio, but remained a short time only, and then returned home, and for a time engaged in peddling Yankee notions throughout Long Island and in the South. On his final return home he followed fruit growing besides farming, was the principal grower to introduce new fruit varieties, and was quite successful in grafting. In early life he was a Democrat, as was his father, but later voted with the Republican party, and was the only one of his family to do so. He never held an office. Mr. Miller was a quiet, self-contained man. He died Aug. 1, 1867, respected by all who knew him.

To the marriage of Ira Miller and Lecta Miller, who was born July 3, 1796, daughter of Ichabod and Sarah (Birdsey) Miller, were born seven children, namely: (1) Emma married Joseph Congdon, lived for a time in Michigan, then in New York State, and finally in Westfield, Conn., where she died. (2) George W. (3) Marietta, the widow of Rufus B. Sage, died in Cromwell March 23, 1900. (4) Margaret E. is the widow of Joseph E. Tryon, of South Farms, and resides with her brother George W. (5) Charles Ira married Delia Clark, for his second wife Lydia F. Moulton, of Great Falls, N. H., and for his third wife Mrs. Lucy Jane (Miller) Hall, widow of Walter P. Hall. (6) Susan A. is the wife of Samuel Hull. (7) Amos H. married Louisa Cooper, and for his second wife Rose Parks, of Prince Edward Island. He is a wool waste manufacturer in Boston, Mass., and resides in Brookline, an aristocratic suburb of the city. Mrs. Lecta Miller, mother of the above family, died Jan. 16, 1890, at the venerable age of ninety-three.

ICHABOD E. ALLING, a well-known liveryman and prominent citizen of Derby, Conn., who is now representing the first ward in the city council, was born in the town of Hamden, Oct. 17, 1826, a son of Michael Alling, a native of the same place. There the grandfather, Ichabod Alling, spent his entire life as a farmer. In his family were six children, namely: Lyman, who was a farmer and butcher of Westville, and a man of prominence in that locality; Russell and Timothy, who were contractors and builders in New Haven; Michael, father of our subject; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; and Ezra, who engaged in farming on the old homestead throughout life.

Michael Alling became a boss mason in New Haven and continued to follow that occupation until his death, which occurred in Seymour. He married Miss Wealthy Sperry, of Bethany, a daughter of Ezra Sperry, a farmer by occupation. She is also deceased. To the parents of our subject were born four children: Eliza, who married Henry Pomeroy, of Seymour, Conn., and moved West; Ichabod E., who was next in order of birth; Henry, who in

early life followed the machinist's trade, but later conducted a store in Bath, N. Y., where he died in 1898; and Fannie, widow of Capt. John Neil, of Chicago, Illinois.

The early boyhood of Ichabod E. Alling was passed on the home farm, and from there he removed with the family to the city of New Haven, where he attended school, and later to Seymour, this county. During his youth he learned the auger-maker's trade, which he followed for about thirty years in Seymour, Deep River, Troy, N. Y., and other places, but has always considered Derby his home.

Mr. Alling was united in marriage with Miss Laura Smith, of Seymour, a daughter of Russell Smith, a jobber and speculator of that place. By this union was born a daughter, Emma, now the widow of Charles Tracey, and a resident of Meriden, Conn. The wife and mother died in 1881, and Mr. Alling was again married, in 1882, his second union being with Miss Sarah Jane Jacques, of Providence, R. I., her family being an old one of that State.

Mr. Alling's father and other relatives were soldiers of the war of 1812, and he manifested his patriotism during the Civil war by enlisting in 1862 in Company H, 20th Conn. V. I. At the close of the war, in 1865, he was honorably discharged and returned to Derby, where he has since successfully engaged in the livery business. Fraternally he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and politically is a Democrat, but at local elections endeavors to vote for the man best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party affiliations. For a number of years he was a member of the police force of Derby, and in December, 1898, was elected alderman from the first ward, which position he is now filling in an able and satisfactory manner.

ELIZUR ZERAH CLINTON is one of the successful and prominent fruit growers and dairy farmers of Clintonville, near the line of North Haven, in the town of Wallingford. Mr. Clinton was born on the old Clinton homestead Sept. 18, 1847, a son of Jesse (Jr.) and Rosanna (Bassett) Clinton. [For genealogy of the Clinton family see sketch of Edwin Jesse Clinton elsewhere.]

Elizur Z. Clinton was educated in the district schools of Clintonville, and also attended North Haven Academy, after which he engaged in work for David Clinton & Son, in the Agricultural Manufacturing Co., and when he had mastered the business in all its branches he returned to the farm. The homestead consisted of seventy-five acres, well suited for general farming, dairying and fruit growing, and, as he has so very successfully pursued it, Mr. Clinton seems to have made a wise choice when he resumed agricultural lines. His peach orchards have been exceedingly productive and profitable, and, as a side line, he has engaged in the manufacture of a superior article of cider.

In 1869 Mr. Clinton was married, in North Haven, to Miss Julia A. Bishop, a native of North Haven, born May 1, 1850, a daughter of Erus and Charlotte (Thorpe) Bishop. She died of consumption soon after marriage. On Dec. 3, 1873, Mr. Clinton wedded Ella J. Palmer, a daughter of Timothy and Sybil (Barnes) Palmer, and five children have been born of this union: Robert J., Bessie E., Lovell E., Dora P. and Jennie F.

For a number of years our subject was a member of the State militia; he was a justice of the peace for several terms. He is past master of North Haven Grange, and belongs to Corinthian Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M., of Northford, in which he has been secretary and treasurer and steward. In his political views he is a Democrat. Mr. Clinton is one of the most esteemed and respected citizens of his part of New Haven county.

EDSON L. BRYANT, deputy collector of internal revenue, was born Feb. 7, 1842, at Sheffield, Mass. His father, Socrates Bryant, was a native of Sheffield, where he spent the active life of a farmer, taking also a prominent part in public affairs. Mr. Bryant's ancestors were among the earliest settlers at Plymouth, and at Plympton, Mass., and of them are mentioned Lieut. John Bryant, Stephen Bryant (the lineal ancestor of William Cullen Bryant), John Shaw, and Augustine Pearce; the last named came to this country in the ship "Confidence" in the year 1638.

On Nov. 9, 1826, Socrates Bryant married Jerusha Terrell, of Naugatuck, Conn. She was a descendant of Roger Terrell and Joseph Northrup, early settlers at Milford, Conn.; Francis Norton, of Wethersfield, Conn.; William Hoadley, of Branford, Conn. Josiah Terrell, the grandfather of Jerusha Terrell, was a captain in the Revolutionary army. Five children were born to Socrates Bryant: Clark B., now of New Haven; Alfred T., deceased; Ellen B., wife of Thomas Wallace, formerly of Ansonia; Jane A., widow of Hiram Holabird; and Edson L., the subject of this sketch. The parents were devout members of the Congregational Church and brought up their children in the same faith.

Edson L. Bryant was educated in the public schools of Ansonia and Sheffield, and in the private school of Prof. Phillips at Sheffield. At the age of sixteen he came to Ansonia, making his home for a time with his sister, Mrs. Wallace. He left the high school at Ansonia to enter the employ of Wallace & Sons, a large manufacturing concern. In 1862 he enlisted in Company F, 23d Conn. V. I., for service in the Civil war, and was made first sergeant of that company. The military operations of this regiment were mainly in the far Southwest, forming part of the army under Gen. Banks. Mr. Bryant was at Ship Island, New Orleans, and Brashear City, now known as Morgan City. After a year of service he returned home, being discharged on account of the expiration of his term, and re-

sumed work with Wallace & Sons. He became superintendent of the novelty department of the works, and continued with this concern until the sale of its plant to the Coe Brass Co. While so engaged he secured several patents for new devices and improvements. After leaving Wallace & Sons Mr. Bryant spent several years in the insurance business, and in June, 1808, he was appointed to his present position, that of deputy collector of internal revenue, with headquarters at New Haven. Mr. Bryant is a Republican in politics, and has always been an active worker in the interests of his party. He served as a member of the board of burgesses, under the old borough government of Ansonia; also on the board of education. He is known as a wide-awake, progressive citizen, and his influence and co-operation are always expected for every forward movement. He is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is junior warden of Christ Church parish, where for thirty years he has been a vestryman.

On June 14, 1806, Mr. Bryant married Miss Mary Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Merritt and Mary (Hodge) Clark. The Clark history will be found elsewhere, under the name of George B. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have had three children, of whom two are now living: (1) Annie E. married Theodore W. Bassett, of Derby, secretary of the Birmingham Iron Foundry. (2) George Clark graduated at Yale College in 1895, and at the Yale Law School in 1897. He was admitted to the Bar in June, 1897, and from July of that year until Oct. 1, 1901, was associated with the firm of Williams & Gager, in Derby. He is now judge of the City Court in Ansonia, which office he has held since July, 1899. In December, 1898, he was married to Florence Adele Farrel, daughter of Franklin Farrel, a sketch of whose life will be found elsewhere.

MARCUS EBENEZER COOKE, one of the oldest and best-known citizens of Wallingford, where he is engaged in farming, and has filled the office of selectman for several years with credit to himself and satisfaction to the community, is a descendant of one of the earliest and most prominent families of New Haven county.

The first of the name and family in America was Henry Cooke, a native of Kent, England, who was at Plymouth, Mass., before 1640, and there spent the remainder of his life. He was the father of four sons: Isaac, who remained at Plymouth; John, who settled in Middletown; and Henry and Samuel, both of whom made their home in New Haven county.

Samuel Cooke, the youngest of the above named four sons, was born in Plymouth, Mass., and in 1663 came to New Haven, where he married Hope Parker, daughter of Edward Parker, May 2, 1666. In 1670 they came to Wallingford, and were among the first settlers of the town, locating in what is

now called Cooke Hill. He became the owner of considerable land, and followed the trade of shoemaker and tanner. Filling many public offices, he left a name for honor and ability. He was active in church affairs, and one of the organizers of the First Church in Wallingford. He died in 1702, and Mary (Roberts), his second wife, married Jeremiah Howe April 9, 1705. Mr. Cooke was father to the following children: Samuel, born March 3, 1667; John, Dec. 3, 1669; Hannah, March 3, 1671; Isaac, March 10, 1673 (died April 7, 1673); Mary, April 23, 1675 (married Nathaniel Ives); Elizabeth, Aug. 22, 1677 (died young); Judith, Feb. 29, 1679 (married Jeremiah Howe, April 20, 1704, and died the same day); Isaac, Jan. 10, 1681; Joseph, Feb. 25, 1683; Hope, Sept. 27, 1686 (married Joseph Benham, Dec. 18, 1706, and died Jan. 30, 1731). These were born to the first marriage. By his second wife Mr. Cooke was the father to the following: Israel, born May 8, 1692; Mabel, June 30, 1694; Benjamin, April 8, 1697 (died in 1717); Ephraim, April 19, 1699; Elizabeth, Sept. 10, 1701 (married Adam Mott Aug. 28, 1717).

Samuel Cooke (2), the eldest son of Samuel, was born in New Haven, and moved with his parents while still a child to Wallingford, where he followed farming all his life. He died on his farm Sept. 18, 1725, at the age of fifty-eight, and was buried in Wallingford. Mr. Cooke was twice married, first on March 3, 1692, by 'Squire John Moss, to Hannah Ives, daughter of William Ives. Mrs. Cooke died May 20, 1714. Elizabeth Bedel, of Stratford, became his second wife, and after his death she married Capt. Daniel Harris, of Middletown, Conn. Mr. Cooke was a farmer in the western part of the township, near the line which now divides Cheshire from Wallingford, and some of his descendants still occupy that land. Samuel Cooke (2) was father to the following children: By the first marriage—(1) Hannah, born May 28, 1693, married Jeremiah Hull, and died Nov. 22, 1735; (2) Samuel was born March 5, 1695; (3) Aaron was born Dec. 28, 1696; (4) Lydia, born Jan. 13, 1699, married Oct. 12, 1738, Daniel Dutton; (5) Moses, born Jan. 4, 1700, died Dec. 25, 1711; (6) Miriam, born Nov. 4, 1703, married Benjamin Curtis Dec. 12, 1727; (7) Thankful, born Dec. 24, 1705, died Aug. 19, 1714; (8) Esther, born March 8, 1707, married Abel Yale July 22, 1730; (9) Eunice was born Feb. 25, 1709; (10) Susannah, born Sept. 5, 1711, married Joseph Cole Dec. 1, 1735. By the second marriage—(11) Moses was born Nov. 6, 1716; (12) Thankful, born Nov. 14, 1718, married Stephen Hotchkiss Dec. 31, 1742; (13) Asaph was born June 25, 1720; (14) Hannah, born Nov. 4, 1721, married Zephaniah Hull, of Cheshire; (15) Hope died Sept. 18, 1728.

Aaron Cooke, noted in the foregoing paragraph, was born on the Cooke Hill farm. He was a prosperous and highly respected farmer, and a land holder in the southeastern part of Wallingford,



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Northford survey, where he settled; he died there Oct. 14, 1756, aged sixty years, and is buried in Wallingford. Three times married, Aaron Cooke was father to a numerous progeny. On Nov. 14, 1723, he married Sarah Benham, daughter of James Benham. Sarah Hitchcock, his second wife, died Aug. 11, 1735. Ruth Burrage, of Stratford, became his third wife, on Feb. 7, 1736. By his first marriage Mr. Cooke was father to the following children: Samuel, born Sept. 25, 1725; Stephen, Dec. 28, 1727; Titus, Feb. 25, 1730; Abel, Feb. 23, 1732. To the second marriage came one child, Sarah, born June 2, 1735. By his third marriage Mr. Cooke was father to the following children: Lydia, born in 1736, married Uriah Collins, and died Jan. 9, 1793; Ruth, born Sept. 7, 1738, married William Collins, and died June 9, 1790; Esther was born May 14, 1740; Elizabeth, born March 16, 1741, died when ten years old; Aaron was born June 5, 1744; Miriam, born June 30, 1746, died Dec. 1, 1750; Lucy, born Sept. 20, 1748, died April 29, 1760; Elizabeth, born June 7, 1751, died Oct. 19, 1762.

Abel Cooke, whose name appears fourth in the above named list of children, was born on the Cooke homestead in the southeastern part of Wallingford, where he grew to manhood. He was a farmer all his life, and died on his farm Aug. 10, 1776. This homestead is still owned by a direct descendant, Levi M. Cooke. On Nov. 16, 1757, Abel Cooke married Mary Atwater, who was born in Wallingford Dec. 30, 1735, and died Jan. 13, 1774; her parents were Benjamin and Elizabeth P. Atwater. Mr. Cooke was a soldier, a patriot of the first water, and served with distinction in the war of the Revolution. His children were: Atwater, born Nov. 3, 1758; Porter, July 27, 1760; Elizabeth, March 13, 1763; Abel, March 27, 1765; Chester, Aug. 13, 1767 (died young); David M., Feb. 16, 1770; Mary, April 2, 1773 (married Col. Eliakim Hull, and died Dec. 1, 1839); Chester (2), Oct. 6, 1775.

Chester Cooke, the grandfather of Marcus E. Cooke, was born in Wallingford, on the Aaron Cooke homestead, and grew to manhood in that locality. In 1792 he purchased the homestead where Marcus E. Cooke now resides. He was a lifelong farmer, and also a shoemaker. A leading Democrat, he represented the town in the State Legislature, and was a highly respected and upright citizen. He died Aug. 13, 1864. He was twice married, first to Thankful Hall, daughter of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Merriman) Hall. Polly Norton was his second wife. Mr. Cooke was the father of three children: Caroline, born Sept. 5, 1801, married Orrin Andrews; Marilda, born Nov. 17, 1803, married Sherlock Avery, of Wallingford; Hiram was born April 23, 1805.

Hiram Cooke, the father of Marcus E., was born on the farm now owned by that gentleman, and made farming his life work. He was a man of affairs, highly respected, and filled many public

offices, representing his town in the State Legislature, and was the first judge of the borough court of Wallingford. An ardent Democrat, he was active in the party organization. He was twice married. His first wife, Anna M. Marks, was born June 27, 1808, and died September 30, 1855. She was a daughter of Col. William Marks, a prominent citizen, who was appointed delegate from Wallingford to the State Constitutional Convention in 1818. He was one of the first manufacturers of woolen cloth in this country. On March 18, 1850, Mr. Cooke married Margaret A. Todd, who was born Jan. 1, 1833, and died Dec. 30, 1891. Mr. Cooke died Nov. 7, 1873, and is buried in the Center Street cemetery. To the first marriage came the following children: (1) Chester William, born Dec. 14, 1830, married Mary Merwin May 20, 1855. In 1859 they moved from Hardenburg, N. Y., to Momence, Ill., later to Manteno, Ill., and thence to Frankfort, S. Dak., their present residence. They have six children, Julia Anna, Marcus Eber, Urban Hiram, Nelson Samuel, Harriet and Maude. (2) Hiram D. was born Oct. 18, 1832. (3) Aurelius Baxter, born Oct. 21, 1834, died May 6, 1842. (4) Martin Van Buren was born June 20, 1839. (5) Jane Anna was born Nov. 4, 1843. (6) Marcus E. was born Nov. 2, 1849. The children of Hiram Cooke's second marriage were: (7) Thankful Estella, born May 10, 1857; and (8) Waldo D., born Dec. 31, 1860.

Marcus E. Cooke was born in Hardenburg, N. Y., and in December, 1857, removed to the Cooke homestead, in which he now resides. He received his literary training in the district school, but his education is very largely self-acquired, and to a great extent he has made his own way in the world. On the farm which has come into his possession he has made many substantial improvements, and he carries on a system of general farming, making a specialty of dairy interests and peach growing. He is a representative of one of the largest farm implement manufacturers in the county, and keeps on hand a full line of implements. In 1870 he was appointed overseer and builder of the town roads, and held that position for several years. He has invented and patented several valuable pieces of road machinery. A public-spirited and progressive man, he is always willing to lend a helping hand to every worthy cause. He is president of the Wallingford Agricultural Society, and was one of the organizers of the Wallingford Grange, of which he was master for two years. A leading Democrat, he represented the town in the State Legislature in 1883, and has been selectman several terms. Mr. Cooke is a director of the Dime Savings Bank of Wallingford, one of the growing financial institutions of the town, and is president of the Wallingford Creamery Co. Our subject served nine years—from 1871 to 1880—in the Connecticut National Guard, as a member of Company K, 2d Regiment, C. N. G., of Wallingford.

Mr. Cooke and Miss Clara E. Potts, of South Egremont, Berkshire Co., Mass., were married Feb. 12, 1884. She is a lady of culture and refinement, and has made a good wife and mother. They have had four children: Lillian A., born May 19, 1886, who died Oct. 6, 1888; Chester Herman, born April 19, 1888; Mabel Anna, born March 30, 1892; and Florence Marks, born Sept. 6, 1894.

HENRY BEADLE, a well-known and prominent citizen of Cheshire, was for many years one of the active and progressive business men of the town, as well as one of its most reliable and honored citizens, and now, in his declining years, he is enjoying a well-earned rest, free from the cares and responsibilities of business life. Throughout the county he is widely and favorably known.

The Beadle family is of French descent, and the first to come to America settled in Salem, Mass., but on account of religious persecution and the burning of the witches they afterward came to Connecticut, and their descendants are now numbered among its best citizens. (I) Nathaniel Beadle, the first of the name in New Haven county, removed to Wallingford early in the eighteenth century and located on a farm on the west side of the river near the Cheshire line, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits, and where his death occurred about 1764. His wife, Elizabeth, also died in Wallingford. Their children were Nathaniel, born Dec. 15, 1703; Mary, born Sept. 18, 1708; Josiah, born Aug. 3, 1711; and Samuel Sharp, who was graduated from Yale in 1757, and died Jan. 5, 1762.

(II) Nathaniel Beadle, son of Nathaniel, Sr., was reared on the home farm, and throughout life engaged in farming in Wallingford, of which town he was a well-known and honored citizen. He was also captain in the militia. He died Feb. 10, 1762, two years before his father, and was buried in the old cemetery. On Nov. 10, 1726, he married Elizabeth Hitchcock, and to them were born eight children, namely: Elizabeth and Susanna, twins, born Sept. 17, 1727; John; Hannah; Sarah; Lois, wife of John Hull; Mehitable; and Nathaniel, who died March 4, 1763.

(III) John Beadle, son of Nathaniel, Jr., was born and reared on the old homestead in Wallingford, and spent his entire life in that town. He was a member of the militia, and was captain of a company which he recruited, in the 5th Conn. Light Horse, in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war. He married Miss Baker, daughter of John Baker, of Wallingford, and in their family were John, Henry, Joseph, Alfred and others, many of whom removed to New York.

(IV) Alfred Beadle, son of John and grandfather of our subject, was born in Wallingford, where he grew to manhood and learned wagon making and general repairing. When a young man he came to the town of Cheshire and established himself in

business, being one of the first wagonmakers of this locality. Many of his wagons were used by the peddlers in traveling and selling their wares through the South. He bought a house on the site of our subject's present home, and made many improvements upon the place. He died in Cheshire at the ripe old age of eighty-six years, and was buried in the old cemetery. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith a Congregationalist. He married Polly (or Mary) Doncomb, who died in Cheshire and was buried in the same cemetery. They had five children: Philander, Henry, Benajah, James and a daughter who died young.

(V) Benajah Beadle, father of our subject, was born in Cheshire, and educated in its district school and the Cheshire Episcopal Academy. With his father he learned the wagonmaker's trade and made that business his life occupation, being in partnership with his brother Philander for several years, but finally the brother removed to Syracuse, N. Y., and spent the remainder of his life in that city. After that Benajah Beadle was alone in business, and was very successful. He was one of the highly respected and worthy citizens of Cheshire, where he died Oct. 4, 1890, aged seventy-five years, and was buried in Cheshire cemetery. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican, and served as selectman of the town and held other local offices. He married Julia Hitchcock, who was also born in Cheshire of good old Revolutionary stock, and died April 18, 1890, aged seventy-five years. She, too, was a faithful member of the Episcopal Church. In their family were three children: William, who was a soldier of Company A, 20th Conn. V. L., during the Civil war, and died from the effects of his army life; Henry, our subject; and Edgar, also a resident of Cheshire.

(VI) Henry Beadle was born on the present site of the high school, at Cheshire Center, Jan. 22, 1844, and pursued his studies in the district school and the Cheshire Episcopal Academy. In early life he learned the wagonmaker's trade with his father and remained with him until 1869, when he went to Wallingford as foreman of the works of the Carriage Wheel Manufacturing Co., with which he was connected for five years. After his return to Cheshire he was engaged in the painting and paper hanging business until 1890, when appointed postmaster of Cheshire under President Harrison's administration, and held that office until the Democrats came into power in 1893. Since then he has practically lived a retired life, spending his winters in Florida, where he has an orange orchard in which he takes a great interest. He has a beautiful home, supplied with all modern conveniences, which has been built upon the foundation of his grandfather's old home. He has quite an interesting collection of relics, which he has gathered during his travels, and is, himself, somewhat of an artist in the carving of animals from wood.

In 1875, in New Haven, Mr. Beadle was married to Miss Ella Hawes, a native of Wallingford and a daughter of Alonzo and Laura (Merriman) Hawes. She is a lady of culture and refinement, and is an active member of the Congregational Church, and of Crescent Chapter, O. E. S. Julia L., the only child born to our subject and his wife, died in 1886, at the age of seven years. Socially Mr. Beadle is a member of Temple Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Cheshire. For a quarter of a century he has been prominently identified with public affairs, and in 1884 represented Cheshire in the State Legislature, where he served as clerk of the committee on claims. He was constable of the town for over twenty years; deputy sheriff seven years; postmaster three years; justice of the peace several years; and chairman of the town committee of the Republican party for twenty-five years. His public and private life are alike above reproach, and he is held in high regard by all who know him.

FRANK OBADIAH BADGER was born March 4, 1841, in Burlington, Mass., a son of Obadiah and Harriet (Cutler) Badger. Of the seven children in this family, five are yet living.

Frank O. Badger was but seven years old when his father died, and he was taken to the home of a paternal aunt in Plymouth, Mass., where he lived until he was twelve years old, receiving the school privileges of that town. At that age he entered a store in Lowell as a clerk, with the agreement that he was to attend school a part of each year. He remained in the store until he was seventeen years of age, when he went to California, where he had a claim on the American river. Mr. Badger traveled through California and Mexico quite extensively, and after a residence of two years on the Pacific coast returned to Boston, and was a clerk in a store in that city for a few months. Returning to Lowell he entered the Lowell Locomotive works, and was engaged as a machinist for thirteen months, and then transferred himself to the Springfield Armory, where he was put on government work. For six years he was in the armory, and at the expiration of this time went to New Britain to do contract work, making bank locks with Frederick North, in which he employed about twenty-five men. For four years he worked in connection with Mr. North, and was then proprietor and manager of the Union Hall Hotel at Hartford for a year, after which he went to Kansas City, Mo., where he was engaged in selling farming implements and in buying farm produce. The state of his wife's health, however, compelled a quick return to the East, and he started a plant at Greenport, Long Island, for the manufacture of wire goods, in which he was quite successful. After the lapse of four years he sold out, and coming to New Britain, was made general manager of the National Wire Mattress Co., a position he held for four years, when he gave it up and went to New York City,

where he spent a year as general manager of the mattress and spring bed departments for the Hall & Stevens Co. Following this he was proprietor and manager of a spring bed factory, in which he employed some twenty men. After three quite successful years of this work he sold out to the Brooklyn Spring Bed Co. For seven months Mr. Badger was with the R. Hoe Printing Press Co., and then he engaged with H. L. Judd & Co. as a contractor in their brass bed department, and when the plant was removed to Wallingford Mr. Badger came with it, April 30, 1891. He still holds his contract with the company, and is employing about fifteen hands.

Mr. Badger is a Mason, and is connected with Keystone Chapter at Meriden. He is a Republican in politics, but he has always been too busy to give much attention to political affairs. With his family he attends the First Congregational Church, where they are members.

In 1872 Mr. Badger was married to Miss Emma A. Bailey, of Hartford, a daughter of Solomon Bailey. To Mr. and Mrs. Badger were born the following children: Ella May, born May 8, 1873, married Walter Hill, superintendent of the New York Insulated Wire Co., of Wallingford, and has two children, May Elizabeth and Esther B.; Robert E., born June 27, 1874, married Miss Maude Miller, of Mount Carmel, and is engaged in the stationery and laundry business in Wallingford; Emma Elizabeth is at home; Grace Alma is at home; and Frank died when seven years old.

ALBERT BEAUMONT was born in the Beaumont homestead June 19, 1844, a son of the late John and Ann (Tyler) Beaumont. His education was obtained in the district schools, and growing up on the homestead, he was thoroughly trained in the best agricultural methods of the time. When his father died, young Albert and his brother George operated the home farm until 1898, in which year he sold out his interest in the home place, and bought the Wooding Farm on East Main Street. Here he made his home for about two years, but he lately sold it, buying instead the Threadway Farm, a place of thirty acres, but large enough for market gardening, which he intends making his business. Mr. Beaumont is a hard worker, and as he carefully plans his labor, and seeks to accomplish something practical and timely, he is bound to succeed. An honest and straightforward man, his word is held good to any amount, and what he says is accepted as the statement of a man of truth.

On Oct. 6, 1892, Mr. Beaumont was married, in Wallingford, by the Rev. C. H. Dickerson, to Miss Emily Seard, who was born in Newport, South Wales, England, a daughter of George Seard, one of the leading dairymen of Wallingford. To this marriage has come one child, Albert John, born May 31, 1898. Mr. Beaumont belongs to the Wallingford Grange; and politically is a Republican, but not an office seeker. In his church con-

nection he is a Congregationalist, and both he and his wife are highly esteemed in the community, as most excellent people, kind neighbors, and honest and industrious in their daily lives.

GEORGE E. TERRY, a well-known citizen of Prospect, New Haven Co., Conn., was born in Sag Harbor, Long Island, Nov. 1, 1856, a son of Emanuel and Emma Terry, both of whom died on Long Island. During his boyhood our subject attended the schools of New York City, and began life for himself as a clerk in a dry goods store there. After following that occupation for two years, he became a sailor in the coasting trade and spent the following three years in that manner, after which he learned the cigar-maker's trade in Brooklyn, N. Y., and clerked in a cigar store for some time. He was next employed as clerk in a hotel at New London, Conn., and from there removed to New Haven, where he was employed in dye works for two years. In 1881 he went to Waterbury, where he worked in the watch factory until coming to Prospect in 1892, when he took up his residence on the John Swartz farm, which is the property of his wife. He is engaged through the winter months at his trade in Waterbury.

In 1880, in Philadelphia, Penn., Mr. Terry married Miss Emelie Adaline Kyser, a native of St. Louis, Mo., and a daughter of the late Charles F. Kyser, who was born in Germany and was a well-known translator of the German, French and Latin languages. To Mr. and Mrs. Terry were born five children, namely: Lotta, Vera, Emily and Harold, all living; and Robert, who died in infancy. Mr. Terry is a member of the K. of L., and is identified with the Democratic party.

PERRY CHAUNCEY MORRIS, ex-first selectman and ex-town treasurer of Waterbury, was born Aug. 12, 1847, in that part of the town now known as Waterville, a son of Miles Morris, who was born in the town of Canaan, Litchfield Co., Conn., and is now living in Waterbury.

Russell Morris, father of Miles, was of English extraction, and was born in Danbury, Conn. By occupation he was a farmer. He married Harriet Holcomb, and settled on his farm in Canaan, where he reared a family of twelve children, named, in the order of their birth, Miles, Theodore, Samuel, Edmund, Sidney, Chauncey, David, Amanda, Julia, Susan, Elizabeth and Mary. Of this family, Miles, the eldest, is the father of our subject; Theodore was an employe of the Housatonic Railway Co. at Falls Village, and there met his death by accident; Samuel, who was also a railroad man, died in Chicago; Edmund lives in the town of South Lee, Mass., where he is employed on a railroad; Sidney is a farmer in Falls Village; Chauncey lives in retirement in Bridgeport; David died at the age of eighteen years; Amanda is deceased; Julia, deceased, was the wife of Robert Ross; Susan, who

was a school teacher, has also entered into rest; Elizabeth has been twice married, first to a Mr. Reed, and later to Charles Phillips, a railroad conductor; Mary is the wife of John Sturges, of Bridgeport.

Miles Morris came to Waterbury in 1840, and has since been in the employ of the Waterville Knife Co., and Brown & Bros. He married Jane M. Forrest, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of Samuel Forrest, who came from Birmingham, England. To this union were born two children: Perry Chauncey and Frederick M., the latter born in Bridgeport, and now a machinist in Waterbury. The wife and mother passed away July 25, 1887, and was buried in Waterville.

Perry Chauncey Morris was educated in the local schools of Waterbury and Waterville, after leaving which he entered the brass works of Brown & Bros., with whom he remained about twenty-five years. He then engaged in the grocery business on the Watertown road, which he continued with much success until his removal to Waterbury. Always taking a keen interest in public affairs, he has been active in the work of his chosen political party—the Democratic—and was honored by election to the office of town treasurer for the term of two years. So satisfactorily did he fill the duties of the office of treasurer that immediately after the expiration of his term he was, in 1894, elected first selectman, which office occupied all his attention up to 1900. Since that time he has been obliged to devote his time to his personal affairs, his property interests demanding considerable attention. He is popular with all parties, and as People's candidate received the support of both Democrats and Republicans, the entire population having the most implicit confidence in his unflinching honesty.

On Aug. 4, 1870, Mr. Morris married Miss Matilda E. Slade, of Waterbury, daughter of George and Matilda (Stevens) Slade, natives of England. To this marriage has been born one child, Frances E. Fraternally Mr. Morris is a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., at Waterbury, of the Knights Templars, and is also a Mystic Shriner. In religious connection he belongs to Trinity Episcopal Church. He is one of the most progressive men of Waterbury, and is identified with every project designed to promote the public interest.

JAMES W. CONE, one of the leading druggists of Waterbury, has a fine establishment and caters to the best people of the city.

Mr. Cone was born May 30, 1848, in Winsted, Conn., son of John Cone, who was born in Norfolk, this State, in 1817. Deacon Samuel Cone, the grandfather of James W., was born in Winchester, Conn., a son of Daniel H. Cone, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Samuel was a sevice maker, who followed that business in Norfolk; there he married Clarissa Munger, of Norfolk, Conn., and they reared a family of thirteen children,



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all of whom are deceased but John, the father of James W.

John Cone grew to manhood in Norfolk, where he married Harriet A. Watson, a daughter of Abijah and Margaret Watson, farming people of Norfolk. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cone settled in the village of Winsted, Conn., where he carried on his business, and where he is now living retired. Mrs. Cone died May 20, 1880. Three children were born to them: James, who died at the age of five years; James W.; and Maria E., who died April 13, 1901.

James W. Cone grew up in Winsted, where he attended the public school, and later was a student in the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. As an apprentice to the druggist's business, he spent four years with David Fuller, at Waterbury, and for six years after leaving Mr. Fuller was engaged in various places. During four years of this time he was in business for himself at Winsted. In 1884 he came back to Waterbury, and purchased the drug store of Dr. J. J. Jacques, at No. 11 West Main street, and continued for ten years at the old location, moving in 1896 to his present quarters, corner of West Main and Bank Streets. Here he carries a fine stock, and appeals to the most fastidious as well as to the great public, offering the best of goods at a modest price, and treating all who come with equal courtesy and fairness.

Mr. Cone and Miss Caroline Woodward were married Nov. 24, 1873. Mrs. Cone was a daughter of Andrew Woodward, and a native of Thomaston, Conn., where her father has been engaged in the tannery business many years. She died Dec. 17, 1888, leaving three children: Emma L., who is the wife of Dr. C. H. Rust, of Cleveland, Ohio; John S., who died July 26, 1899, at the age of twenty years; and Harriet A., a student in the Waterbury schools. On Sept. 24, 1890, Mr. Cone married Miss Minnie Manwaring, who was born in Waterford, Conn., daughter of Ansel Manwaring, for many years town treasurer. She is a capable and well educated lady, and was a school teacher before her marriage. Mr. Cone is a Republican and a prominent Mason, having reached the Shrine. The family attend the Second Congregational Church, of which they are all members.

RICHARD CHRISTOPHER WILCOX, senior member of the widely known firm of R. C. Wilcox & Sons, dairy farmers and stock raisers, Guilford, is a native of Connecticut, born June 22, 1846, in the town of Guilford, New Haven county.

The Wilcox family are old settlers of the New England States, and the name has been spelled in various ways—Wilcox, Wilcocks, Wilcoxson and Willcox. (1) William Wilcox (or Wilcoxson), the first of the name in Connecticut, was born in 1601 at St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, whence in 1635 he came to America in the ship "Planter," having a certificate from the minister of his native

city. Landing at Boston, he there became a freeman in 1636; three years later (1639) he came to Connecticut, locating at Stratford, Fairfield county, where he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1652. In 1647 he was a representative at Hartford. He and his wife, Margaret, had six children, as follows: (1) John, born in 1633; (2) Joseph, who died in 1703; (3) Samuel, deceased March 12, 1713; (4) Sarah, Mrs. John Meigs, who died Nov. 24, 1691; (5) Obadiah, sketch of whom follows; and (6) Timothy, deceased June 13, 1713.

(II) Obadiah Wilcox, son of (I) William, was born in 1641 in the town of Stratford, Conn., whence in early manhood he came to Guilford, settling in the eastern part of the town, now known as Madison, and following farming. In 1672 he was made a freeman. He died in 1713, and was buried in Madison. Mr. Wilcox was twice married, and by his first wife, Mary, had thirteen children, as follows: (1) Mary, born Dec. 11, 1676, married Thomas Munson, of New Haven; (2) Lydia, born Oct. 14, 1678, died Nov. 4, 1698; (3) Obadiah was born Dec. 14, 1679; (4) Ebenezer was born Sept. 20, 1682; (5) Ephraim; (6) Mindwell was married April 20, 1714, to Daniel Hill, and died Feb. 3, 1770; (7) Timothy was born Nov. 15, 1690; (8) Silence; (9) John, sketch of whom follows; (10) Joseph, born in 1694, married Hannah Goodale, and died July 15, 1770; (11) Isaac settled in Middletown; (12) Jemima was born Oct. 30, 1699; (13) Experience. By his second wife, Silence, Mr. Wilcox had one child, (14) Thankful, born April 4, 1702, who was married Sept. 6, 1722, to Samuel Norton.

(III) John Wilcox, son of (II) Obadiah, was born Nov. 9, 1692, in East Guilford, where he passed all his days in agricultural pursuits, dying May 1, 1753. On Jan. 11, 1719, he married Deborah Parmelee, born in 1699, who died in 1792. Their children: (1) Obadiah, born April 15, 1720, married Lydia Wilcox, and died in 1771; (2) Sarah was born Nov. 10, 1723; (3) John, born Aug. 17, 1726, married Martha Coe; (4) Ezra, sketch of whom follows; (5) Mary, born Dec. 1, 1731, married in November, 1753, Enos French, and died Sept. 28, 1777; (6) Asabel was born Dec. 9, 1735.

(IV) Ezra Wilcox, son of (III) John, born Oct. 20, 1728, passed all his days in East Guilford, dying there March 14, 1805. He married Nov. 9, 1757, Esther Meigs, who was born March 10, 1734, a daughter of Janna and Elizabeth (Dudley) Meigs, and died Sept. 8, 1809. Children as follows were born to them: (1) Lavinia, born July 17, 1758, married Bela Dudley; (2) Ezra, born in 1762, married Rebecca Brown, and died May 1, 1836; (3) Esther, married John Williams; (4) Elzah, born March 8, 1765, married Lois Field, and died Feb. 24, 1828; (5) Julius; (6) Elizabeth, married John Spencer; (7) Return, sketch of whom follows.

(V) Return Wilcox, son of (IV) Ezra, and the grandfather of Richard C. Wilcox, was born in

1771, in what is now the town of Madison, New Haven county, and died there Nov. 28, 1846. He was a lifelong farmer. By his wife, Abigail, born May 23, 1780, died May 31, 1845, he had seven children, as follows: (1) Alva Orrin, born Aug. 22, 1799, died July 10, 1887; (2) Polly Maria, born Aug. 2, 1801, married Ebenezer Merrill, of Clinton, Conn.; (3) Elizabeth, born Sept. 8, 1803, married Sept. 4, 1828, Edward F. Kelsey, of Madison, and died March 15, 1888; (4) Jerusha, born in July, 1806, married in August, 1824, Samuel K. Dowd, and died June 3, 1841; (5) Almon Orrill, sketch of whom follows; (6) Susan Abigail, born in 1815, married Sept. 19, 1838, Achilles Dowd, of Madison; (7) Samuel Augustus, born July 19, 1819, died Dec. 13, 1870.

(VI) Almon Orrill Wilcox, son of (V) Return, and the father of Richard C., was born April 24, 1808, in the town of Madison, New Haven county, there attended the district school, and worked on a farm until he was twenty-five years old, when he came to Guilford. Here his first employment was as a farm laborer at \$5 per month. Later he purchased a small farm, where he continued agricultural pursuits the rest of his life, dying Sept. 16, 1874; his remains were interred in Nut Plains cemetery. Noted for his industry and honesty, he was highly respected in the community in which he lived. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and in religious faith he was a consistent member of the Congregational Church.

In Guilford, Oct. 6, 1830, Almon O. Wilcox was married to Ruth D. Kennedy, who was born May 3, 1812, and died Jan. 28, 1875. She was a daughter of Anson Kennedy, of Guilford. Their children: (1) Sarah Dorcas, born Nov. 2, 1833, married Jan. 13, 1855, Charles M. Wilcox, and died March 26, 1857; (2) Charlotte Abigail, born Nov. 25, 1836, is the widow of Andrew Ward Foote, late of Guilford (he was born April 27, 1833, and died Dec. 16, 1880); (3) Helen Sophia, born July 21, 1844, died March 14, 1865; (4) Richard Christopher, a sketch of whom follows; (5) George Howard, born March 21, 1849, married Mary E. Bishop, and died Nov. 14, 1888; (6) Walter Wesley, born Dec. 14, 1851, married Lucy M. Evarts.

(VII) Richard C. Wilcox, whose name opens this memoir, received his education in part at the district schools of Nut Plains, in part at Guilford Academy, where he attended four terms. He worked at home until of age, when with aid from his father, he bought the farm on which he now lives, known as "Cloverdale Dairy Farm," a tract of fifty-six acres formerly owned by Justin Dudley, and which was then a wilderness. Here he built a home in 1870, and since then has erected barns, outhouses and a dairy ice house, etc., costing in all over \$12,000. His home and surroundings are among the finest in Guilford. Until 1894 he carried on general farming, and then embarked in dairying, butter-making a specialty, and from time to time

has increased the capacity of his business until he now owns the largest dairy farm on the shore line. He manufactures and sells over \$1,700 worth of butter per annum, and sells \$1,000 worth of milk and cream in the same period. Since his first purchase of land he has bought another farm of 100 acres near the homestead, and has leased several other farms. He has now (1901) a herd of thirty-six Jerseys and grade Jersey cows, and a fine Jersey bull of his own raising. The following sketch of "Cloverdale Dairy Farm" appeared in the report of the Dairy Commissioner for 1898:

"The Cloverdale Dairy Farm originated about six years ago with four cows. The cream from the milk of those cows was sold to the Guilford Creamery for about five months, when it was decided to make butter in a small way. The butter for the first year was sold for two cents below the wholesale creamery price, because the grocers could not pay the creamery prices. The last year nearly the entire make has been sold to families at thirty cents per pound the year around, and in fact, it has been so the last four years. Mr. Wilcox is now selling cream, new milk, skim milk and buttermilk, one of his sons running a wagon daily in the town. He uses a DeLaval cream separator, which enables him to have sweet skim milk every day. His herd consists of twenty-eight Jerseys and grade Jerseys, feeding hay and dry food, not having a silo. Mr. Wilcox manufactured over three tons of butter in 1897, which was nearly all disposed of at prices above mentioned."

Mr. Wilcox is a man of enterprise and progress, and takes a leading part all things pertaining to farming and dairying, and to the town in general. He is one of the most active members of the State Creamery Association and of the State Dairy Association. Being a well-read man, he is well posted on all the leading events of the day, and has made a success of life entirely by his own efforts, perseverance and good management. Though a staunch Republican in politics, he is no party man; in religious faith he is a member of the First Congregational Church. Socially he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum and New England Order of Protection.

In Branford, Conn., Oct. 5, 1870, Richard C. Wilcox was married to Lucy Caroline Page, a native of that town, and a daughter of Edgar and Jane G. (Robinson) Page. Four children, all sons, have blessed this union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Lewis Cornelius, Feb. 6, 1872; Elmer Ellsworth, Sept. 8, 1874; Edgar Almon, Aug. 18, 1877; and Richard Lester, April 28, 1879. All are well educated, and all excepting Richard L. are engaged in their father's dairying and stock-raising business, proving themselves to be worthy sons of worthy parents, as well as progressive and advanced farmers. Mrs. Wilcox is a lady of refinement, a devoted helpmeet to her husband, a loving mother, and kind, hospitable neighbor.

JOSEPH P. COLWELL, one of the leading business men of Derby, was born in Hartford, April 26, 1845, and grew to manhood there. His early educational advantages were of a very limited sort, necessity compelling him to begin work at an early age. While yet a young boy he found employment in the carpet factory, and the outbreak of the Civil War found him a servant in the household of Dr. M. T. Newton. Being too young to enlist, yet desirous of going to the front, he accompanied the Doctor in the same capacity, and was thus able to serve three years. On his return from the army he went to work for the Colt Arms Co., with whom he remained for about two years. In 1866 he removed to Derby, which city, as has been said, is still his home. Here, too, his life for many years was one of hard and constant toil. In 1887 he entered the employ of Mr. Thomas Finn, an undertaker, and in 1891 embarked in the same line of business for himself, having as a partner Peter Reilly, and the firm name being Colwell & Reilly. The partnership was dissolved after three years, and since 1894 Mr. Colwell has carried on the business alone. Under his judicious management it has prospered greatly, and he is now reaping the well earned reward of a life of patient industry and unflinching integrity.

In 1873 Mr. Colwell was married to Miss Mary Ann Kellely, of Derby, whose father, Matthew Kellely, was born in Ireland. His married life lasted but twelve years, Mrs. Colwell dying in 1885. Of their union there are three children living. Henry, Joseph and Mary. Mr. Colwell is a Democrat in politics, and in religious faith a Catholic, being a communicant at St. Mary's Church. For thirty years he has been a member of the Storm Hose Company, of Derby, and has risen from the ranks to hold the position of chief engineer. He is of a genial, generous nature, and social in his proclivities and mode of life, and is an influential and honored member of various societies. Among these organizations are the Knights of Columbus (of which order he is a past master), the Foresters of America, the Knights of Maccabees, and the Catholic Benevolent Legion of America.

MRS. CLARA A. BOND, of Woodbridge, belongs to an old and honored New Haven county family, which was founded here by one Richard Sperry, who came from England about 1660. Her paternal great-grandfather, Ebenezer Sperry, was a native of Woodbridge, born July 27, 1773, on what is known as the Sperry farm and is still owned by the Sperry family. The house standing thereon was built when he was a child of five years. He wedded Mary Newton Booth, also a native of Woodbridge and a daughter of Walter and Mary (Newton) Booth. He died Oct. 26, 1855, and she departed this life Feb. 2, 1865, at the age of eighty-two years. They had two children, of whom Calvin, the grandfather of our subject, was the youngest. Eunice married Edward Hine, of Woodbridge,

and to them were born three children: Catherine Mary, who wedded the late Riley Peck, of New Haven, and died Nov. 5, 1901, aged seventy-four years; Sarah Antoinette, widow of Birdsey Bradley, of Hamden; and Velina, wife of Lewis Hitchcock, of Woodbridge.

Calvin Sperry was born on the old homestead, in December, 1807, and there spent his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits. In addition to general farming he was also engaged in the milk business for a time, and in his undertakings met with fair success. He was a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and was a consistent member of the Congregational Church of Woodbridge. After an honorable and useful career, he died May 28, 1871, in his sixty-fourth year. He was three times married, his first wife being Sarah A. Carrington, daughter of Liverus and Lowly Carrington. She died Jan. 23, 1853, at the age of forty-four years, and he next married Cynthia Riggs, by whom he had one daughter, Eleanor, now deceased. The third wife was Parentha Baldwin. There were three children by the first marriage, namely: Elizur L., father of our subject; Almira E., now Mrs. George Turner, of Woodbridge; and Sarah Angeline, who died April 19, 1849, at the age of ten years.

Elizur L. Sperry was born Feb. 5, 1831, on the old homestead in the town of Woodbridge, where Mrs. Bond now lives, and he was given the best educational advantages, being a graduate of Yale. On Jan. 16, 1856, he was married in Dudley, Mass., to Miss Sarah Loretta Williams, who was born April 10, 1831, and soon after his marriage he moved to Vandalia, Ill., where he was engaged in farming for several years—an occupation he thoroughly understood, having been trained to it on the home farm. From Illinois, he returned to Woodbridge, and here engaged in general farming. In 1890 he visited a son in Florida, and being pleased with the climate and State, he decided to make it his winter home. Accordingly, the following year he bought an orange grove of twenty-five acres, and spent the great part of the time in Florida until his death Aug. 16, 1901, at the age of seventy years. Politically he was a staunch Republican, and as one of the prominent and influential men of his community, he was called upon to fill many of the town offices, such as selectman, member of the school board, and for many years justice of the peace. In his family were four children: (1) William L., born June 16, 1857, died June 22, 1857. (2) Clara A., our subject, is mentioned below. (3) Calvin Waldo, born Oct. 20, 1863, married H. Louie Keys, and they have three children: Sarah L., born April 10, 1890; Marion K., born Aug. 28, 1892; and Carlton, born April 22, 1895. (4) Sarah Adeline, born May 6, 1867, died Dec. 26, 1884.

Mrs. Bond was born Feb. 4, 1801, and was married Aug. 15, 1883, to Charles Bond, a native of

Oxford, Mass., by whom she has two children: Herbert L., born Sept. 28, 1884; and Mabel Sperry, born July 31, 1890. Mr. Bond is an extensive and successful farmer of Woodbridge, cultivating the flats long known as the Sperry farm, and also operates a cider and sawmill. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man, of progressive ideas, and is quite prominent in the community where he resides. In politics he is a Republican.

Dr. EMELINE ROBERTS JONES, of New Haven, has the distinction of being the pioneer woman dentist—the first woman to open independently an office and offer her services to the public as a competent dentist.

Dr. Jones was born July 26, 1836, in Winchester, Conn., daughter of John Eno and Deborah Hungerford (Blakeslee) Roberts, and is descended in both paternal and maternal lines from honorable New England ancestry. Samuel Roberts, her earliest ancestor of that name on American soil, came from England about 1636 and settled in New Haven. His son, (II) Samuel Roberts, married Catherine ———. His son, (III) Samuel Roberts, married Sept. 22, 1691, Mary Blake. His son, (IV) Samuel Roberts, married March 22, 1716-17, Rachel Webb. His son, (V) Joel Roberts, married Esther Loomis. His son, (VI) Judah Roberts, married Mercy Eno. His son, (VII) John Eno Roberts, married Deborah Hungerford Blakeslee, and they were the parents of Dr. Emeline R. Jones.

(I) Samuel Blakeslee, Dr. Jones' first American ancestor in the maternal line, came from England in 1636. His son, (II) Samuel Blakeslee married Sarah Kimberly. His son, (III) Samuel Blakeslee, married Eleanor Lane. His son, (IV) Deacon Samuel Blakeslee, married Ruth ———. His son, (V) Deacon Samuel Blakeslee, married Lydia Woodford. His son, (VI) Deacon Samuel Blakeslee, married Silence Church. His daughter, (VII) Deborah Hungerford, married John Eno Roberts, and they became the parents of Dr. Emeline R. Jones. The Doctor is descended from William the Conqueror through the Plantagenets, in the Drake line. Five of her ancestors fought on the American side in the Revolution, and a number were prominent in the trying times dating from the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers through the Colonial period, loyal and patriotic to the core.

In 1854 Emeline Roberts was united in marriage with Dr. Daniel Albion Jones, born March 2, 1833, in Barkhamsted, Litchfield Co., Conn., son of Orville and Rhoda (Woodruff) Jones. He was descended from William Jones, a lawyer of London, England, who came to New England in 1660, in the same ship with Goffe and Whalley, the regicides, arriving in Boston July 27. It is said that his father, David Jones, was one of the judges executed by King Charles II, and William Jones is reputed to have secreted and fed the regicides a month in his house. From Boston he came to New Haven, where he was

an important man throughout the remainder of his life. He was magistrate of New Haven Colony from 1662 to 1664, and was re-elected annually until 1692, when he was elected deputy governor, in which incumbency he was retained until his death, in 1706. His son, (II) Nathaniel Jones, born in England, died in New Haven Aug. 21, 1691. On Oct. 7, 1684, he married Abigail Atwater. His son, (III) Theophilus Jones, born March 18, 1690, married Dec. 26, 1711, Hannah Mix. His son, (IV) Nathaniel Jones, born March 3, 1717, married June 8, 1743, Sarah Merriam. His son, (V) Benjamin Jones, born Feb. 5, 1757, at Wallingford, married Esther Woodruff. His son, (VI) Orville Jones, married Rhoda Woodruff, and they were the parents of (VII) Daniel Albion Jones, who married Emeline Roberts. Dr. Daniel A. Jones was also descended from William the Conqueror through the Plantagenets, twice in the Drake line and once in the Alsop line.

Dr. Daniel Albion Jones was a dentist of exceptional skill, and a man of ability in various lines. He was widely known and beloved outside his profession, especially as a philanthropist, and his untimely death, in 1864, deprived the profession of a worthy member, the community of a citizen who from early manhood had, in his large-hearted benevolence, the good of his fellow men at heart, and his family of a kind and loving father. Mrs. Jones had commenced the study of dentistry with her husband in 1855, and for a time received instruction from Dr. R. B. Curtis, of Winsted, Conn. Her husband had built up a large practice in Danielsonville (now Danielson), and, having assisted him until his death, she continued the establishment there successfully until 1876, in which year she moved to New Haven in order to give her son better educational opportunities. She was no less successful in her new field, and has taken high rank among the ablest members of the dental profession in Connecticut; she is a member of the State Dental Society.

Inheriting independence of thought and action, together with the New England virtues of thrift, executive ability and thoroughness, Dr. Jones has been exceptionally successful in her business career. The resolution she displayed in taking up the work her husband began is a typical characteristic of this noble woman, who has shown herself capable in other fields besides that of her life work. As the pioneer woman in her profession she enjoys a distinction not lightly reckoned in these days, when women are receiving the recognition due them for their achievements. Other women may have assisted in dental offices prior to 1855, but so far as known she is the first to open an office on her own account. To her natural mental acquisitiveness is added clear and quick perception, and a corresponding fullness of the reasoning faculties. Nor is she deficient in such social graces and qualities of affection as are needed to constitute her the best of mothers and the



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most serviceable of friends. Her active and wide-reaching benevolence has been exercised quietly, and many and timely have been her benefactions. Dr. Jones is an honored member of Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, D. A. R.

Two children were born to Daniel A. and Emeline (Roberts) Jones: Eveline, who was six years of age at the time of her father's death; and Daniel Albion, who was three and a half years old at that time. The daughter is now the wife of Frederick B. Street, a prominent business man of New Haven, and has two daughters, Emeline A., now (1901) aged sixteen, who is attending Vassar; and Grace H., aged eleven, who is a pupil in Mrs. Johnstone's private school. Mrs. Sweet is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in the work of which she has taken a very active part, and her children belong to the Children of the American Revolution, of which Emeline has served as registrar. Like her mother, Mrs. Street is an energetic woman, doing with a will whatever she undertakes, and she has a kind and lovable disposition which endears her to a large circle of friends. Well read on a very large variety of subjects, keen and observing, with the quick perceptive faculties characteristic of the family, and endowed with a ready wit, she is a most interesting conversationalist and a pleasant companion. She is also a fine musician, having taken a course in music at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Daniel Albion Jones graduated at the Yale Academic School in 1884, and studied dentistry three years with his mother before entering the Harvard Dental School, from which he received the degree of D. D. S. in 1889. In 1890 he received the degree of M. D. from Yale Medical School. At Yale he was a member of the Glee Club and for four years was on the base-ball team. He has been successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry for the past fourteen years, and is a prominent member of the State Dental Society, of which he has now been treasurer for ten years. Fraternally Dr. Jones unites with the Masons, the Yale University Club and other organizations. He is welcomed in social circles in the city for his many pleasing qualities, notably his attainments as a musician; he has received fine musical training, and has a number of pupils. Dr. Jones married Miss Emma Beadle, daughter of Joseph Blakeslee Beadle, of Montclair, New Jersey.

CHARLES A. DAVIS, one of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of the town of Oxford, New Haven county, has, throughout his entire business career, been identified with the agricultural interests of that town. He was born at Quaker Farms, this county, June 13, 1858, a son of Anson R. and Mary A. (Alling) Davis. The father, who followed farming throughout his life, was born in Seymour, this county, and died in Oxford, May 5, 1885, at

the age of sixty-seven years. The mother, however, is still living, at the age of eighty-one years. In their family were seven children, as follows: Mary E., wife of W. T. Andrews, of Orange, Conn.; Ellen L., wife of W. F. Osborne, of Ansonia; Laura B., wife of John M. Hubbard, of West Haven; Emma E.; Charles A.; Stella L., wife of F. A. Bailey, of Springfield, Mass.; and Eveline A.

Charles A. Davis was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, and early acquired an excellent knowledge of all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He assisted in the operation of the home farm until his father's death. Mr. Davis now owns and resides upon a place of 200 acres, known as the old Mallett homestead, which he purchased in the spring of 1899, and is quite extensively engaged in the dairy business and general farming.

On Oct. 20, 1886, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Lum, widow of H. A. Lum, and daughter of M. D. Northrop. To them has been born one child, Ralph E. Politically Mr. Davis is identified with the Republican party, and religiously he is a member of the Episcopal Church. He is one of the most enterprising and successful dairymen and farmers of Oxford, and as a citizen stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellow men. His strict integrity and honorable dealing in business commend him to the confidence of all; his pleasant manner wins him friends, and he is one of the popular and honored citizens of his community.

CHARLES O'CONNOR, prominent as a contractor and builder in Waterbury, Conn., was born in Ireland, Dec. 25, 1848, one of the two children of Timothy and Mary (Lynch) O'Connor, the other being Johanna, who died when a little girl in the old country. The mother also died in Ireland. On coming to America the father married for his second wife Johanna Kelleher, to which union were born six children, viz. Thomas, who is a laborer in Manchester, Conn.; Daniel, a fireman on a railroad in Pittsburg, Penn.; Michael, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Britain, Conn.; Timothy, employed in a mill in Manchester, Conn.; Mary and Ellen, unmarried and residing in Manchester. Timothy, the father of this family, was educated for the priesthood in Ireland, but did not follow the profession and came to America and here passed the remainder of his days.

Charles O'Connor was but a child when brought to America. His father located in Providence, R. I., and there our subject attended school until twelve years of age. He then worked on a farm for one dollar per month and board and night schooling for about three years, then returned to Providence, where he began to learn the carpenter's trade under George Brown. He worked for three years for \$90, or \$30 per year, and had a hard time of it. After finishing his apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman for two years in Provi-

dence, and then went to Boston, worked one year then for nine months again in Providence, then one year in Fall River, Mass., again two years in Providence, and next for six months in Savannah, Ga., in which city he shipped for six months as carpenter on board the side wheel steamer "General Barnes," running South. He then returned to the North, and for two and a half years worked for Cheney Bros., in Hartford.

In 1875 Mr. O'Connor began business for himself at contracting and building in Manchester, Conn., where he remained about four and a half years, and then went to Denver and other places in Colorado, following his trade about fourteen months. Upon his return to Connecticut he settled in Waterbury, and has since been one of the most extensive and successful contractors and builders of the city. Among some of the more conspicuous buildings erected by him are the new almshouse at a cost of \$100,000, the new high school, \$80,000, Notre Dame \$35,000, St. Mary's school, St. Mary's convent, St. Patrick's Hall, St. Patrick's rectory, St. Thomas' Church, and many imposing stores and elegant dwellings. During all this time Mr. O'Connor has been so straightforward and upright in his transactions that he has never yet been sued, nor has he had occasion to sue any man.

Mr. O'Connor wedded Joanna O'Reiley, who was born in Ireland, but reared in the United States, and this marriage has been blessed with five children, namely: Minnie, who is a teacher in the Clay street school; Julia, deceased; Alice, who is a teacher in Washington school; Charles S., attending the high school; and Margaret, also in high school. In politics Mr. O'Connor is independent, as, being unusually intelligent, he is fully capable of judging for himself. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Independent Order of Foresters. He and family are devout members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, to the support of which they are among the most liberal contributors.

GEORGE HENRY FURMAN, superintendent of the straw hat factory at Milford, was born in that town Dec. 14, 1847, son of Henry Furman and grandson of William Furman.

The family is of English origin, and our subject's great-grandfather was one of three brothers—George, James and William—who came to America at an early day. William Furman, our subject's grandfather, may have been born in England. He became a farmer in Morris, Otsego Co., N. Y., where he died. His wife Rhoda (Thorp) was a native of North Haven, Conn., and their family comprised nine children: Henry, our subject's father, is mentioned below; James, a painter by trade, died in Milford; Charles, formerly a farmer, is now a resident of Millington, Mich.; Chauncey (deceased) was a farmer in Michigan; Lucinda married John Soden; Louisa married a Mr. Wan-

zer, of West Laurens, N. Y.; Mary became the second wife of John Soden; Emeline married Erie Tucker, of West Laurens, N. Y.; and Maria married Harvey Wing, of Morris, New York.

Henry Furman, our subject's father, was born in Morris, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1823, and removed to Milford when twenty-three years old. He married Charlotte Glenney, of Milford, who was born there June 14, 1822, and is a descendant of one of the oldest pioneer families in the State, her ancestors coming originally from England. Her grandfather, William Glenney, fought in the war of the Revolution. The homestead of her grandfather, Abraham Clark, in the western part of the town, now known as the "Wilson Home," though over two hundred years old, is habitable and in a good state of preservation. The Glenneys were sea-faring men for generations. William Glenney, her grandfather, was a sea-captain and died at sea. His sons were all sea captains, some of them in the West India trade. Captain William Glenney, Mrs. Furman's father, married Amy Clark, of Milford, and they had the following children: William, a shoemaker in Milford; Isaac D., employed in the straw hat factory in Milford; Daniel S., who died in New Haven, where he was engaged in mercantile business for many years; Maria, wife of Ralph Augur, of Pittsfield, Mass.; Charlotte, our subject's mother; Sarah, who married George Beard, of St. Louis, Mo.; and Susan, who married Henry Tibballs, of Milford. To Mr. and Mrs. Furman were born four children: George Henry, our subject; Mary F., wife of Samuel N. Oviatt, of Milford; Susan G. (deceased), who married Frank H. Woodruff, of Milford; and Sarah, wife of George W. Smith, of Milford. The father died Jan. 1, 1885, and the mother is still living.

George H. Furman was reared in his native town, acquiring a common-school education, and at the age of sixteen entered the straw hat factory then known as the N. A. Baldwin & Co.'s works. His ability soon won him promotion, and for many years he has held the position of superintendent. On May 21, 1868, he married Elizabeth Mitchell, and two children have blessed the union: (1) Henry M., born March 5, 1872, married Oct. 26, 1892, Jessie S. Smith, who died July 15, 1895. In November, 1898, he married Hannah Woodbury, of Round Pond, Me. He is now a clerk with S. N. Oviatt, of Milford. (2) Charlotte E., born June 24, 1879, is at home. The family are much esteemed socially. They are identified with the Plymouth Congregational Church, and Mr. Furman is also a member of the Order of United Workmen, Golden Hill Lodge, No. 35, A. O. U. W., of Bridgeport, and the Royal Arcanum, Volunteer Council, No. 819, of Milford. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mrs. Elizabeth Furman was born Feb. 19, 1845, in Glasgow, Scotland, daughter of Robert and Ellen (Vance) Mitchell, both natives and lifelong residents of Scotland. The family consisted of four

children, of whom Mrs. Furman was the youngest; John died in Southbury, Mass.; Robert is a baker in Dublin, Ireland; and Maggie, who was married in Scotland, died there in 1893.

ALPHONSE GENDRON was born March 28, 1846, in Vergeres, Canada. Antoine Gendron, his father, was a farmer in Canada for a number of years, and married Eliza Savaria, who bore him a family of five boys and five girls, of whom Alphonse is the only one now living.

Alphonse Gendron worked on the Canadian farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he came to Woonsocket, R. I., and secured a position in a woolen mill, where he presently became foreman, remaining there altogether for about five years. Quitting his place in Woonsocket he went to New Bedford, Mass., and for the sake of an out-of-door life, became a carpenter, working at the trade for about three years. For about a year and a half, at New Britain, Conn., he was in the employ of John Pinches. At Meriden he was a grocer for thirteen years, and then, selling his store, he resumed his trade, working for wages two years, and then doing a contracting and building business for three years. At the expiration of this time, Mr. Gendron came to Wallingford, where, since October, 1896, he has been extensively engaged in contracting and building, and is well known as a man of industry and integrity. Among his construction operations are several fine residences, and it was his business push and enterprise that opened up Randolph Avenue, and Orchard Street south of Ward Street, as well as Kelley Street.

Mr. Gendron is a member of Holy Trinity Church in Wallingford. Independent in politics, he seeks to bring the best men and the most desirable measures together. Doing his own thinking, and well informed as to the political issues of the day, he decides for himself as reason and good sense may seem to dictate.

On July 29, 1872, Mr. Gendron was married to Miss Louisa Pager, of Canada, and to them were born the following children: Alicia Marie, born June 15, 1880, in New Britain; Alveric, born Sept. 4, 1886, in Meriden; Cora, born Jan. 1, 1889, in Meriden; and Umalda, born July 8, 1891, in Meriden. Seven other children died when young. Mr. Gendron built a fine home for his family on South Orchard Street in 1898.

CHARLES BROOKSBY SANDERSON, proprietor of the up-to-date meat and provision store at the corner of North Main and Grove Streets, Waterbury, was born in Ephratah, Fulton county, N. Y., April 26, 1855.

John Sanderson, grandfather of Charles B., was an Episcopal clergyman in England. By his marriage he became the father of nine children, all of whom were conspicuous in various professions.

George A. Sanderson, the father of subject,

was born at Darfield, England, Oct. 9, 1809, and was the only member of his family to come to America. He had a good college education and was possessed of considerable cash. He first located in Albany, N. Y., where he conducted a hotel five years, and then removed to Ephratah, where he operated a tannery twenty years. He married Margaret Brooksby, who was born in Scotland, Nov. 5, 1825, and was about ten years of age when brought to America by her parents. Her father, James Brooksby, was a nurseryman, and was associated with a Mr. Wilson, who introduced the famous Wilson strawberry to the epicurean world. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, eight reached, or nearly reached, maturity, as follows: Jane married to D. W. Duesler, of Ephratah; William died when sixteen years old; Aymour R. is a merchant in Providence, R. I.; Charles B. is the subject of this sketch; Wilson A. is a contractor in Ephratah; Luella M. married to Peter I. Saltsman, of Waterbury, Conn.; Carrie W. is the wife of Charles L. Rogers, also of Waterbury; and Henry B. is the proprietor of the Valley View Meat Market, Waterbury.

Charles B. Sanderson attended school in Ephratah until fifteen years of age, and then passed three years with his grandmother in Hudson, N. Y.; he then returned to Ephratah, and remained until twenty-one years old, when he went thence to Woonsocket, R. I., and clerked in a gents' furnishing store. In 1876 he came to Waterbury, Conn., but in 1878 returned to Woonsocket, where in connection with his brother, A. R., he bought the store in which he had formerly clerked. Returning to Waterbury, Mr. Sanderson opened his present meat and provision store in 1881, and he is enjoying a most lucrative trade in his line of business.

On Sept. 29, 1882, Mr. Sanderson was married to Miss Nettie L. Bronson, a daughter of O. H. Bronson, of Waterbury, and this marriage was graced with two children, Harry B. and Nettie B. Mr. Sanderson was bereft of his wife July 27, 1885. On Nov. 23, 1893, he married Miss Rachel Bush Wright, daughter of George A. and Nancy (Bush) Wright, the former a native of Winsted, Conn., where his ancestors have lived for several generations (the family is of English origin, and early settled in Connecticut). Mrs. Nancy (Bush) Wright traces her ancestry through her mother, Cornelia (Depew) Bush (who was born in Fallsburg, Sullivan Co., N. Y.) in a direct line to Gen. Hardenburg, who was the owner of thousands of acres of land, known as the Hardenburg Patent, in Sullivan county, N. Y. This land was granted him by Queen Anne for distinguished service in her army. Gen. Hardenburg took possession of this land in the early part of the eighteenth century, and his descendants still live there.

Mr. Sanderson is thoroughly Republican in his political sentiments, but takes no part in party affairs, and although he keeps his dues paid up as

a member of the I. O. O. F., the Red Men, the Good Fellows, the Heptasophs and other fraternities, he does not attend their meetings. In business he is a "hustler," and his interest in this, coupled with his devotion to his family, constitutes the chief joy of his life.

ROBERT McCORMACK, proprietor of a coal and wood yard, Waterbury, is a native of Ireland, born March 15, 1840, in County Longford.

James McCormack, father of our subject, was a farmer in Ireland, where he passed his entire life, dying in 1855; his wife Ann (Cook) also died there, in 1892. They had a family of nine children: John is a farmer in the town of Wolcott, New Haven county; William, deceased, was a farmer in Ireland; Bessie is the widow of Thomas Elliot, a farmer in Ireland; James, deceased, was a farmer in Ireland; Ann is the widow of John Hall, who was a farmer in Ireland; Robert is the subject of this sketch; Jane is the deceased wife of John Gibson, a minister in Minnesota; Samuel is living retired in Waterbury; Mary married William Scott, and they make their home in Ireland.

Robert McCormack received his education in Ireland, at the same time assisting his parents on the farm. At the age of eighteen years he emigrated from his native Erin to the United States, landing at New York, in which city he made his home some eight years, working in shipyards two years, afterward for the American Tract Society some six years, and then came to Waterbury, where he has ever since resided. Here he first, for a short time, worked for the Scovill Mfg. Co., later for Holmes, Booth & Haydens, after which he returned to the Scovill Mfg. Co., for four years, where he worked at Japanning, and then engaged in the Japan business on North Main Street, in which he remained until 1898, in that year embarking in his present coal and wood business.

On October 6, 1881, Mr. McCormack was married to Fannie Bridgeman, who was born in Cheshire, New Haven county, a daughter of Samuel Butler, an old settler in Connecticut. Three children have graced this union: Fannie, Grace and Samuel. Mr. and Mrs. McCormack are members of the M. E. Church; in politics he is a Republican.

ELMER F. CULVER. It is now more than a hundred years since the family to which this well-known citizen belongs became identified with New Haven county, and its various members have won for the name an enviable distinction by their intelligence and worth. This high reputation is in no ways diminished in this generation, and our subject, who is counted among the leading agriculturists of East Haven, displays in a marked degree the admirable characteristics which the name suggests.

Mr. Culver was born on the farm where he now

resides, Jan. 12, 1861, and is a descendant of Joshua Culver, one of the first planters of Wallingford. His son, Samuel Culver, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of that town. The father, Isaac Culver, was born in North Haven, Jan. 23, 1820, and continued his residence there until 1854, when he moved to the farm in New Haven where our subject now resides. Here he was engaged in the manufacture of bricks until 1866, and then followed farming and fruit growing, meeting with excellent success in all his undertakings. He was an active member of the Congregational Church, and a very strong Democrat in politics. He died March 26, 1889, honored and respected by all who knew him. On Oct. 28, 1853, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Forbes, who was born in East Haven, in 1828, and they had two children: Elmer F., our subject; and one who died in infancy.

Elmer F. Culver acquired a good practical education in the Woolsey Graded School and Hillhouse High School of New Haven, and graduated from Yale Business College in 1879, and also graduated from Cogswell School of Phonography in 1882. He obtained a thorough knowledge of every department of farm work, and has never left the parental roof. Since reaching manhood he has successfully engaged in the dairy, fruit growing and nursery business on the old homestead. For the last two years Mr. Culver has been erecting houses on the old farm, and has sold one house and two building lots therefrom. With the trolley cars, city water and gas mains passing the place, this land has rapidly risen in value. At one time Mr. Culver was connected with the firm known as the Demme, Culver & Co., manufacturers of saddlery hardware, but eleven years ago they sold out to the Suffolk Co., of Boston, Mass. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On Feb. 6, 1887, Mr. Culver was united in marriage with Miss Alice J. Clark, a daughter of Capt. John Clark, of Milford, Conn., and to them have been born five children, namely: Harold; Albert F.; Roy J., deceased; Olive J.; and Paul Elmer.

GEORGE A. BOUGHTON, retired factory superintendent, and also a retired musician of the volunteer and regular military service during the Civil war, was born Nov. 7, 1835, in Waterbury, New Haven county, and is still a resident of the town.

Jonas Boughton, his grandfather, came from Norwalk. When a young man he was bound out to a blacksmith, and learned the trade, which he followed for a time, later in life changing his vocation to that of a farmer. He married Lydia Hine, from the town of Orange, New Haven county, and the young couple at once settled on a farm where Derby now stands, but later removed to one in the western part of the town of Waterbury. To their marriage were born nine children, two of whom died young, the survivors being Charles, who was



Geo. A. Boughton



a farmer in Middlebury; Jonas, who went to Ohio and there died; Isaac, of whom further mention will be made; George, who was also a farmer in Ohio; John, who followed blacksmithing in Woodbury, Conn.; Lydia, who married Lewis Smith, of Milford; and Louisa, who wedded William Orton, of Wallingford, and later moved West.

Isaac Boughton was born in Waterbury in 1808, and died in 1891. He was reared to farming but for years was employed in the Benedict & Burham button factory, and also for others; however, the failure of his health induced him to resume farming to some extent. He married Caroline Upson, a daughter of Obed and Sibyl (Howe) Upson, of Waterbury, and this union was blessed with five children, of whom George A., the subject of this sketch, is the eldest; Susan A. is the widow of Robert Pryor, Henry I. is foreman on the road at Waterbury, under the selectmen; Isabelle is the wife of H. S. Peck, of Waterbury; Caroline E. is unmarried.

George A. Boughton was educated in the local schools of Waterbury, after which he worked in various factories with his father, commanding good wages when seventeen years of age. He continued thus until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted, in the 1st Conn. V. I., and went to the front, taking part in the battle of Bull Run. He was next detailed as musician, and at the expiration of his first short term of service enlisted as musician in the 14th United States Regular Infantry, was appointed sergeant of the band, and as such served all through the war, and also after its termination, for about two and a half years on the Pacific coast. Returning home, he served as chief of police for six months, and next became superintendent for Barnard, Son & Co., a position his executive ability retained for him twelve years, since when he has been living in retirement, looking after his real estate.

In politics Mr. Boughton is a Republican, and is now serving his sixth term as selectman, and he has been a member of the board of public works. He is a member of Wadhams Post, G. A. R., and the Knights of Pythias. Religiously he was reared a Congregationalist. Socially, as a genial, charitable gentleman, he is held in the highest esteem wherever known. He is unmarried.

WILLIAM B. HALL was born May 13, 1854, in the same house in which he is now living, in Wallingford, son of Horace Hall, who was born May 25, 1804, in Wallingford, and was a jeweler by trade.

For a number of years Horace Hall conducted a store in that city, and the latter part of his life was spent in farming. A Democrat, he never took a particularly active interest in politics, though he served as tax collector a number of years. He was an Episcopalian in religion. A zealous Freemason, and an energetic man, he was one of those who were instrumental in reviving the Masonic fratern-

ity in Wallingford after it had been abandoned a number of years. On Sept. 29, 1825, he married Miss Euretta Johnson, and on July 2, 1848, he married for his second wife Miss Ann L. Buell. A daughter of Luther Buell, she was born July 31, 1816, and died Jan. 20, 1898. Horace Hall died June 18, 1877. To the first union were born the following children: Horatio G. died March 14, 1874, having been shot by an insane man. Emily J. married Henry M. Jones, of Meriden. Lana O. married O. B. Warner, of Meriden. Mary U. married George H. Newton, and died Aug. 17, 1877. Abbey E. married W. W. Pinks, of New Britain. Two children died in infancy. To the second marriage was born one child, William B., whose career forms the subject of this writing.

Horatio Gates Hall, the grandfather of William B., was born Jan. 17, 1778, in Wallingford, and was married to Miss Polly Byington, of Branford, in 1798. Mrs. Hall died April 12, 1852. Mr. Hall on Oct. 30, 1819. Their children were: Augustus, Lyman, Horace, Mary, Josiah H. and Abigail.

Caleb Hall, father of Horatio G., was born Aug. 29, 1731, and died Sept. 21, 1783. He married Prudence Holt, and was the father of the following children: Caleb, Jr., Augustus, Abigail, Eunice, Benjamin H., Damaris, Horatio G. and George.

Caleb Hall, Sr., the father of Caleb Hall, Jr., was born Sept. 14, 1697, and died July 27, 1749. He married Damaris Atwater, and their children were: Damaris, Stephen, Timothy, Ruth, Caleb, Jeremiah and Lydia.

John Hall, father of Caleb, Sr., was born Dec. 23, 1670, and died April 29, 1730. He married Mary Lyman, and their children were: John, Samuel, Caleb, Eunice, Nancy, Benjamin, Sarah, Eliakim and Elihu.

Samuel Hall, father of John, was born May 21, 1648, and died March 5, 1725. He married Hannah Walker, and was the father of the following children: John, Hannah, Sarah, Samuel, Theophilus and Elizabeth. John Hall, his father, was the emigrant ancestor of the family.

William B. Hall was born in Wallingford, and grew up in his native village, securing his education from the public schools, and at the Yale Business College, New Haven. Leaving school at the age of seventeen, he clerked for Philip J. Talcott, in his dry-goods store, for a year or more, and was then a clerk in the postoffice for several years. As assistant postmaster, under L. M. Hubbard, he had an extensive experience in the administration of postal affairs, which was put to good account when he was appointed postmaster under the first administration of Grover Cleveland. Mr. Hall was postmaster five years, and then went to Northampton, Mass., where he was engaged for a time as a representative of the Quimpiac Fertilizer Co. Coming back to Wallingford, he secured a position with the R. Wallace & Sons Manufacturing Co., where he was bookkeeper for five years, in 1895 becoming their

purchasing agent, which position he is holding at the present time.

William B. Hall is a Democrat, and has served on the Democratic town committee for several years, and was chairman for one year. He has served as borough and town treasurer some three years. A member of the Masonic fraternity, he has taken much interest in the workings of that society, and has been master of Compass Lodge, No. 9, at Wallingford, for five years, holding that office at present; he is also one of the trustees of the lodge. As a member of the board of managers of the Masonic home since its establishment, in 1894, he has rendered that institution vast service. In religion he is associated with St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Hall was married, Sept. 17, 1878, to Miss Arabella Bates, who was born in New Haven, a daughter of William Bates. On July 29, 1896, Mr. Hall married for his second wife Miss Ella M. Lacore, of Northampton, Mass., daughter of Solomon Lacore. To the first marriage came three children: Annie Bates, born June 25, 1879; Clara Elizabeth, born Sept. 27, 1882; and Horace W., born April 29, 1885. Mina Ella, born July 8, 1897, is the only child of the second marriage.

WILLIAM L. WARD, prominent in the business circles of Seymour, was born in the town of Naugatuck, New Haven county, Oct. 31, 1858, and comes of good old English ancestry.

The Arms of the Wards, Gorleston, County of Suffolk, England, granted in 1593, were: Az., a cross between four eagles, displayed Ar. Crest: On a mount vert a hind couchant, Ar. Andrew Ward, fifth son of Richard Ward, of Gorleston, County of Suffolk, England, came to America about 1632. He was appointed by the General Court of Massachusetts, with Roger Ludlow and six others, to govern the Colony of Connecticut for one year. He was one of the first judges in the first legislative body in Connecticut, which met at Hartford April 26, 1636, soon after removing to New Haven, and for several years was a member of the General Court. He afterward settled in Fairfield, and was one of the most influential men of that place. He died in 1663, Esther Ward, his widow, in 1665. Their children were: Edmund lived in Westchester, N. Y.; William (Dr.), born 1645, was killed in the Narragansett war; Mary married John Burr, of Fairfield; Andrew, born in 1647, died in Killingworth in 1691; Samuel, born in 1649, died before 1693; Abigail; Anna married Caleb Nichols; John; Sarah married Nathaniel Burr.

Andrew Ward (2), son of Andrew and Esther Ward, settled in Killingworth in 1668. He married Trial Meigs, daughter of John Meigs, of Guilford, and their children were: Andrew (3), born in 1666 (died in August, 1756); John, March 16, 1671; Abigail, Sept. 15, 1672; Sarah, Nov. 15, 1674; Peter, Oct. 14, 1676; William, Oct. 18, 1678

(died Dec. 14, 1769); Samuel Sept. 24, 1680 (died in 1681); Esther, May 2, 1684 (died the next month); and Mary Ann (the youngest in the family), who was an ancestor of Henry Ward Beecher.

William Ward, son of Andrew (2) and Trial Ward, married Lettis, daughter of John Beach, of Wallingford, and resided in Wallingford. Their children were: Meacock, born July 17, 1702; William, Jan. 7, 1705; Mary (date unknown); Amy, 1707; Ambrose, March 6, 1709; Lettis, July 7, 1711; John, 1714; Royal, June 20, 1716; Archibald, July 5, 1718; Zenas, Sept. 17, 1720 (settled in Woodbury); Titus, April 27, 1723.

John Ward, son of William and Lettis Ward, married Elizabeth Abernathy May 11, 1736. He was a druggist, and lived in Wallingford. Their children were: Thilus, born April 24, 1737, enlisted Nov. 14, 1781, in Capt. Vial's Company of Guards, stationed at Guilford for the defense of the sea coast; Abel, born July 1, 1740, lived in Woodbridge, and died Nov. 20, 1759; Titus was born March 18, 1742; Martha was born July 17, 1746; John, born May 24, 1748, died in infancy; and John (2) was born Nov. 19, 1751.

Titus Ward, son of John and Elizabeth Ward, married Amy Smith Jan. 7, 1763. He died near New York City, and his property was on a vessel which was captured by the British in the Revolutionary war. His children were: Silva, born Aug. 8, 1764, married Isaac Plumb, of Milford; Abel was born May 24, 1766; Titus, born March 30, 1768, married Sarah Smith, of Milford; Betsey, born March 22, 1770, married Samuel Beach, of Milford; Nancy was born June 10, 1773; John, born May 13, 1774, died young; Sarah, born May 26, 1776, married Elijah Prindle; William, born Jan. 5, 1780, died young; and Statica, born July 16, 1782, married Billions Wright.

Abel Ward, son of Titus and Amy Ward, married Rachel Hotchkiss, of Woodbridge, in what is now Bethany. She died in 1787, and for his second wife he married Anna Wheeler. He had two children: Richard, born Sept. 21, 1787, died in Naugatuck, March 2, 1851; Rachel, born Jan. 23, 1792, married Jervis Sommers, and two of their children, Jervis and Mary, are now living in Southford.

Richard Ward, son of Abel and Rachel Ward, married Dec. 15, 1811, Roxanna, daughter of Culpepper Hoadly (a soldier of the Revolution) and his wife Molly Lewis, of Salem Bridge (now Naugatuck). Mrs. Ward died Feb. 6, 1805. Their children were: Lewis, born Sept. 27, 1812; Lawren, born Dec. 27, 1814; Maria, born Feb. 11, 1819, who married Ralph Smith, of Bridgeport; Mary, born Feb. 17, 1823, who married Ganan Potter, and died Aug. 2, 1842; and William, born March 7, 1825, who married Elizabeth A. Hine, and resided in Naugatuck.

Lewis Ward, son of Richard and Roxanna Ward, was married April 9, 1835, to Mary Ann Curtis, of Huntington, who was born April 15,

1812, and died Dec. 12, 1895, aged eighty-three years and seven months. Their son, James B., was born Oct. 8, 1836, in Naugatuck, and was the father of the subject proper of this sketch.

James B. Ward was a carpenter by trade. He married Jane E. Hotchkiss, a daughter of Eber and Thurza Hotchkiss, of Bethany, and had two children, both sons: William L., our subject; and Elmer J., born Feb. 21, 1863, who is with the G. I. R. Glove Co., at Naugatuck. The father of these died in December, 1862, when a young man. He was a Republican in politics. He attended the Congregational Church.

William L. Ward, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education at the winter schools of Naugatuck, and early in life commenced earning a livelihood, as he was but four years old when his father died. His first employment was with the G. I. R. Glove Co., with which he remained twelve years; then for nine years he was in the employ of F. W. Tolles, furniture dealer and undertaker, also in Naugatuck. On Aug. 1, 1898, he removed to Seymour and bought out E. F. Bassett, who had been in the furniture and undertaking business there some forty-two years. Mr. Ward was the prime mover in the establishment of the Valley National Bank, of Seymour, which was organized June 14, 1900, and of which he has since been president. Our subject is now serving as treasurer of the town of Seymour.

On July 10, 1868, William L. Ward was united in marriage with Lulu L. Tolles, daughter of Isaac B. and Maria W. Tolles, the former of whom was born in Bethany, the latter in Middlebury, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Ward attend the services of the Congregational Church. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., belonging to Morning Star Lodge, No. 47, Allerton Chapter, of Naugatuck, and the New Haven Commandery. He is also affiliated with the I. O. O. F., Mechanics Lodge, Seymour. Mr. Ward's political support is given to the Republican party.

JOHN J. McLARNEY. Among the self-made business men whose intelligence and enterprise have helped to develop the thriving little city of Ansonia, the subject of this sketch holds a prominent place, and the following brief account of his career will be of interest. He was born in that city, May 17, 1851, and is descended in both paternal and maternal lines from the Irish race which has furnished so many valued citizens to America.

John McLarney, his grandfather, passed his life in Ireland as a farmer, dying at the age of eighty-seven years, and his wife, Catherine Cook, also a native of Ireland, attained the age of ninety-six years. In religion they were devout Catholics, and their descendants adhere to the same faith. They had a large family of children, of whom but few are now living.

Patrick McLarney, our subject's father, was

born and reared in Acklemore Parish, County Cavan, Ireland, and learned the shoemaker's trade in his youth. On coming to America he entered the employ of Mr. McWilliams, a railroad contractor for whom he made shoes and harness, and in 1848 he went to Ansonia to work for Harvey Reamer, for whom he made the first pair of "pegged" boots ever finished in the town. Later he was employed by Wallace & Sons, and the A. B. C. Co., but for a few years before his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-six, he lived in retirement. His wife, Mary McIntyre, also lived to the age of seventy-six, was a native of Scotland, and one of the two daughters of Thomas McIntyre, a farmer, who died aged seventy-six. Her mother, whose maiden name was Alice Gillis, died aged seventy-one. Our subject was one of a family of seven children and is the oldest of the three now living; Hugh resides in New Haven, and James in Ansonia.

The early years of John J. McLarney were spent within sight of Ansonia, and his education was secured in the public schools of that city. Together with his brothers he learned the trade of clock-maker, which he followed for a number of years, and he then learned the horseshoers' trade and worked for a time as a journeyman in that business. Later he joined in the firm of Terry & McLarney, and engaged in the manufacture of carts and business wagons at the corner of Canal and Bridge streets, making a specialty of heavy business wagons. On retiring from this business in 1896, our subject spent some time in repairing his houses, of which he owns several, and then took a position as a journeyman horseshoer. The death of his brother, Thomas F., on May 22, 1898, led to his taking charge of the undertaking establishment left by the deceased, and in this venture he has met with success, his knowledge of the business having been first gained while working as a journeyman. He graduated from the Massachusetts College of Embalming in September, 1899. He also conducts a livery stable at No. 30 Green Street, keeping a number of horses and a fine line of hacks, coaches and carriages ready for any call. In politics he is a Democrat, and he served as constable and grand juror when the town included Derby. He is an active member of the Young Men's Temperance Association, having served as its vice-president, treasurer and secretary, and he is also connected with the Catholic Legion, in which he is now trustee, the Mutual Reserve of New York City, an insurance association, and the Hartford Life Insurance Co., of Hartford, and the Royal Arcanum.

On April 25, 1888, he married Miss Ellen E. Coleman, and four children have blessed this union, of whom two are living: John J. and Alice E. Mrs. McLarney is a native of Ansonia, and a daughter of James and Bridget (Mulligan) Coleman. Her father, now deceased, was a well known agriculturist and prominent citizen, whose influence

was recognized in church and township affairs. Mrs. McLarney was educated in the public schools of Derby, and is a graduate of the Derby High School. On leaving the high school she began teaching, continuing fourteen years, and in this work she was very successful; for three years previous to her marriage she was principal of the Factory street school in Ansonia. Both Mr. and Mrs. McLarney are highly esteemed socially, and are leading members of the Catholic Church of Ansonia.

EDWARD WALTER LEETE. The Leete family in Connecticut was established here more than two hundred and fifty years ago by Gov. Leete, an old-time worthy and an important figure in early Colonial affairs, who came to America with the Henry Whitfield expedition.

Gov. William Leete was born in 1612 in Doddington, England. Thomas Leete, his grandfather, married Maria Slade, and their son John Leete married Ann Shute; William Leete, who afterward played such a prominent part in the Colonies, was their son. William Leete was bred a lawyer, and was clerk of the Bishops' Court at Cambridge, where the oppression of the Puritans turned him to a study of their tenets and finally led him to the adoption of their faith. He arrived in Connecticut July 10, 1639, and he was one of six selected to purchase from the Indians the land wanted for a new settlement. A tract of 250 acres, three miles from Guilford, now known as Leete's Island, came to him. He took a leading part in the development of the rising Colony and was one of its most trusted members. In 1658 he was made deputy governor of New Haven Colony, and in 1661 was made governor, holding this office until its union with the Colony of Connecticut. He was deputy governor of Connecticut from 1666 to 1676, when he was chosen governor, and served in that capacity until his death, in 1683, in Hartford. Gov. Leete was married in England, in 1638, to Anna Paine, who died Sept. 1, 1668. On April 7, 1670, he married Mrs. Sarah Rutherford, who died Feb. 10, 1673. His third wife, Mary, had also been married twice before, to Gov. Francis Newman and Rev. Nicholas Street, respectively. She died in 1683. Gov. Leete was the father of nine children.

John Leete, eldest son of the Governor, was born in 1639, in Guilford, and is said to have been the first white child born in that town. In 1670 he married Mary, daughter of William and Joanna (Sheafe) Chittenden. To this union were born eight children. Mrs. Leete was born in 1647, and died March 9, 1712. John Leete died Nov. 25, 1692.

Pelatiah Leete, fifth child of John, was born March 26, 1681, and on July 1, 1705, married Abigail, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Fowler. They became the parents of five children. Mrs. Leete died Oct. 22, 1769. Soon after their marriage they moved to Leete's Island, which after-

ward became a flourishing settlement. Some of the land allotted to Gov. Leete after the purchase of the property from the Indians has never been held by any but those of the family name. On these ancestral acres seven generations of Leetes have resided, engaged as farmers. Deacon Pelatiah Leete was a successful farmer, and did "not consider a hundred bushels of shelled corn to the acre more than an average yield." He had a hundred cattle. In 1705 he erected a large house, on a commanding spot overlooking the Sound, in which he lived until his death, Oct. 13, 1768. This house sheltered several generations of the family. Pelatiah Leete was a deacon in the Fourth Church of Guilford. He served as a representative of the town in the General Court.

Deacon Daniel Leete, eldest son of Deacon Pelatiah, was born Oct. 14, 1709, was a farmer and stock raiser, and died on his farm Oct. 1, 1772. He was a deacon in the Fourth Church of Guilford. On June 14, 1738, he married Rhoda Stone, who was born Nov. 2, 1719, daughter of Caleb and Sarah (Meigs) Stone, of Guilford, and died Dec. 23, 1769. Both Mr. and Mrs. Leete are buried in the old cemetery on Guilford Green. They had five children. Daniel Leete's home stood where Calvin M. Leete's house now stands, and was noted during the Revolution.

Deacon Ambrose Leete, the third son of Deacon Daniel, was born Jan. 19, 1748. He was a deacon in the Fourth Church, to which office he was chosen in 1780, and also held the same office in the First Church, having been chosen in 1801. On Nov. 10, 1773, he married Miranda, a daughter of William and Rachel (White) Chittenden, and they became the parents of five children. Ambrose Leete died Feb. 14, 1809. His widow survived until Sept. 10, 1838. Mr. and Mrs. Leete were buried in the then new cemetery at Leete's Island.

Miner Leete, the third child of Ambrose, was born June 30, 1779, on the farm where he spent his life, dying at the early age of forty-seven years, Nov. 7, 1826. On Nov. 17, 1807, he married Lucinda Norton, who was born Nov. 18, 1780, in Guilford, a daughter of Col. Rufus and Hannah (Cook) Norton. She died Aug. 28, 1848, and was buried in the family cemetery. They had five children: (1) Edward Lorenzo is mentioned below. (2) Rufus Norton was the second of the family. (3) Theodore Adgate, who died April 28, 1886, graduated from Yale College and the Theological Department. He married Mary C. White, of Longmeadow, Mass., and had three children, Ella Louise, Rev. William White and Theodore Woolsey. (4) Calvin Miner married Lucy Maria Leete. (5) Louisa Maria died, unmarried, July 29, 1855.

Edward Lorenzo Leete was born June 28, 1810, at Leete's Island, in the town of Guilford. He attended the district school but little, being largely self-educated, and was an unusually well-informed man. For more than thirty years he was accustomed



E. Walter Leete

to teach school during the winter season, working his farm during the summer. Always deeply interested in educational matters, and public-spirited in every way, he was regarded in his time as one of the most useful citizens of the town, awake to all matters of local importance. In public life he was active and conspicuous, both for his unswerving honor and conspicuous ability. In 1854 he represented the town in the State Legislature, to which he was again elected in 1865. In politics he was originally a Whig, later becoming a Republican. In church matters Mr. Leete was a leader, and on Nov. 14, 1852, was elected a deacon of the First Congregational Church, serving in that capacity for almost thirty-two years. Mr. Leete built a substantial house on the old Leete homestead, where he made many other improvements. There he spent most of his life, dying May 3, 1884, and was buried in Leete's Island cemetery. He was especially interested in the preparation of a genealogy of the Leete family, which has been published since his death, and is now in the libraries of the state.

Edward Lorenzo Leete was married, in North Guilford, April 20, 1833, to Sylvia Fowler, daughter of Daniel and Lucy (Chittenden) Fowler, and they had two children: Edward Walter, mentioned below; and Lucy Louisa. The latter married Dwight Rogers, of Cornwall, Conn., and became the mother of five children: Dwight Leete, Nellie Lucretia, Harriet Fowler, Miner Pratt and Sylvia Abbie. Mrs. Sylvia Leete died on the home farm Nov. 13, 1895, and was buried in Leete's Island cemetery. She was a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Leete was trustee for a number of years of the Guilford Institute.

Edward Walter Leete was born on the home place May 28, 1834, and attended the district school, a private school in Windsor, Conn., and the Normal School at New Britain. For six years he taught school during the winter season in Guilford. As he was the only son the care of the farm and the support of the aged parents naturally fell to him. Mr. Leete is engaged in general farming and stock raising.

On Oct. 10, 1861, our subject married Harriet Rogers, of Cornwall, a daughter of Daniel Leete and Harriet (Pratt) Rogers, and a granddaughter of Noah and Lydia (Cornwall) Rogers and of Miner Pratt. They are the parents of five children: (1) Abbie Louisa, born Oct. 20, 1862, was married June 10, 1896, becoming the second wife of Edward E. Griswold, of Clapboard Hill, Guilford. They have two children—Harriet Rogers, born Jan. 15, 1899, and John Leete, born April 30, 1901. (2) Edward Rogers, born Dec. 17, 1864, was educated in the district school, Guilford Institute and Yale Business College, taught school, and was connected with the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Hartford. He died Dec. 6, 1891, and was buried in the Leete's Island cemetery. (3) William Smith, born Oct. 22, 1867, married Angeline Brewer, daughter of Alvah

G. and H. Alice (Palmer) Brewer, of Guilford, and is living on the family homestead. (4) Sarah Talcott, born Oct. 25, 1871, died Oct. 25, 1891, and was buried in Leete's Island cemetery. She was a graduate of the Guilford Institute. (5) Walter, born July 15, 1874, died in infancy.

Mr. Leete was elected deacon of the First Congregational Church in Guilford, Nov. 25, 1883, and is still acting in that capacity. From his youth he has been connected in different capacities with the Sunday-school of that church. In politics he is a Republican. For twelve years or more he has been a member of the school board, and he has also held the offices of assessor, tax collector and justice of the peace. In 1884 he was elected trustee of the Guilford Institute. He is a trustee of the Guilford Savings Bank, and a stockholder and director of the National Bank, which he helped to organize. Mr. Leete, as conservator, appraiser, or administrator, has been connected with numerous estates.

ELISAPH H. BUTLER, president of the Guilford Savings Bank, and dealer in general hardware, stoves, tinware, etc., Guilford, is a native of Connecticut, born June 27, 1848, in Norfolk, Litchfield county.

Mr. Butler is a descendant of one of the old settlers of Connecticut. Elisaph Butler, his grandfather, was born in North Branford (known as Northford), where he followed farming pursuits and was a land owner of prominence. From there he moved to Norfolk, Litchfield county, where he passed the rest of his days.

Levi Butler, father of Elisaph H., was born in 1820, in Northford, town of Branford, moved with his father to Norfolk, and there followed farming until 1854, in which year he moved with his family to Guilford, and bought a farm near Leete Island, where he continued to live up to his death, in 1873. In politics he was a Whig, later a Republican, and he was a member of the Advent Church. Levi Butler married (first) Clarissa Roberts, of Colebrook, Conn. His second marriage was to Clarinda E. Sanford, who was born in Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., daughter of Lyman Sanford, and six children were born to them: Elisaph H., our subject; Frederick, a farmer of Leete Island, Guilford, Conn.; Clara, wife of Robert Bartholomew, of Branford; Fanny, who died in young womanhood; Mary, deceased; and Anna, deceased. The mother of these children is yet living, and in the enjoyment of excellent health.

Elisaph H. Butler was a six-year-old lad when he came to Guilford, and here, on Leete Island, he attended the district school, and grew up on the home farm, remaining there until he was twenty years old, at which time he removed to Meriden. In that city he worked in a screw factory for a short time, and then, returning to Guilford, secured a position in Griswold & Co.'s grocery store, where he remained some eighteen months. In 1870 he

and S. Robinson bought out Chester Beckley's hardware store, and conducted the same under the name of S. Robinson & Co. In 1888 Mr. Butler bought out the interest of Mr. Robinson, and has since conducted the business alone, now having one of the most complete stores in the county. Mr. Butler is president of the Guilford Savings Bank, also a director thereof, and is one of the stockholders in, and directors of, the First National Bank of Guilford. In politics he is a Republican, and has filled the office of Burgess of Guilford several terms, serving also as justice of the peace. Socially he is a member of the F & A. M., affiliating with St. Alban's Lodge, No. 38, and with the Eastern Star, of which he is past patron, and of which his wife is a member. He belongs to Nennecatuck Lodge, No. 62, I. O. O. F., in which he is a member of the board of trustees, a past grand, and has been treasurer since July, 1884; he was also secretary one term. He has served as delegate to the Grand Lodge of the State. He and his wife are both charter members of the Daughters of Rebekah, and he is united with Hollis Encampment, No. 34. Mr. Butler is a member of the N. E. O. P., of Guilford, of which he has been chairman of the board of trustees since its organization; and was identified with the Woodmen of the World.

On Oct. 20, 1870, in Guilford, Conn., Elisaph H. Butler married Fanny E. Robinson, and nine children have come to them: (1) William S., born July 25, 1871, is head salesman in his father's store; he married Ida May Hill, daughter of Capt. William P. Hill. (2) Frank died in infancy. (3) Burton L. died at the age of four years. (4) Jennie C., born Sept. 19, 1880, is the wife of Louis C. Coulter, of Guilford. (5) Harriet M. ("Hattie") was born July 14, 1882. (6) Robert was born Aug. 31, 1885. (7) Arthur and (8) Ernest, twins, died young. (9) Paul Levi was born May 29, 1896.

THE ROBINSON FAMILY, of whom Mrs. Elisaph H. Butler is a member, were old settlers of Guilford, and (1) Thomas Robinson, the first of the name in New England, located first in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1661 he moved to Guilford, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1680. His wife Mary died in Guilford in 1668, and children as follows were born to them: (1) Thomas, born 1650, married Sarah Crittenden, and died July 2, 1712; (2) Ann, born 1652, married Joseph Dudley; (3) Mary, born 1654, married John Latimer; (4) Saint, born 1656, married B. Latimer; (5) Jonathan, born 1659, died April, 1684; (6) David, sketch of whom follows; (7) Elizabeth, born 1662, married Benjamin Gould, and died September 30, 1745.

(II) David Robinson, born in Hartford in 1660, settled in Durham, Middlesex Co., Conn., and died June 1, 1747. He married Abigail Kirby, daughter of John Kirby, of Middletown; she died in 1694. Mary, second wife of David Robinson, was

born 1603, died Oct. 17, 1746. Mr. Robinson's children: (1) Abigail, born April 3, 1690, died July 6, 1775, married Joseph Coe; (2) Ann, born June 6, 1692; (3) David, sketch of whom follows; (4) Thomas, born 1698, died March 4, 1774; (5) Ebenezer, born 1701, died Oct. 10, 1789; (6) Ruth, born 1703; (7) Mary married Timothy Parsons; (8) Hannah married Benjamin Miller.

(III) David Robinson, born in Durham, Conn., in 1694, and died there Feb. 9, 1780, married Jan. 26, 1720, Rebecca Miller, born 1697, died Sept. 18, 1786. Children: (1) Ann, born Dec. 5, 1720, and died in 1817, married Gideon Canfield; (2) David, born March 4, 1722, died Oct. 15, 1807; (3) John, born June 22, 1723; (4) Dan, born May 2, 1725, and died 1810, married Abigail Curtis; (5) Rebecca, born Dec. 5, 1726, and died Nov. 5, 1815, married David Parson; (6) Timothy, born April 29, 1728, and died April 1, 1805, married Catharine Ross; (7) Phinnis, born July 24, 1729, died July 31, 1784, married Susannah Fenn; (8) James, born June 10, 1731, and died April 3, 1806, married Amy Sellman; (9) Joel, born March 31, 1733, died 1750; (10) Mary, born Dec. 7, 1734, married Reynold M. Morse; (11) Noah, born May 17, 1736, and died Aug. 12, 1800, married Hannah Parmelee; (12) Abigail, born March 9, 1738, married James Hinman; (13) Asher, sketch of whom follows.

(IV) Asher Robinson, born May 4, 1740, in Durham, Conn., died there in 1808. He married (first) June 11, 1761, Mary Butcher, and for his second wife wedded a Miss Hull. His children: (1) Rachel, born April 16, 1762, married Seth Strong, and died Feb. 10, 1850; (2) Stephen, sketch of whom follows; (3) Asher, born Nov. 21, 1765, died young; (4) Seth, born June 23, 1768; (5) Samuel, born July 29, 1770; (6) Mary; (7) Sally married John White; (8) Betsey married Henry Canfield; (9) Asher married Emily Parmelee.

(V) Stephen Robinson, born in Durham, Conn., Jan. 14, 1764, died there July 2, 1825. He married Mary Tibbatt, who died in August, 1825. Children: (1) Dennis, sketch of whom follows; (2) Hannah, born 1793; (3) David; (4) Noah, born February, 1798, married Fanny Willard; (5) Phebe, born July 17, 1800, married B. Franklyn Browning; (6) Polly married David Baldwin; (7) Stephen died 1840; (8) Giles, born 1804, married Emily Wheden; (9) Margaret Ann, born 1802, and died 1842, married David Howard.

(VI) Dennis Robinson, born in 1791, moved to Guilford, and there passed the rest of his days, dying June 8, 1847. He married, May 3, 1815, Fanny Stone, born Aug. 5, 1795, and died April 21, 1824. For his second wife he wedded May 4, 1825, Elizabeth Wilkinson, born May 5, 1796, died Feb. 29, 1864. His children: (1) Jane Maria, born July 2, 1810, married Selden Benton; (2) Mary Ann, born Sept. 15, 1810, died July 31, 1820; (3) Stephen, sketch of whom follows; (4) George Bald-

win married Rosalind D. Field, and died Dec. 5, 1861; (5) John, born October, 1828, died Oct. 18, 1829; (6) John Wilkinson, born Sept. 18, 1830; (7) Fanny, born January, 1833, died February, 1833; (8) Franklin Browning, born Feb. 18, 1837, died Nov. 16, 1853.

(VII) Stephen Robinson, father of Mrs. Elisaph H. Butler, was born in Guilford March 23, 1824, and passed his entire life there conducting a general hardware store until 1888, after which he carried on a truck farm. He married Ann Bartlett, daughter of Timothy Bartlett, and of the children born to them three are living as follows: Fanny E., wife of E. H. Butler; Mary, wife of George W. Dudley; and Ida, wife of Dwight W. Potter, all of Guilford.

CHARLES D. WARNER, superintendent of the Ansonia Telephone Co., of Ansonia, is a leading representative of the business interests of that locality. His thoroughly American spirit, his sound judgment and untiring energy have enabled him to carry forward successfully a number of important enterprises and the record of his life furnishes a useful lesson.

Mr. Warner was born March 24, 1853, at Chicopee Falls, Mass., and is descended from good New England ancestry. His great-grandfather, Eli Warner, was a resident of West Suffield, Conn. Eli Warner (2), our subject's grandfather, was born in West Suffield, and passed his life there, engaged in farming. His wife, Lydia (Taylor), was also a native of Suffield, and their two sons settled upon the old homestead, dividing it into two separate farms. Both the grandparents were highly respected in the community for their estimable lives.

Henry F. Warner, our subject's father, was born in West Suffield, and received a common-school education. He died at the homestead March 25, 1900, at the age of seventy-four years. He married Mary L. Munger, who died aged sixty-nine years, was a native of Chicopee Falls, and a daughter of Hiram Munger, a well-known Adventist preacher there. Her mother, whose maiden name was Lucinda Hancock, was a direct descendant of a brother of Gov. John Hancock, of Massachusetts. Mrs. Munger died at the age of eighty years, leaving three children: Marv L., Mrs. Warner; Alfred S., a resident of Ozone Park, L. I.; and Lucy, wife of J. H. Hendrick, of Springfield, Mass. Our subject is the eldest of a family of three living children. One child died at an early age. Eugene H. has taken up farming at the old homestead. Jessie F. married T. C. Baum, of Philadelphia.

Charles D. Warner was educated in the common schools of Suffield, and when sixteen years of age began to learn the trade of watchmaker and jeweler. About 1872 he engaged in business in Windsor, and in 1878 he removed to Ansonia, purchasing from Charles Tucker a store in Main Street,

opposite the First National Bank. In 1887 he sold the business to James B. Keene and joined in the organization of a company for the manufacture of standard electrical clocks, for which he owned the patents. He became manager of the enterprise, and later was made treasurer, the business being carried on first in New Haven and then in Waterbury. On Dec. 31, 1895, he retired from the company and started in business in Ansonia as an electrical engineer, and soon afterward, as a matter of personal convenience, he organized a small telephone exchange, with less than fifty subscribers. This proved a great success, and later he founded the Ansonia Telephone Co. with Dana Bartholomew, the stock being placed at \$15,000, which was increased from time to time, to \$25,000. Early in 1901 great pressure was brought on certain stockholders (after the death of Dana Bartholomew) to sell out to the Bell Telephone interests, and this was finally accomplished, in April, 1901. They had lines to Seymour, Derby and Shelton, and connected subscribers with points in Woodbury and surrounding towns, doing a profitable business, three operators being required to manipulate the "switch board." Mr. Warner owns a number of electrical patents, five being on clocks and clock systems, known as the "Warner System," and the latter have increased in value as time has proved their efficiency. They were first tested in Ansonia in 1884, and then on the Consolidated Railroad, where they still remain in service, after fifteen years. Politically Mr. Warner is independent and he has served one term as burgess of the borough. He belongs to the New England Order of Protection, and he and his family are active workers in the Congregational Church of Ansonia, in which he has held various offices, including membership on the Society's committee and the Prudential committee. He also served some time as superintendent of the Sunday-school and president of the Christian Endeavor Society.

In 1875 Mr. Warner married Miss Clara F. Hodge, who was born in Suffield in 1856, daughter of Buel D. Hodge, a prominent farmer there, and for many years a leading member of the Congregational Church of that locality. He and his wife, Mariette (Cartter), had four children: Clara F.; Emma E., who married F. L. Ashley, of Windsor Locks; Nellie, who married E. S. Cook, of Hartford; Lucy B., wife of Lawrence Hens, of Ansonia. Mr. and Mrs. Warner have two children: (1) Albert F., born in 1876, was educated in the public schools of Ansonia and the Maine State College, at Orono, Maine, and completed a special course in navigation in the Nautical School in New York City. He is now in the employ of the Southern New England Telephone Co., and for some time previous was doing valuable work for the Ansonia Telephone Co., being an expert in electrical science. (2) Edith Mariette was born in Ansonia Feb. 25, 1885, and is now taking a course in the High School in Ansonia.

STEPHEN M. PECK, a leading citizen of Woodbridge, New Haven county, has demonstrated the true meaning of the word success as the full accomplishment of an honorable purpose. Energy, close application, perseverance and good management—these are the elements which have entered into his business career and crowned his efforts with prosperity.

Mr. Peck is a representative of quite an old and prominent family of Woodbridge, of which town his paternal grandparents, Silas and Electa (Carrington) Peck, were both natives. There the former owned seventy acres of land and successfully engaged in farming. He lived to a ripe old age. He was a man highly esteemed by all who knew him, and was a Whig in politics, though not an active worker in party affairs. His children, all now deceased, were as follows: Ansel, a cooper by trade, lived for many years in Vermont, and died in Bethany, Conn.; Electa married Gilbert Thomas, of Woodbridge, and died shortly after her marriage; Amyra married Simeon Sperry, and died in Woodbridge; Lauren, a shoemaker by trade, lived in Bethany, Conn., New York and Vermont, and died in New York; Lewis, father of our subject, was next in order of birth; Garry was a farmer of Woodbridge; Mary was the second wife of Gilbert Thomas, of Woodbridge; Seabury was a carpenter and joiner of Westville, Conn.; Amanda was the wife of James Perkins, of Woodbridge; Eunice was the wife of Eli O. Clark, of Woodbridge; and Namon was a farmer of Seymour.

Lewis Peck, father of our subject, was born in Woodbridge, June 6, 1796, and died at the age of sixty-one years. He grew to manhood in his native town, and had but limited educational advantages. He became owner of the old homestead of seventy acres in the northeastern part of Woodbridge, and also owned other land to the extent of seventy acres. He was an active worker in the Whig party, was a school officer, road surveyor, and filled other official positions. In Woodbridge he married Elizabeth Ann Beecher, a native of that town, daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Dorrance) Beecher, and granddaughter of Reuben and Sarah Beecher. Her father and grandfather were also born in Woodbridge, and there the former died at the age of eighty-six years. His children were: Pattie, wife of Moses Gilbert, of Southington, Conn.; Bela, who died unmarried in Woodbridge; Reuben Minot, who was born May 31, 1791, wedded Mary Baldwin, and died April 4, 1874; Melinda, wife of Munson Sperry, of Woodbridge; Deman, who married Eunice Smith, and followed farming in Milton, Conn.; David, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Riley, who died when a young man; Sally, wife of Novee Bradley, who lived in different places in Connecticut, but was born in Woodbridge, and is buried there; Lydia, who married Freeman Hotchkiss, and subsequently became the wife of Stephen Dickerman, of Westville, where she died; and Elizabeth Ann, mother of our

subject. Mrs. Peck was born in 1802, and died in Woodbridge at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. She and her husband had seven children, namely: Ephraim R., the eldest, is mentioned below; Eliza Ann is the widow of John M. Merwin, of Woodbridge; Irven B., a carpenter and joiner of California, went West in 1855, and married Ann Crow; Minerva P. is the wife of Isaac S. Dickerman, of Westville, Conn.; Silas E. married Emily Talmage, of New York, and is now a homeopathic physician of Pomona, Fla.; Henry died in Woodbridge, Dec. 25, 1856, at the age of twenty-one years; and Stephen M., our subject, completes the family. Ephraim R. Peck, the eldest of this family, wedded Mary C. Hine, and followed farming in Woodbridge, where he died Aug. 15, 1898; he left no children. He received a common-school education, and taking up farming, made a decided success in that line, being also a fine judge of stock. With the exception of seven years, during which he was engaged as a farm hand in one place, he always lived in Woodbridge, where he was respected as one of the most estimable self-made men of his day. He was a Republican, but took no active part in politics, and never held any office.

Stephen M. Peck was born in Woodbridge Sept. 18, 1837, and began his education in the district school one mile from his boyhood home, while during the winter of 1857-58 he attended the Connecticut Literary Institute, under Prof. Pratt. At that time the teacher of mathematics was Henry Smith, who later became principal of the Institute. On attaining his majority Mr. Peck came into possession of the old homestead and began farming for himself, which occupation he has since followed, with marked success. He resided there until 1897, when he removed to his present farm, in the same town, a place of 134 acres willed him by a deceased brother, and he is now one of the most extensive farmers in Woodbridge. He is interested in the dairy business, keeping for that purpose from twenty-five to thirty cows, and raises fruit and vegetables on a large scale, finding a splendid market for his produce in New Haven, Ansonia and Seymour. In the fall of 1899 he gathered 600 barrels of apples from his orchards, from not more than one-half of the trees that were formerly bearing. Mr. Peck is also engaged in the milling business, owning and operating saw, cider and grist mills, and grinding feed, bone for fertilizing, etc. Although he has always lived in Woodbridge, he has not confined his business interests to his native town. He is the owner of an orange grove of fifty acres in Florida, which was almost destroyed by the severe frosts, but with care he hopes to build it up again.

On Dec. 10, 1868, in Bethany, Conn., Mr. Peck married Ida Frances Neal, a daughter of Martin H. and Martha M. (Hitchcock) Neal, of Southington, Conn., where her father was engaged in the blacksmith and cooperage business. She was born in Plainville, Conn., Jan. 15, 1849, the second in order



Ida F. Peck



Stephen M. Peck



of birth in a family of four children: (1) Eleanor M. (deceased) became the wife of Henry Buckingham, of Seymour, and they had six children, Ida (deceased), Minnie, Albert, William, Roy and Lewis. (2) Eva A., born July 26, 1853, is the wife of Jesse Russell, and they have one son, Carlton Martin, of Plainville. (3) Henry Martin, a physician of Upper Lehigh, Pa., married Ada Leisenring, and has four children, Maylon, Cameron, Joseph Hawley and Gertrude. Mr. and Mrs. Peck have had four children: (1) Ermon N., born July 26, 1870, a civil engineer, resides in West Hartford, where he is in the employ of the Hartford Water Co.; he graduated from the Connecticut Literary Institute in 1891, and entered the Scientific Department of Yale, but owing to ill health was unable to continue his studies. He married Emma Newton, of Westville, Conn., and they have one son, Ermon Newton. (2) Irving B., born June 19, 1872, married Hattie Clark, of Southington, and is now a mechanic of Forestville. (3) Elizabeth I. and (4) Lewis E., twins, were born May 27, 1875. Lewis E. died Aug. 31, 1875. Elizabeth taught school for one year in Bethany, Connecticut.

Politically Mr. Peck classes himself with the Republicans, but believes that something should be done to stop the liquor traffic. Although he has never been an office seeker, he has accepted local positions of honor and trust, serving as member of the school board, grand juror, assessor, member of the board of relief, etc. He is a member of the Woodbridge Grange, of which he is treasurer, and was worthy chief of the Good Templars Society when that organization was in a flourishing condition. As a business man and citizen he is widely and favorably known, and no one in the town is more honored or highly respected.

WILLIS BRADLEY, a well-known citizen of Branford, was born there Oct. 20, 1848, son of Gurdon and Anna Maria (Spinks) Bradley. Timothy Bradley, his paternal grandfather, married Irene, a daughter of Capt. Alexander Gordon, of Branford. The great-grandfather, Timothy Bradley, an early settler of Branford, married Sarah Goodsell. The maternal grandfather of Willis Bradley was Samuel Spinks, of Branford, who married Esther Tyler.

Willis Bradley passed his boyhood and youth in Branford, where he attended the public school, and when he was "older grown" served an apprenticeship of three years to the blacksmith trade, which he followed ten years in Branford and Meriden. In maturer life he was made superintendent of the Cherry Hill farm of J. W. Nichols, and filled that position four years in a perfectly satisfactory manner to his employer. In 1883 Mr. Bradley began work as a carpenter for his brother Richard, and this has been his occupation to the present time. He has had some very extensive dealings in the building line in the past years, and has established

an enviable character for business ability, fair dealing and upright treatment of his patrons.

Willis Bradley was united in marriage Aug. 20, 1872, with Isabelle Eliza, a daughter of Charles R. and Frances Louise (Dudley) Lane, of Guilford. Her paternal grandparents were Noah and Betsey (Stevens) Lane, and her maternal grandparents were Jonathan and Eliza (Holmes) Dudley, of Guilford. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bradley are the parents of three daughters: Maria Louise; Hattie Isabel, who is deceased; and Helen Elizabeth. Mr. Bradley and his family are members of Trinity Episcopal Church, where they are much respected for their sterling worth and genuine character. Mr. Bradley is a member of Widows' Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., and of the New England Order of Protection, where he is a welcome presence. In politics he is a Democrat, and in all things an honorable and reliable citizen.

Mrs. Bradley has two brothers, Charles Holmes Lane, of Branford, and Herbert Eugene Lane, of New Haven, both of whom stand well in their respective communities, and are widely known as honorable and trustworthy men in all their dealings.

GEORGE PREBBEL ROLF is ranked among the successful and well-established business citizens of Guilford. Since 1881 he has conducted a livery business in that locality, also dealing in horses.

Mr. Rolf was born in Folster, County of Kent, England, June 12, 1849, a son of Henry Rolf, who was born in 1823 in Folster, which is eighty miles from London. Henry Rolf married Sarah Jane Cox, a native of Elhain, England, and they came to this country with their family in the spring of 1850, landing in New York. From that city they came to New Haven, Conn., and thence by stage coach to Madison, where they located for a time. Several years later they removed to Guilford, where Mr. Rolf still resides, highly respected by his friends and neighbors in the community. He was a skilled workman at his trade, that of mason, which he followed until his retirement.

Our subject was scarcely one year old when he was brought to this country, and he attended the public schools of Madison. Adopting his father's trade, he pursued that both in Madison and Guilford, and in 1881 started in his present line, purchasing the interest of George S. Davis, who, in partnership with E. B. Redfield, conducted a livery business. In 1891 our subject bought the interest of Mr. Redfield, and since that time has most successfully managed a constantly growing business. He has secured the contract for the carrying of the mails, greatly increasing his responsibilities. Mr. Rolf knows a good horse when he sees it, and is one of the largest dealers along the shore line, having stables in New London as well as in Guilford. Seeking to please his patrons, Mr. Rolf is popular with every one, and is well and favorably

known to a large class of citizens. His honesty in dealing has gained for him the confidence of those who wish to purchase, and many excellent specimens of the best breeds of horses have passed through his hands to the public.

On March 21, 1872, Mr. Rolf married Mary Storer, a daughter of William Storer, and one child has blessed this union, Fred, born in January, 1877, who received his education in Guilford, and is one of the progressing and rising young men of the town. As a pioneer in the canning of corn and tomatoes in Guilford young Mr. Rolf is the head of what is known as the Sachem's Head Canning Co., and also deals largely in feed, grain and fertilizers. Both Mr. Rolf and his son are Republicans, and our subject has served as warden of the borough three years; burgess several times; selectman, one term; and chairman of the town committee. Frederick Rolf is recognized as one of the progressive and rising young men of the community, and will probably make his mark in both commercial and political life. The family attend the Third Congregational Church. George P. Rolf is a member of the I. O. O. F., Mennuntuck Lodge, No. 62, Guilford, and of the N. E. O. P., Sachem Lodge, Guilford.

JOHN WINFIELD NORTON, one of Wolcott's most prosperous and highly esteemed citizens, was born in Wolcott Centre, March 27, 1854, and is a worthy representative of one of the best and oldest families of the State. In 1639, Thomas Norton emigrated from Ockley, County of Surrey, England, to the New World, and took up his residence in Guilford, New Haven Co., Conn. About 1625 he married Grace Wells, and to them were born the following children: Anne, born in 1625, married John Warner, of Saybrook, Conn.; Grace, born in 1627, was married April 2, 1651, to William Seward, of New Haven and Guilford, and died May 29, 1687; Mary B., born in 1635, was married, April 9, 1660, to Samuel Rockman, a son of William Rockman, of Windsor, Conn.; John, born in 1640, is mentioned below; Abigail, born in 1642, was married, Aug. 6, 1667, to Anamas Tryon, of Killingworth; and Thomas, born in 1646, was married May 8, 1671, to Elizabeth Mason.

John Norton, son of Thomas, spent his entire life in Guilford, where he followed the miller's trade, and died May 5, 1704. He first married Hannah Stone, and for his second wife married Elizabeth Hubbard. In his family were six children: John, who was born Nov. 18, 1666, and died Jan. 10, 1667; John, who is mentioned below; Susannah, who was born Oct. 4, 1672; Thomas, who was born May 4, 1675; Hannah, who was born Feb. 4, 1677, and was married, Jan. 16, 1702, to Ebenezer Stone; and Mary, who was born in 1680.

John Norton (2nd), a son of John, was born May 20, 1668, and was a land owner and farmer of Guilford. He was married, Nov. 14, 1694, to Hannah Buck, of Wethersfield, Conn., daughter of

Emanuel Buck, the first of that name in Wethersfield. Mr. Norton died March 15, 1711, his wife, Oct. 22, 1739. Their children were Anna, who was born Oct. 16, 1695, and died in October, 1721; Mary, born Dec. 6, 1697; John, born Dec. 23, 1699; Sarah, born Feb. 26, 1702; Joseph, born Oct. 10, 1704; Elizabeth, who was born Oct. 6, 1706, was married, Aug. 8, 1728, to David Benton, and died Aug. 25, 1756; and Hannah, who was born March 4, 1710, and died in 1724.

Joseph Norton, son of John (2nd), spent his entire life as a farmer in Guilford, where he died May 9, 1781. On April 11, 1728, he wedded Mary Champion, of Lyme, Conn., who lived for a time in Wolcott, but died in Guilford, July 13, 1800, at the extreme old age of 110 years. She was a good Christian woman and the mother of the following children: Simeon, born May 3, 1729, died Dec. 22, 1772; David, born Oct. 21, 1730, is mentioned below; William, born Jan. 22, 1732, died June 17, 1760; Hannah, born Oct. 1, 1734, died in 1736; Philemon, born June 24, 1736, died in October of the same year; Noah, born Jan. 27, 1740, died May 31, 1763; and Beniah, born in 1742, died Nov. 10, 1843.

David Norton, son of Joseph, came to Wolcott at an early day and purchased land near Wolcott Centre, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. He was a well-known citizen of that locality, was a consistent Christian, and highly respected. On Nov. 11, 1752, he married Submit Benton, who died in 1755, and for his second wife he married Suza Bishop. He was the father of the following children: Ozias, who was born Feb. 10, 1754, and is mentioned below; Cyrus, who was born Jan. 14, 1755, married Jerusha Johnson, of Wolcott, and lived in New York; Ziba, who was born in 1757, and was married, Nov. 26, 1778, to Ruth Hopkins; Suza, who was baptized June 12, 1759; Zebul, who was baptized Sept. 22, 1761, and married Rhoda Norton; and Noah U., who was baptized July 3, 1764, was married April 18, 1784, to Rachel Gillet, of Wolcott, and lived in New York.

Ozias Norton, son of David, made his home in Wolcott, where he owned property and engaged in farming until his death, which occurred Feb. 6, 1840, his remains being interred there. He married Maria Frisbie, and to them were born nine children, namely: David; Keziah, wife of Daniel Lane, of Wolcott; Susan and Elizabeth, twins, the former the wife of Daniel Byington, the latter the wife of Thomas Cook, of Ohio; Moses Frisbie married Percy Barber and lived in Ohio; Jonathan Frisbie, who married Polly Smith and died in Wolcott; Ziba, grandfather of our subject; Jedediah Harmon, born May 11, 1788; and Simeon Newton, born March 28, 1791.

Ziba Norton was born in Wolcott, and followed the trade of shoemaker. About 1830 he removed to Truxton, N. Y., where he died. He married Abigail Atkins, of Wolcott, and the children born

to them were as follows: Ada, born June 23, 1803, first married a Mr. Doolittle, and second George W. Royce; Talcott, born Sept. 19, 1807, married Belinda Hall, of Plymouth, Conn.; Lenora, born March 12, 1805, married Harley Downs; Phoebe, born in December, 1809, married George W. Winchell; Minerva, born in March, 1812, married Everett Norton; Hendrick, born in December, 1817; Rufus, father of our subject, was next in order of birth; Manville, born June 8, 1821; and Rufinus, born in September, 1824.

Rufus Norton was born Feb. 18, 1819, and received a common school education, which was later in life greatly supplemented by extensive reading, giving particular attention to the study of the Bible, Shakespeare, historical and political works. He was a tanner and currier by trade, and followed that occupation for a number of years, but later engaged in farming first on the Hall farm, later on the Beecher farm, and then, after operating several different places in Wolcott, he returned to the Beecher farm, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying there Dec. 1, 1897. His remains were interred in the Wolcott Centre cemetery. He was an excellent judge of horses and cattle, and in connection with farming, also dealt in stock and wood. He first married Harriet Smith, and for his second wife wedded her half sister, Ellen Beecher, a daughter of John and Vina Beecher. She is a most estimable lady, a member of the Congregational Church, and is still living on the old homestead. In politics the father was first a Whig and later a Democrat, and he took quite an active interest in local affairs, filling several town offices, including those of selectman and assessor, holding the latter position for ten years. Although not a member of any church, he endeavored to follow the Golden Rule, and was widely and favorably known.

John W. Norton, whose name introduces this review, received only a district school education, and at the early age of fourteen years started out in life for himself, working in the shops at Bristol, Conn., for one year, at \$1.50 per day. After that he spent about two years on a farm in Bethany, and then returned to Bristol, where he was employed for two years at \$1.75 per day. At the end of that time he bought a tract of woodland and an ox team, and commenced cutting the timber and selling the wood. This he continued until locating on the old Leonard Beecher homestead in Wolcott, where he is now extensively engaged in general farming, the wood and dairy business. He is one of the largest land owners in the town, and besides his farm here, he had property in Bristol and Southington, Conn., aggregating 575 acres.

In Harwinton, Litchfield Co., Conn., Mr. Norton married Miss Nettie M. Coy, of that place, a daughter of Silas and Lorinda Coy. Of the two children born to them, one died in infancy, and John F. is at home. Politically he is a Republican, and since 1893 Mr. Norton has served as tax col-

lector of Wolcott, and he also filled the office of assessor for two years. He is liberal in his religious views. Since the age of fourteen years he has been dependent upon his own resources, and to-day he enjoys the reward of his painstaking and conscientious work. By his energy, perseverance and fine business ability he has been enabled to secure a handsome competence. Systematic and methodical, his sagacity, keen discrimination and sound judgment have made him one of the most prosperous citizens of Wolcott.

FRANKLIN PIERCE SMITH, a representative farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Cheshire, was born in that town Aug. 10, 1851, and belongs to an old and prominent Connecticut family. His paternal great-grandparents, David and Abigail (Lewis) Smith, were natives of Southington, Conn., and the former was a son of David Smith, Sr., and a grandson of Gideon Smith. Our subject's grandparents, Gideon Lewis and Lois (Barnes) Smith, were also natives of Southington, and in 1823 moved to Cheshire, where he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life, dying there in 1850. His wife died in 1846. Their children were Elizabeth, wife of Sherman Hart, of Berlin, Conn.; Rhoda, wife of John Hall, of Kensington; Abigail, wife of Seth Pratt, of Southington; Sylvia, wife of David Beach, of Southington; Loyal, father of our subject; Rollin, who died in Cheshire; Lois, who married Asahel Warner, and died in Auburn, N. Y.; and Lola, wife of Burritt Parker, of Southington.

Loyal Smith, our subject's father, was born in July, 1807, and was sixteen years of age when the family removed to Cheshire, where he afterward engaged in farming to the close of his life. He was quite a prominent and influential citizen of his community, and was a member of the State Legislature from Cheshire in 1856 and again in 1867. In that town he was married, Oct. 20, 1829, to Miss Henrietta Dickerman, who was born in Hamden Nov. 26, 1807, a daughter of Samuel and Lois (Peck) Dickerman, also natives of Hamden, where her mother died. Her father died in Cheshire, in 1839. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born eight children, as follows: Sereno D., a resident of Meriden; Lois, who died at the age of six years; Eliza, who died in Cheshire in 1848, at the age of eleven years; Lois Lucelia, widow of Edward Ives, and a resident of Cheshire; Rhoda, wife of Amos Ives, of Meriden; Loyal Barnes, of Cheshire; Samuel D.; and Franklin Pierce, our subject.

Franklin P. Smith was reared and educated in much the usual manner of farmers' sons of his day, attending the local schools and aiding in the labors of the farm, and since attaining to man's estate has successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1882 he was united in marriage with Miss Emma E. Miles, a native of Meriden, and a daughter of John and Abigail (Sanderson) Miles, who were born in

Cheshire. Her father died in 1804, her mother in 1800. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Eugene C. The Democratic party finds in our subject a staunch supporter of its principles, and he takes quite an active interest in public affairs. He was one of the selectmen of Cheshire in 1883, and has been a member of the grand jury.

FREDERICK E. COLBURN, one of Ansonia's leading citizens, is a worthy representative of an old and honored pioneer family, being a descendant of Daniel Colburn, who settled in Stafford and passed his remaining years there as a farmer, dying at a good old age.

Daniel Colburn, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Stafford, and followed agricultural pursuits there for many years. His wife, Elizabeth Moulton, who died at the age of seventy, was born in Stafford, daughter of Bounds Moulton, a prominent farmer. They had twelve children, none of whom are now living, and of their nine grandchildren only five are living. Among the deceased grandchildren was Col. Colburn of the Union army.

Sylvester Colburn, our subject's father, was born in Stafford Dec. 7, 1806, and was reared upon the farm, obtaining his education in the district schools. At sixteen he went to New Haven with his twin brother, Sullivan M., to work in the store of an elder brother, John Colburn, and later they started a small foundry, which they operated a few years. Their next venture was the founding of the Bassett foundry, and on disposing of it, in 1847, they located in Ansonia, our subject's father taking the present homestead, at No. 121 Howard avenue. They became interested to some extent in the Farrell foundry and the Wallace factory, and operated a cotton-mill in the building now occupied by Arthur H. Bartholomew, while for some time they were connected with Robert Bassett's enterprise in Derby. They owned valuable real estate, and built two houses on the lots adjoining the present homestead. They also held stock in the Birmingham Pin Co., which is retained by the family, and they purchased the first improved machine used by that company for the manufacture of pins. In fact, they were more or less closely identified with every enterprise started in their locality, and both continued their active interest in public affairs until their retirement from business. All the shade trees in West Ansonia were set out by them, and they assisted generously in building and maintaining Christ Church in Ansonia, one-fourth of the running expenses having been paid by them for many years. Sylvester Colburn died July 23, 1870, aged sixty-four years, and his brother Sullivan died May 1, 1876, aged seventy. Another brother, Dr. Josiah Colburn, who was born in 1799, was closely associated with them in business for some time. He practiced medicine in Orange and Derby for a number of years, but retired in 1852 and joined in the management of the Bassett foundry, then known as the Birmingham

foundry. On selling his interest he located in Ansonia and started an axe factory, but a few years later he sold this and invested in a foundry in Bridgeport, continuing, however, to reside in Ansonia, where he died March 11, 1882, aged eighty-three years.

Sylvester Colburn married Elizabeth Hull, a native of New Haven, and a daughter of Thomas Hull, one of the wealthiest citizens of Westville, where he owned a farm a mile square and had a residence upon one of the finest streets. For many years he was interested in butchering and farming, and as a citizen he was much esteemed for his sterling qualities of character. His wife, Annah (Thomas), who died in 1826, aged forty-six years, was born in West Haven, and they had six children, of whom none are living. Our subject's mother was the last to pass away, dying Nov. 30, 1900, aged ninety years. She was a devout Episcopalian, and her family has been identified with that church for generations. Of her four children only one is living, Frederick E. Another son, Arthur, with his daughters Annette and Eda, the captain and one sailor, were drowned by the upsetting of his yacht in Long Island Sound, on July 18, 1901; his watch stopped at three minutes past four. His daughter Madaline and one sailor were saved by hanging on to an overturned rowboat for two hours, and were picked up by a passing tugboat.

Frederick E. Colburn was born in Westville Sept. 6, 1832, and was educated in the district schools of that section and in New Haven. For some years he was interested in the manufacture of guano and phosphates, but since 1884 his attention has been devoted to real-estate business. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, although he has refused all offers of official positions, and he is one of the prominent Masons of this section, having been a member of George Washington Lodge, No. 82, of Ansonia, for thirty-one years, and also belonging to Mt. Vernon Chapter, Ansonia. In 1859 he married Miss Flora A. Smith, and they have had five children, of whom four are living. (1) Ruby W. married Dr. Baldwin, now of Rome, Italy, and they have six children, Frederick W., Kenneth P. S., John P., Charles L., Cornelia F. and Margaret. (2) Fairchild S. married Miss Minnie Busher, and settled on his grandfather's farm in Ohio. (3) Elizabeth H. married Rev. E. T. Mathison, an Episcopal clergyman, and has two children, Flora and Catherine. (4) Sylvester G. married Miss Ruth Sperry, and has two children, Elizabeth and Frederick S.

Mrs. Flora A. Smith Colburn, whose mental gifts and culture make her a social leader, is a member of the D. A. R., Sarah Humphrey Chapter, of Derby, and is eligible to membership in the Society of the Colonial Dames. She was born in Lake county, Ohio, and is of good old Connecticut stock in the paternal line. Her maternal great-grandfather, Joseph White, came from France and served seven years in the Revolutionary army under Gen.



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LaFayette. Her great-great-grandfather, Giles Smith, a native of South Norwalk, settled in Derby at an early date, and Abraham Smith, her great-grandfather, passed his life there as a farmer. Prospect street now runs through the site of his old homestead. Abraham Smith married Sarah French, granddaughter of John Bowers, a graduate of Harvard College and one of the preachers at Guilford and Derby. James Smith, the grandfather of Mrs. Colburn, was a native of Derby, and followed farming at the homestead for some years in connection with the cooper's trade. Later he moved to Waterbury, but his last years were spent in Derby, his death occurring at the age of eighty years. He married Molly Fairchild, daughter of Abial and Zerviah Johnson, and they had three children. Mrs. Smith died when her son, James F., was but three weeks old.

James F. Smith, Mrs. Colburn's father, was born in Waterbury, and in 1819 went to Ohio, the journey, which was made with an ox-team, occupying one month. For one year he worked by the month, saving his wages carefully, and as time passed he became one of the wealthiest farmers and fruit growers of that section, his farm comprising 600 acres of land. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years. He married Caroline White, who was born in Granville, N. Y., one of the four children of John White, who died at the age of one hundred and two, and his wife, Ruby (Cleveland), who died aged sixty-seven. Mrs. Caroline Smith died aged sixty-seven years, and of her three children none are living except Mrs. Colburn, who was second in order of birth. James H. died in 1896, and Mary Z. died in 1870, aged nineteen years. The Smith family has also been connected with the Episcopal Church for many years, and Mrs. Colburn is among the active workers of the church in Ansonia.

SAMUEL E. FRISBIE, a prominent agriculturist and business man of the town of Milford, was born in East Haven, Conn., April 7, 1856, son of William H. and grandson of Samuel Frisbie. The family is of pioneer stock. Samuel Frisbie was born in Branford, Conn., where he continued to reside, and where he followed shoemaking all his life. His wife, Sally Tyler, was born in Branford, and passed her entire life there. Of their seven children, the eldest, Obed T. (deceased), was a shoemaker in New Haven, Conn.; Roxana (deceased) married Nelson Linsley, of New Haven; Randolph R. was a shoemaker and later a bookkeeper, but at present is retired; William H., our subject's father, is mentioned below; Mary E., a tailoress, died in Milford unmarried; Lewis, who died in Fair Haven, Conn., was an iron and brass founder, and earlier in life a shoemaker; and Sarah resides in Branford.

William H. Frisbie was born in Branford May 11, 1826, and became a shoemaker, but afterward for some time followed the iron molder's trade.

In April, 1877, he settled upon a farm in Milford, where he still resides. He married Eunice C. Dickinson, a native of Chester, Conn., and daughter of Ely Dickinson, and they became the parents of one child, Samuel E.

Samuel E. Frisbie first attended school in East Haven, and when eight years old went to Branford, where his studies were continued several years. At thirteen he moved with his parents to New Haven, and after a short service in the finishing department of the New Haven Clock Co. became clerk in a drug store to learn the business. During the panic of 1877 he settled with his parents in Milford upon his present farm as a market gardener and seed grower. For the last four years he has been special agent for the Page Woven Wire Fence Co., a most successful branch of his business, necessitating some traveling, and he also acts as general agent and traveler for the Rogers & Hubbard Co.'s fertilizers. He is thoroughly alive to up-to-date machinery, and has been local agent for various improved farm tools, etc., which he has introduced. He has never married, but he and his father have built a beautiful residence on a part of the old farm, which contains about eighty acres—the original farm when taken comprising about 164 acres. While he votes independently so far as local affairs are concerned, he is a Republican, and owing to his clear understanding of parliamentary law has often been chairman of that party's caucuses, as also of the annual and special meetings of the town. He has also served as grand juror. He was a prominent candidate for the first judge of the Milford Town Court upon its establishment in 1901, being defeated in legislative caucus only by a compromise candidate. While taking an active part in town affairs, he has sought to avoid and has refused public preferment. Mr. Frisbie belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry, or Grange, and is a charter member and organizer of the local Grange in his town; he is also president for the fourth consecutive time of the local council of the National Provident Union, and takes much interest in temperance affairs. He is a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, and for three years was superintendent of its Sunday-school. For two years he was director of music in the First Congregational Church, and he has taken much interest in musical affairs generally, having been president and organizer of the old Amphion Music Society, and secretary of the more recent Choral Musical Union.

CHARLES W. GRANNISS, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a representative citizen of the town of East Haven, New Haven county, was born Nov. 10, 1844, on the farm where he now resides, and comes of good old Colonial stock.

The family was founded in the New World by Edward Granniss, a native of England, who came to this country in 1644 and first located in Hartford, Conn., where he followed farming about ten years.

About 1670 he removed to Hadley, Mass., and seven years later came to North Haven. He married Elizabeth Andrews in 1654, and among their children was Joseph Granniss, who was born in 1677. Isaac Granniss, son of Joseph, was born in 1716, and was the first of the family to locate in East Haven, making his home on the farm where our subject now lives. He purchased this land from the Indian chief Foxen. His son, Jared Granniss, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1756, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years. He was one of the Revolutionary heroes, and was with Gen. Putnam in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Frederick Granniss, father of our subject, was born Feb. 2, 1813, and when sixteen years of age was apprenticed to George Hoadley, of New Haven, to learn the carriagemaker's trade, at which he continued to work for several years, spending part of the time in Albany, N. Y. Returning to the old homestead in East Haven, he followed dairy farming throughout the remainder of his life, and died there April 29, 1895. He was a consistent and faithful member of the Baptist Church, and took a very active part in its work. In early life he married Miss Emily Bailey, a daughter of Thaddeus Bailey, of Groton, Conn. She died Feb. 18, 1882. In their family were three children, of whom our subject is the youngest. George F., born Feb. 2, 1835, is a resident of Wallingford, this county; and Andrew J., born Jan. 11, 1841, is a farmer of East Haven.

Charles W. Granniss passed his boyhood and youth on the old homestead where he continues to reside, and was pursuing his studies in the local schools when the Civil war broke out. Going to New Haven, he enlisted Aug. 21, 1861, in Company A, 10th Conn. V. I., but his father, learning of his enlistment through the school teacher, succeeded in getting his release on account of his youth. Our subject returned home, but after talking the matter over with his father for a few days he was given a written consent to his enlistment, and together they returned to New Haven, where he re-enlisted in the same company and regiment, joining his command at that city. They were encamped at Hartford, and thence went to Annapolis, Md., later joining Burnside in his Roanoke expedition. Mr. Granniss' first engagement, at Roanoke Island, N. C., was followed by the battles of Newbern, Kinston and Goldsboro, under the command of Gen. Burnside, 10th Army Corps. Later the regiment was assigned to the 18th Army Corps, under Gens. Gilmore and Butler, and was sent to Charleston, S. C., where they helped dig the entrenchments and remained until the surrender of Fort Wagner, after a siege of three months. Going to St. Augustine, Fla., they did garrison duty until Dec. 31, 1863, and then returned home on a thirty days' furlough. Mr. Granniss re-enlisted and rejoined his regiment at Hartford, where they were encamped on Trinity College grounds. Later they proceeded to Alexandria, Va.

They spent five weeks at Arlington Heights, near Washington, D. C., and then joined the army opposite Yorktown, under Gen. Butler. Later they participated in the engagements at Bermuda Hundred, Drury's Bluff and the siege of Petersburg, and then crossed the James river and took part in the battle of Strawberry Plains, where Mr. Granniss was wounded by a minie ball in the left shoulder, Aug. 16, 1864. He was first taken to the field hospital and later to the hospital at Newmarket Heights. On his recovery he participated in the engagements at Laurel Hill, Newmarket, Derbytown, Johnston's plantation, Hatchie's Run and Fort Gregg. While storming the fort our subject was again wounded by a revolver in the hands of a Confederate officer not one hundred feet from him, the bullet striking the first joint of the first finger on the left hand and passing through all the finger joints. He spent a few days in the hospital at Point of Rocks, and a month at the hospital at Hampton, Va., and then was discharged at New Haven, Aug. 30, 1865, with the rank of sergeant.

Soon after his return home Mr. Granniss, in company with his brother Andrew, went to Norfolk, Va., where he was employed in lumber and wood yards for one year. At the end of that time he came back to Connecticut, and has since successfully engaged in market gardening and the dairy business on the old homestead in East Haven. On Feb. 24, 1874, he was united in marriage with Miss Annie Irwin, of Baltimore, Md., and to them were born three children: Irwin, a practicing physician of New Haven, who was graduated from the Medical Department of Yale College at the age of twenty-one years; Lincoln, who is now a member of the Freshman class at Yale; and Charles A., who died in infancy.

Fraternally Mr. Granniss is an honored member of Delphi Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M., of New Haven; Admiral Foote Post, No. 63, G. A. R.; and Foxen Grange, No. 89, East Haven, of which he is now master. In politics he is an ardent Republican. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1895 and again in 1899, and was chairman of the committee on Temperance during the last term; he has been county auditor for two years. As a citizen he has always been true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, so that his loyalty is above question, being manifest in days of peace as when he followed the old flag to victory on Southern battlefields.

HENRY CHALMERS BALDWIN, whose fame as a lawyer and orator extended far beyond the confines of his native State, was born upon a farm known as Pond Hill, in the town of Naugatuck, Sept. 15, 1842.

Lucius Baldwin, his father, who was a Methodist minister, was born in Woodbridge. He married a Miss Willard, of Massachusetts, and for many years lived upon the farm where ten of his

fourteen children were born. He died in April, 1869. Of his family Henry C. was the ninth in order of birth, the others being Jerusha Maria, Lucius Monroe, Edwin Soule, Hervey Watson, Amelia Anne, Louis Sherwood, Esther Sophia, Frances Adelaide, Celia Josephine, Matilda Augusta, Albert Warren, Charles Willard and Florence Eleanor. Lucius Monroe is a farmer in Naugatuck. Louis Sherwood and Albert Warren died in early manhood. Charles Willard is a practicing lawyer in Florida. Five of the seven daughters are married, Jerusha Maria to F. K. Small, of Cape Cod, Mass.; Esther Sophia to J. F. Brown, of Lynn, that State; Frances Adelaide to Judge Bingham, of Naugatuck; Celia Josephine to E. J. Whitehead, of New York; and Amelia Anne to George F. Walker, of Gloucester, England. Florence Eleanor has remained unmarried. Matilda Augusta died before reaching womanhood.

Henry C. Baldwin passed his boyhood upon the paternal farm, receiving his early education at the schools of Naugatuck and New Britain. In August, 1862, before he had reached the age of twenty, he enlisted with a number of other young men of Naugatuck, in Company H, 15th C. V. His experience as a soldier was eventful, and his record one of distinction. He was once wounded and was for two months a prisoner, and was mustered out of service June 28, 1865. On his return to Naugatuck he taught school for a time, and was for two years connected with a concern engaged in the manufacture of pocket cutlery, window fixtures, etc. That pursuit, however, he did not find congenial, and in 1869 he matriculated in the Yale Law School, from which he was graduated three years later. He at once began practice at Naugatuck, where his natural ability, sound learning and fidelity to his clients soon won for him a large clientage. In 1889 he opened an office in New York, spending three days of each week in that city, and in 1895 he established a branch office in Waterbury, Conn., the better to meet the demands of his constantly growing practice. He died Jan. 15, 1897, at his home in Carroll Court, the immediate cause of his death being heart failure, the sequence to an illness extending over several weeks. His passing away cast a gloom over the community in which he had lived so long, and where he had many friends and where he was universally honored, even by those who criticised what they sometimes designated his "erratic" course in politics. As a man he was trusted implicitly by all who knew him; as a friend he was sincere, charitable, faithful; as a husband and father, loyal and devoted; as a citizen, progressive, public-spirited and liberal. Endowed with a singularly retentive memory and sparkling wit, he was a brilliant conversationalist. As a lawyer, his sympathies were always with the cause which he believed to be right and just, and his generosity toward those in distress was limited

only by his pecuniary ability, although ever guided by a sound judgment.

Reference has been made in the preceding paragraph to Mr. Baldwin's career as a politician. His first vote was cast as a Democrat, and in 1872 he took the stump for Horace Greeley. He was a constant reader on theories and principles of government and finance, and he early became imbued with the creed of the Greenback-Labor party, in 1875 delivering the first speech ever made in its advocacy in Hartford. In 1880 he was a delegate to the convention which nominated Gen. Weaver for the presidency, and in one campaign he was the Greenback candidate for Connecticut's chief executive chair. In 1886 he was elected town clerk on that ticket. In 1896 he was an ardent supporter of William J. Bryan, and made speeches in his behalf in Connecticut and New Jersey. The following is extracted from a paragraph which appeared in the *New York Sun* at the time of his death: "Mr. Baldwin had been identified with public affairs for a long time. He had been a Greenbacker, and was the Greenback candidate for governor of his State at one time. He followed Blaine through Maine the time the State elected a Greenback governor, and to him more than to any other man was due the victory of the party in that State. He was an ardent Populist of late years, and took an active part in the St. Louis convention. It was he who got on his feet and asked the gathering to use their brains instead of their mouths." As an orator Mr. Baldwin was eloquent and fearless, and even his opponents always heard him with interest and respect. He was a frequent contributor to the press, his writings always showing deep research and mental qualities of a high order. At one time he was connected with a Naugatuck weekly called the *Agitator*, devoted to the interests of the working men, and many leading papers throughout the land welcomed articles from his pen.

On May 29, 1875, Mr. Baldwin married Miss Millicent, a daughter of Elijah W. Bingham, of Middletown. She and their three children, May E., Florence J. and Seth W., survive him.

FREDERICK LEGRAND JACKSON, a well-known merchant at Stony Creek, has won more than a local reputation for honest goods and fair treatment, and by his plain and upright methods of doing business has drawn to himself a very desirable custom. Mr. Jackson was born in Durham, Conn., March 2, 1860, and is a son of Alfred and Deborah Ann (Davis) Jackson, both natives of Connecticut, the former of Guilford, and the latter of Durham.

John Jackson, his paternal grandfather, was born in Guilford, where he lived and died, having followed the vocation of farming all his life. Levi Davis, the maternal grandfather of Frederick L. Jackson, was also a farmer in Durham, and in his

later life he removed to a location in Susquehanna county, Penn., where he spent the rest of his life, dying in that community.

Alfred Jackson, the father of Frederick L., is a farmer, and has his home in Durham, Conn. There are six children in his family: Lillia V. (who married Henry Davis), Andrew, Frederick L., Edith, Mary and John.

Frederick LeGrand Jackson spent his boyhood days in Durham, and received his education in Durham Academy. Leaving home at the age of twenty years, he became an employe in the general store of his brother-in-law, Henry Davis, and remained with him nine and a half years. Mr. Jackson began business for himself in 1891, at Stony Creek, after having managed the establishment of Strong, Barnes & Hart, for about a year and a half. Purchasing the stock and good will of his employers, he solicited the patronage of the public in his own behalf, and from the first made a decided success in his business.

On June 8, 1892, Mr. Jackson was married to Mary F., a daughter of Joseph A. and Adeline W. (Webster) Terry, of Hartford. Mr. Jackson is a member of the two fraternal societies the Knights of Honor and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Democrat.

LYNDE ROWLAND, a prominent citizen of Branford, was born in Old Lyme, New London Co., Conn., July 17, 1827, son of Lynde and Susan Y. (Greenfield) Rowland, and grandson of Evi and Caroline (Chadwick) Rowland. He comes of good old Puritan stock, and is a worthy representative of the best ideals and principles of New England. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Rowland, James Greenfield, who was a shoe-maker of Old Lyme, came of English and German extraction. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Our subject's father was a sea captain, and in the course of his professional career visited all the great seaports of the world. He died Jan. 20, 1841, aged fifty-five years, in the village of Old Lyme, shortly after the death of his wife, who passed away Nov. 15, 1840, aged forty-six years. Their family consisted of four children, of whom the eldest, Edward, who died several years ago, was a farmer and school teacher by occupation; he married Abigail Lay, and had six children. Mary Ann died Dec. 20, 1832, aged two years, six months. Abigail G. became the wife of Andrew Ure, a farmer and merchant, and had five children; she died in 1899.

Lynde Rowland, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared in the village of Old Lyme, where he spent the first thirteen and a half years of his life, at the end of which time he was bound out to the carriagemaker's trade for seven years to William F. Cables, of New London. He finished his trade in Salem, and in 1846 removed to Leyden, Lewis Co., N. Y., where he embarked in the manufacture of horse rakes, butter tubs, cheese boxes and

presses, wagons, turnings for builders, and other wooden goods. For six years he continued in business in that city, and in 1851 he came to Branford, where he went into the wagon and carriage business, in which with some intermissions he continued for nearly fifty years. In 1862 he became the proprietor of a grocery store in Branford, which remained on his hands for nearly a year, and later he had another for about the same length of time. For a time he was also interested in a carriage factory in the city of New York, where he had a feed store and also a shoe shop. Mr. Rowland at the present time is extensively interested in Branford real estate, owning a number of tenements and business buildings, nineteen in all. He has been an active and progressive business man, and a considerable fortune attests his industry and thrifty management.

Mr. Rowland was married, in 1862, to Amelia M., daughter of William Allport, of Branford, and is the father of two sons, Lynde W. and Wallace A. Lynde W. was born July 13, 1863, was married May 2, 1888, to Minnie Harrison, and resides in Naugatuck. Wallace A., born Feb. 20, 1870, was married Aug. 21, 1899, to Mattie Parker, and has two sons—Chester R., born Nov. 13, 1900; and Lynde Parker, born Sept. 6, 1901. They make their home in Branford. Politically Mr. Rowland was a Whig in early life, but became a Republican on the formation of that party. In his younger manhood he was a member of the Odd Fellows in New Haven.

Mrs. Rowland's father, William Allport, was born in Birmingham, England, and came to America at the age of twenty-two. In Middletown he married Julia Hudson, and they had six children. Mr. Allport was a metal patternmaker by trade. He died Nov. 16, 1889, his wife on Dec. 1, 1891.

JOHN AUGUSTUS COOK was born June 5, 1859, on Center street, Wallingford, a son of Samuel Merriman Cook, and descends from the Cook family of Herefordshire and County Kent, England. The first of the name in America was Henry Cook, who was at Plymouth, Mass., before 1640, and there died. He had four sons: John, who settled at Middletown; Isaac, of Plymouth; and Henry and Samuel, who came to New Haven county.

Samuel Cook was born in Plymouth, and in 1663 came to New Haven, and married Hope Parker, daughter of Edward Parker, May 2, 1660. They located in Wallingford in 1670, on what is now known as Cook's Hill. Samuel was by trade a shoemaker and tanner, and he owned considerable land. He filled many public offices, and was prominent in church affairs, being one of the organizers of First Church of Wallingford. He died in 1702. After the death of his first wife, Hope, he married Mary Roberts, who on April 9, 1705, married Jeremiah Howe. Samuel Cook was the father of the following children: Samuel, mentioned below;



Lynde Rowland



John, born Dec. 3, 1669; Hannah, March 3, 1671; Isaac, March 10, 1673 (died April 7, 1673); Mary, April 23, 1675 (married Nathaniel Ives); Elizabeth, Aug. 22, 1677 (died young); Judith, Feb. 20, 1679 (married Jeremiah Howe, April 20, 1704, and died the same day); Isaac, Jan. 10, 1681; Joseph, Feb. 25, 1683; Hope, Sept. 27, 1686 (married Joseph Benham, and died Jan. 30, 1731). These were all by the first marriage, and by the second were born Israel, May 8, 1692; Mabel, June 30, 1694; Benjamin, April 8, 1697 (died in 1717); Ephraim, April 19, 1699; Elizabeth, Sept. 10, 1701 (married Adam Mott, Aug. 28, 1717).

Samuel Cook, son of Samuel Cook, was born March 3, 1667, in New Haven, Conn., and married Hannah Ives March 3, 1692. She was a daughter of William Ives, and died May 20, 1714. He married Elizabeth Bedel, of Stratford, for his second wife, and after a life devoted to farming, died Sept. 18, 1725. His children were (1) Hannah, born May 28, 1693, married Jeremiah Hull, and died Nov. 22, 1735; (2) Samuel, mentioned below; (3) Aaron, born Dec. 28, 1696, died Oct. 14, 1756; (4) Lydia, born Jan. 13, 1699, married Oct. 12, 1738, Daniel Dutton; (5) Moses, born Jan. 4, 1700, died Dec. 25, 1711; (6) Miriam, born Nov. 4, 1703, married Benjamin Curtis, Dec. 12, 1727; (7) Thankful, born Dec. 24, 1705, died Aug. 19, 1714; (8) Esther, born March 8, 1707, married Abel Yale, July 22, 1730; (9) Eunice, born Feb. 25, 1709; (10) Susannah, born Sept. 5, 1711, married Joseph Cole, Dec. 1, 1735; (11) Hope died Sept. 18, 1728. These children were all born of the first marriage. To the second came (12) Moses, born Nov. 6, 1716; (13) Thankful, born Nov. 14, 1718, married Stephen Hotchkiss, Dec. 31, 1742; (14) Asaph, born June 25, 1720; (15) Hannah, born Nov. 4, 1721, married Zephaniah Hull, of Cheshire.

Samuel Cook, son of the foregoing Samuel, was born March 5, 1695, became a wealthy shipping merchant from New Haven, and died on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 7, 1745, leaving an estate of \$145,525, as recorded in the probate proceedings of the time. He was buried at Cheshire, where a fine altar tomb marks his resting place. His benefactions to the poor were remarkable for the time. On Feb. 8, 1721, he married Hannah, daughter of Ebenezer Lewis, of Wallingford, and they had the following children: (1) Hannah, born Dec. 22, 1722, married Elnathan Beach, and died May 18, 1754; (2) Rhoda, born Oct. 22, 1724, married Benjamin Hitchcock, of Cheshire, Feb. 7, 1745; (3) Demaris, born November, 1726, married Rev. Ebenezer Boone, Dec. 19, 1750, and removed to Vermont; (4) Thaddeus is mentioned below; (5) Lowly, born May 15, 1730, married Andrew Hull, of Cheshire, Oct. 17, 1750, and became the mother of General Andrew Hull, of Cheshire, and the great-grandmother of Rear-Admiral Andrew Hull Foote, of the U. S. N.; (6) Samuel, born Nov. 16, 1733; (7) Eunice, born June 20, 1735, married Samuel

Hull, of Cheshire, in 1765; (8) Levi, born Nov. 10, 1737; and (9) Aaron, born Nov. 30, 1739.

Col. Thaddeus Cook, son of Capt. Samuel and Hannah (Lewis) Cook, born in Cheshire, Sept. 10, 1728, was a soldier in the Revolution under Gen. Gates. He lived in Cheshire, where he was highly respected, and where he died Feb. 27, 1800. He was three times married. His first wife, Lois Beach, was a daughter of Capt. Elnathan Beach, and died April 4, 1753, at the age of twenty-one years. For his second wife he married Sarah Hall, who was born in Cheshire, and died Sept. 5, 1774. His third wife, Abigail, survived him some years. By his first marriage Col. Cook had one child, Lois, born April 1, 1753. Mrs. Sarah (Hall) Cook was the mother of: (1) Sarah, born July 23, 1755, married Dr. Gould Gift Norton, of Cheshire, and died in September, 1818; (2) Samuel, born in 1758; (3) Seneca, born Jan. 15, 1761, died Feb. 26, 1776; (4) Lucy, born in 1762, married Amos Harrison Ives in 1776, and died February, 1836; (5) Thaddeus, born May 3, 1764, graduated from Yale in 1783, and died Oct. 3, 1789; (6) Sally married Nathan Harrison, of North Branford; and (7) Clarissa became Mrs. Hall, and had one daughter, Sukey.

Samuel Cook, son of Col. Thaddeus, married Mary Kirkland, a daughter of Constant Kirkland, of Wallingford, and died Sept. 24, 1824, and his widow passed away March 10, 1839, when eighty-two years old. Their children were: (1) Russell, born Sept. 8, 1778, married a Miss Hall, of Cheshire; (2) Eunice, Aug. 24, 1780, married Elias Ford, Esq., of Naugatuck; (3) Harriet, born May 17, 1785, married Ira Yale, of Wallingford; (4) Turhand K., born in 1787, married Catherine Van Bryan, of Catskill, N. Y.; (5) Samuel, born Feb. 28, 1788, married Martha Culver, of Wallingford; (6) Thaddeus, born April 3, 1791, married four wives, Julia Cook (who had one daughter, Julia, who married William Francis and had two sons, William and John), Sylvia Hall (who had a daughter, Catherine, who married David Hall, and had three sons), Thankful Hall, and Martha Hall (who had four daughters: Caroline, who married Rev. Mr. Paddock; Sarah, wife of O. J. Martin; Emma, who married Edward Cook, and has two children; and Frances, who died in infancy); (7) George, born April 17, 1794, married Lavinia Culver, of Wallingford; (8) Friend, born Nov. 1, 1797, married Emily Atwater, of Wallingford; (9) John, mentioned below.

John Cook, son of Samuel and grandfather of John Augustus, was born on Cook's Hill, Dec. 2, 1799, and was a lifelong farmer. In political matters he was a Democrat, and stood well in his own community, holding at different times local offices of trust and responsibility. Belonging to St. Paul's Church, he was one of the most influential members of the Episcopal communion in this region. On June 25, 1823, he married Mary Munson, of

Northford, now North Branford, who bore him the following children: Samuel Merriman is mentioned below; Mary Ann married Tilton E. Doolittle, for a number of years State's Attorney at New Haven, and both are now dead; Ellen Augusta married Charles N. Jones, of Wallingford, and is now deceased; and George Delos (deceased) married Ella Belle Bullock, of Wallingford. John Cook, the father of these, passed away Jan. 1, 1858, at the age of fifty-eight years.

Samuel Merriman Cook was born in Wallingford, May 5, 1825, on what is known as Cook's Hill, named after the after the family some generations ago. On April 27, 1847, he married Sarah Ellen Bartholomew, daughter of Ira and Emie (Hall) Bartholomew. To this union were born three children: Frank, born Jan. 25, 1854, died July 11, 1884 (he left a daughter, who married H. L. Ingraham); John Augustus; and Abbey Bartholomew, born Dec. 9, 1864, married Samuel E. Hopkins, of Naugatuck.

John Augustus Cook was educated in the public school of Wallingford, and at the age of fifteen years began for himself a small express business. This he has built up by close attention and fine management until it has become one of the most considerable establishments of the day, employing ten men steadily, often more, and using about twenty-five horses. He has every kind of a vehicle needed in his business, and has one of the most completely equipped stables in the State. Mr. Cook has contracts for teaming and hauling with several factories, and never lacks work. In 1897 Mr. Cook put up one of the finest and most modern residences in Wallingford.

On June 20, 1888, Mr. Cook was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Mae Chandler, of Galveston, Texas, daughter of Charles Henry Chandler. To this union was born Samuel John Cook, Nov. 28, 1889. The family have long been associated with the Congregational Church, and take an active interest in its work. Politically Mr. Cook is a Republican, but devotes more time to his private affairs than to partisan matters. He is highly esteemed in the community in which his family has been represented so many years.

HENRY WILSON TYLER, a well-known mill man and farmer of Wallingford, makes his home at what is known as Tyler's Mills, where he was born Feb. 18, 1848.

Mr. Tyler comes of a family notably concerned with the affairs of New Haven county for many years. John Tyler, his grandfather, was born in the town of Branford, and when a young man was a sailor. He was in Boston during the turbulent years that ushered in the American Revolution, and was one of the "Indians" who threw overboard the tea in Boston harbor. During the bloody years that followed he was very active, and was on the vessel that brought over the treaty of peace. After

giving up his seafaring life Capt. Tyler removed to that part of Wallingford near the line of the town of Branford, and bought the mills now known as Tyler's Mills, devoting himself to the mill business with his son, Ezra. About the time of the marriage of this son John Tyler moved back to Branford and took charge of a mill at Mill Plain. There he died, and was buried in Mill Plain cemetery. He married Ann Rogers, who after his death returned to Wallingford, and lived with her son Ezra at the old homestead, where she died. She was buried in Branford, by the side of her husband.

Ezra Tyler, the son referred to, and the father of Henry Wilson, was born in Branford in 1799, and came to Tyler's Mills in company with his parents in 1812. Here he grew up, and here his entire life was spent, in the milling business. In connection with his gristmill he had a sawmill, and owned and farmed a large tract of land. He was one of the successful men of his day, and commanded the hearty and unstinted respect and confidence of all who knew him. A long and active life was his, and it was not terminated until he reached the age of eighty-four years. A member of the Episcopal Church for many years, he served as vestryman and warden. In his politics he was a Democrat, but did not seek for office or gain, and was a good citizen and a man of high character and aims. On Sept. 19, 1824, he married Jenette Bates (daughter of Parker Bates), who was born April 27, 1806. She was the mother of the following children: (1) George, born June 20, 1825, lives in Woodbury; (2) Harvey, born March 9, 1827, is now deceased; (3) Elsie, born July 11, 1829, married Munson Rogers, and both are deceased; (4) John, born Jan. 19, 1832, and (5) Ezra, born April 16, 1834, are deceased; (6) Jenette, born May 13, 1836, has never married; (7) Angenora, born Dec. 8, 1838, is deceased; (8) Miss Lucretia was born July 31, 1841; (9) Amanda, born March 17, 1844, married L. Lounsbury, of Southbury; (10) Emeline, born March 5, 1846, is unmarried; (11) Henry Wilson is mentioned below; (12) Ada C., born Feb. 24, 1850, died in infancy. Mrs. Ezra Tyler died on the farm, and was buried in Northford cemetery. Mr. Tyler married for his second wife Mary Bates, a sister of his first wife; they had no children.

Henry Wilson Tyler was educated in the district school, and worked on the farm and in the mill until he attained his majority, when he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. For a number of years that was his occupation, but later he came to operate part of the farm and engaged in milling, and has become one of the solid and prosperous men of the community. He has built a new house on his place. He is still operating the mill, and in all his business transactions is regarded as one of the squarest men of the community. Mr. Tyler was married, in New Preston, Conn., to Miss Hattie M. Signor, a native of Roxbury, this State, and a daughter of John Signor. Six children have come

to bless this union: Angenora, who married Charles Woliver; Lydia; David; John; Minnie; and George. Mr. Tyler is a Democrat, and a good citizen.

WILLIAM A. BARNES was born Nov. 18, 1850, at Roxbury, Conn., where his family is well known. His great-grandfather, Jabez Barnes, who was said to have been a native of Wales, was a seafaring man, and it is supposed died at sea. His great-grandmother, Martha (Atkins), a native of Middletown, Conn., lived to be nearly one hundred years old. Ithamar Barnes, our subject's grandfather, was born in Middletown, and settled in 1800 at Roxbury, engaging in business as a shoemaker and saddler. He and his wife, Ana Thomas, both lived to the age of seventy. She was born in either Roxbury or Woodbury. Her father, Ebenezer Thomas, is said to have been a captain in the Revolutionary army; he is buried in Roxbury.

George Barnes, our subject's father, was born Jan. 4, 1819, in Roxbury, where he has spent his life. After receiving a common-school education he engaged in farming, and for many years he has been interested also in the cattle business. As a citizen he is much respected. He married Julia Alling, who died aged seventy-three years. She was born in Woodbridge, New Haven county, daughter of Philo Alling, a farmer, who attained the advanced age of eighty years; her mother, Huldah (Lines), died in early womanhood, leaving a large family of children. George and Julia Barnes had six children, of whom five are living, as follows: Francis, George E., William A., Catherine A. (now Mrs. Noble Davenport) and Susan (who married Charles B. Minor. In the maternal line our subject is descended from ancestors who took a prominent part in the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812, and Roger Alling was the first treasurer of the Colony of New Haven.

Our subject obtained a common-school education in his native town, and when twenty years old left home to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner with Elliott P. Hine, of Southbury, this county. After working as a journeyman in Bridgeport and Waterbury for a time he went to Ansonia, in 1872, but remained only two years. In 1876 he returned to make his permanent home there, and with the exception of one winter spent in Florida in 1888 he has since resided in that place. During the first fifteen years he was in the contracting business he had a partner, S. B. Bronson, and they speedily acquired a large patronage in their line in the town, putting up numerous dwelling houses and other buildings. Since Mr. Bronson's retirement our subject has continued alone in business.

In 1877 Mr. Barnes married Miss Martha Lawton, a native of England, and daughter of Lewis and Rachel (Higginbotham) Lawton. Her father, who was a spinner by trade, died in Ansonia at the age of seventy-five; her mother lived to be

over seventy years old. They reared a large family. Our subject has one son, George L., who is attending school.

Politically Mr. Barnes is a Democrat, and he has served two terms as assessor, two years as deputy judge, and several terms as a grand juror. In 1896 he was appointed on the board of charities by Mayor Webster, and after serving the term of two years was reappointed by Mayor Burton, to serve until 1901. In 1898 he was chosen president of the board, to serve one year. He is a member of Christ Church, Ansonia, of which he has been a vestryman for a number of years. Fraternally he is identified with George Washington Lodge, No. 78; Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 34, R. A. M.; and Naugatuck Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Ansonia. He belongs to the Eagle Hose Company.

GEORGE BLACKSTONE, wholesale oyster dealer in New Haven, was born in Branford on the farm where he now resides, Feb. 6, 1859, a son of John Adam and Lucy (Booth) Blackstone. James Blackstone, his paternal grandfather, was a prominent farmer of Branford, in whose honor his son, Timothy B. Blackstone, erected the Branford Library, the finest in New England, at a cost of \$900,000, for the maintenance of which he provided endowment funds of \$300,000.

James Blackstone was born in Branford, where George Blackstone is now living, in 1793, where he died. He married Sarah Beach. The first ancestor of this family in America was the Rev. William Blackstone, a graduate in 1617 from Emanuel College, Cambridge, England, who was thereafter given Episcopal ordination in England. Not long after his ordination he embraced the Puritan faith, left his native country, and sought a home with the first settlers of Boston, on account of his Non-Conformist principles. He was the first settler of Boston, and when the Pilgrims arrived he was already on the ground. The Colony records show that he was the first person admitted as a freeman of the new government, May 18, 1631. John (1), his only son, married in 1692, and about 1713 moved to Branford. John (2), son of John (1), died in Branford Jan. 3, 1785, at the age of eighty-six. John (3), son of John (2), was born in Branford in 1731, and died Aug. 10, 1816, aged eighty-five years. Timothy, son of John (3), was born in Branford in 1766, and died in 1849, at the age of eighty-three; he was the father of James Blackstone, who was born in 1793, and died Feb. 4, 1886. Thus are outlined the five generations who have lived and died on the homestead of George Blackstone.

John A. Blackstone was born on the homestead where he passed his life, engaged in farming, and where he died in September, 1890, at the age of sixty-five years. He married Lucy Booth, who died in November, 1880, and they had three children: (1) Adelaide, who married Willis P. Hopson; (2)

Emma, who married Horatio Pond, and has one daughter, Alice Blackstone; and (3) George. The father was a Republican, but not active in politics.

George Blackstone was reared on the farm which has been his lifelong home, and obtained his education in the public schools. For fifteen years he has been engaged in the wholesale oyster business, proving a decided success in this line, his thorough knowledge of the business and his honorable and upright ways winning and retaining a good custom.

Mr. Blackstone was married, Dec. 27, 1899, to Mrs. Nellie Valentine, a native of Branford, and daughter of Alexander and Eliza J. (Tottem) Van Wie. The father, who was born in Albany, N. Y., died in 1898; he was a carriagemaker by trade, and was for fifteen years superintendent of the Branford Lock Works. He was a Republican politically. The mother is still living. They had a family of six children: John, Nellie (Mrs. Blackstone), Jane (deceased), Charles, Helena (deceased) and Frank. By her former husband Mrs. Blackstone had two children, William J. and Ethel Lena. Mr. Blackstone is connected with the Congregational Church, and in politics is a Republican. Mrs. Blackstone is a member of the Episcopal Church. They are both highly respected members of the community, and are much esteemed for their many good qualities.

HENRY J. SMITH, president of the Ansonia Lumber Co., at Ansonia, is one of the representative citizens of that town. The firm of which he is the head is the oldest lumber company in this section, and is the only one in Ansonia, their convenient location near the railroad and admirable system of business enabling them to meet all the demands of the large and growing trade in that locality.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 1, 1831, in Oxford, this county, where his family has been prominent from an early day. Isaac Smith, his grandfather, also a native of the town, followed the blacksmith's trade there throughout his life, and died at the age of sixty years. He married Sarah Beardsley, who died aged sixty-five years, and they had a large family of children.

Philo Smith, our subject's father, was born in Oxford, and spent his life chiefly in the Naugatuck Valley. He was a fine mechanic, and followed the trades of carpenter, millwright and bridge builder, being especially noted for his work in the latter life. His death occurred at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Mr. Smith married Betsey Lum, who was born on Great Hill, daughter of Deacon Jonathan and Charity (Frazier) Lum, and died aged fifty-eight years. She was one of a family of eight children, none of whom are now living. Deacon Lum was a well known man of his day in this section, and made his home successively at Derby or Great Hill, Woodbury and Oxford, where he died aged sixty years. Mrs. Lum lived to be over seventy years old. Our subject's parents were both

devout members of the Methodist Church, and were much esteemed in the community. They had two children, but our subject was the only one that lived to maturity.

Henry J. Smith's early years were spent upon a farm, and after completing a course in the district schools he attended the high school at Birmingham. At the age of seventeen he began to serve an apprenticeship at Birmingham as a carpenter and joiner, but after the completion of his apprenticeship he went to New Haven to study architecture with the late Henry Austin. For some years he followed that profession successfully in New Haven, and about 1861 he removed to Ansonia and entered the employ of Capt. John Lindley, then postmaster, as clerk in the post office and general store. In 1864 he was employed by Willis & Lewis Hotchkiss, lumber dealers, as clerk and bookkeeper, this arrangement continuing until the organization of the W. & L. Hotchkiss Lumber Co., when he was made secretary and treasurer. Ten years later the company was merged into the Ansonia Lumber Co., and Mr. Smith served as treasurer of that organization until the death of the Hotchkiss brothers, when he became president of the organization. He is also identified prominently with other business interests in the city, and is now vice-president of the Ansonia Flour & Grain Co., and president of the Savings Bank of Ansonia. Politically he is a Republican, and he served two years as town clerk before the separation from Derby, and four years as selectman. When the city was first organized he was elected alderman from the Fifth ward, and he did effective work as a member of the first board in shaping municipal affairs.

In 1857 Mr. Smith married Miss Susan A. Wheeler, who was born in the town of Monroe, Fairfield county, one of the four children of Samuel Wheeler and his second wife, Sabra (Seeley). Her father, who lived to the age of eighty-five years, was a lifelong resident of Monroe, where he followed the carpenter's trade in connection with farming. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Samuel W., who is now the head of the firm of S. W. Smith & Co., druggists of Ansonia. He married Miss Mary Fessenden, and they have had four children, of whom three are living: Pauline, Henry J. and Gertrude. The family is prominent socially, and is identified with Immanuel Church, West Side, our subject being a vestryman. He is one of the well-known Freemasons of this section, being a member of George Washington Lodge, F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon Chapter, R. A. M.; and the Veterans' Association.

BENJAMIN L. BRONSON, a leading agriculturist of Wolcott, is a worthy descendant of an old and honored New England family, which was established in this country by John Bronson, an early settler of Cambridge, Mass. In 1636 he came with Rev. Mr. Hooker's colony to Hartford, Conn., and



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the following year took part in the Pequot war. He removed to what is now Farmington, Conn., in 1641, and was one of the seven pillars of the church, which was organized at that place in 1652. He died Nov. 28, 1680. His children were Jacob, born in January, 1641; John, born in January, 1644; Isaac, born in November, 1645; Mary; Abraham, a resident of Lyme, Conn.; Dorcas, wife of Stephen Hopkins; and Sarah.

John Bronson (2) was born in Hartford, and removed with his parents to Farmington, but later came to Mattatuck, now Waterbury, where he spent the remainder of his life. He had seven children, whose names and years of birth were as follows: John (3), 1670; Sarah, 1672; Dorothy, 1675; Ebenezer, 1677; William, 1682; Moses, 1686; and Grace, 1689.

John Bronson (3) was born in Waterbury, in 1670, and there grew to manhood, but subsequently he removed to Southington, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life. In January, 1697, he married Rachel Buck, of Wethersfield, Conn., and to them were born the following children: John, Nov. 21, 1698; David, Aug. 9, 1704; Jonathan, May 14, 1706; Joseph, June 15, 1708; Rachel, July 6, 1710; Mary, Jan. 30, 1712; and James, Nov. 20, 1713.

Jonathan Bronson, son of John (3), spent his entire life in Southington, dying there Aug. 20, 1751. He was married, May 17, 1732, and had ten children: Asahel, born Oct. 25, 1733; John, in 1735; Ann, March 30, 1737; Abigail, Feb. 18, 1739; Jonathan, Dec. 24, 1740; a son (who died unnamed), Jan. 20, 1743; Zadac, Aug. 7, 1745; Huldah, April 18, 1747; Lois, Jan. 6, 1749; and Isaac, June 20, 1751.

John Bronson, son of Jonathan, was born and reared in Southington, and when a young man came to Wolcott, where he owned a farm. He was a hard working man and made farming his life occupation. He died Nov. 10, 1838, at the age of 103 years, 3 months and 25 days, and was buried in Wolcott. On March 30, 1758, he married Sarah Barnes, who was born Sept. 27, 1732, and died Dec. 17, 1804. For his second wife he married Mrs. Curtis Hall. He had six children: Joel, who was born March 9, 1759, and lived in Burlington, Conn.; Isaac, born July 19, 1761; Benjamin Barnes, who was born Aug. 19, 1763, and lived in Southington; Philenor, who was baptized April 21, 1766; Hannah; and John, born Jan. 31, 1776.

John Bronson, the youngest of this family and the grandfather of our subject, was a lifelong resident of Wolcott, and was one of its prominent and influential citizens, taking an active part in town and county affairs and doing all in his power to promote the general welfare. He was a soldier of the war of 1812. He married Hannah Root, of Farmington, Conn., who was born Feb. 14, 1781, and died Feb. 24, 1853, while his death occurred Nov. 25, 1866, and the remains of both were interred

at Wolcott. Their children were Jarvis Root, born April 5, 1808; Sarah Ann, who was born April 1, 1811, and married George W. Carter; Stillman, the father of our subject; Pitkin, born May 2, 1815; and Sarah Maria, who was born June 18, 1823, and died Sept. 5, 1827.

Stillman Bronson, father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Wolcott Sept. 11, 1812, and was provided with a good district school education. He followed farming on the place owned by R. Carter, a tract of 150 acres, upon which he made many improvements, and he was also interested in stock raising. His political support was first given the Whig party and later the Republican party, and in his church relations he was a Congregationalist. A man of industrious habits, upright and honorable in all his dealings, he commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and was held in high regard. He died in 1891, and was laid to rest in Northeast cemetery. He married Charlotte R. Lindsley, who was born Dec. 21, 1816, a daughter of Lud and Hannah (Gaylord) Lindsley, and granddaughter of Benjamin and Keturah (Anger) Lindsley, of Bristol. She is still living with our subject on the old homestead, and is one of the oldest ladies of Wolcott. She is a good, consistent Christian, and possesses an excellent memory. Her children are as follows: Emerson R., who was born March 21, 1841, and died Feb. 21, 1846; Lucy S., who was born June 20, 1843, and was married, Oct. 31, 1867, to Benjamin C. Lum, now of New Haven; Harriet L., who was born Dec. 7, 1844, and died Nov. 10, 1869; E. Bruce, who was born Feb. 23, 1847, and died Oct. 7, 1862; Benjamin L., our subject, who was born July 16, 1849; Elliott, who was born May 13, 1851; Esther L. M., who was born July 16, 1854, and died Oct. 25, 1869; and Edith M., who was born Nov. 1, 1860, married Cornelius Tracy and resides in Waterbury.

During his boyhood Benjamin L. Bronson, our subject, attended the district schools, and, as soon as large enough to be of any assistance, he began to aid in the operation of the home farm, never leaving the parental roof. Since his father's death he has entire charge of the place, and is now successfully engaged in dairy and general farming, also stock raising. Enterprising and public-spirited, he takes a deep interest in the public welfare, and has most capably and satisfactorily filled the offices of selectman and member of the board of relief. He is a deacon in the Congregational Church, and merits and receives the respect and esteem of all who know him.

WILLIAM E. CURTISS, a veteran of the Civil war, is a leading wagon manufacturer of Ansonia, who, of late years, has found it necessary to restrict his business to orders, his general trade exceeding his facilities. His shop is well equipped for all kinds of work, and in addition to the man-

ufacture of wagons he carries on a general business as a horse shoer, being now the oldest blacksmith in the town. As a self-made man and a most highly esteemed citizen his biography will be of special interest.

Mr. Curtiss was born May 28, 1850, in Newtown, Conn., where his ancestors were early settlers. Ezra Curtiss, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer in Newtown and lived to a good old age. William Curtiss, the father of our subject, was born and reared at the old homestead in Newtown, and learned the timber's trade, which he followed for some years. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. C, 17th Conn. V. I., as a private, and he died in the service at the age of fifty years. His wife, Sarah Fowler, a native of Philadelphia, died aged forty-five years. They had six children, of whom five are living, as follows: Eilen, who married David Downs; William E., who has been twice married; Georgia F., deceased; Theodore D., unmarried; Katie E., who married Clarence Blatchley; and Sylvia A., who became Mrs. Soliday.

The early education of William E. Curtiss was secured in the common schools of Newtown. In 1864, at the age of fourteen, he enlisted as a private in the Third Battery, and served until the close of the war, much of the time having been spent on the breast works at Petersburg. Upon his return to the North in 1865, he learned the blacksmith's trade in Oxford, New Haven county, serving an apprenticeship of three years and eleven months with Nicholas French. He then worked as a journeyman for a short time for Wesley Cowan, in the town of Trumbull, but later returned to Oxford and worked two years for Mr. French, when the "freshet" broke up the business. In 1875 he located at Ansonia, and after working one year for French & Mackey he engaged in business with Peter B. Mackey, continuing two years. His next venture was the opening of the "Colburn Shop," which he conducted three years, and he built his present shop at the corner of Jackson and Holbrook streets.

Oct. 13, 1873, Mr. Curtiss married Miss Martha Tuttle, a native of Huntington and daughter of Marvin Tuttle, a well known farmer. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church for some years previous to her death, which occurred May 6, 1891, at the age of thirty-seven. On June 15, 1893, Mr. Curtiss married Miss Zenia E. Burr, who was born in Southbury, a daughter of Erastus Burr, a prominent citizen. Mr. Curtiss has two children, both by the first marriage: Edward M., now in business with his father, married, Oct. 12, 1890, Miss Evelyn T. Braley, daughter of Wesley Braley, of Derby, Conn.; and Nettie C. is at home. Politically our subject is a staunch Republican, but his only official service consisted of one year as constable. In his religious views he is liberal, and his wife belongs to the Episcopal Church. Mr. Curtiss is actively identified with a number of fraternal organizations, including the K. of P., the

A. O. U. W., and T. M. Redshaw Post, No. 75, G. A. R., in which he now holds the office of commander, and has held other positions in the past.

CORNELIUS W. MUNSON. Among the energetic, enterprising and successful citizens of Beacon Falls, none stands higher in public esteem than the subject of this sketch, who follows both carpentering and farming. A native of New Haven county, he was born in Waterbury Sept. 14, 1846, and is the only child of Cornelius and Polly (Wellton) Munson, the former born in the town of Oxford, the latter in Waterbury. In early life the father followed the occupation of farming, but later worked as a mechanic in Waterbury, where he died six months before the birth of our subject. He was a Whig in politics. The mother died Feb. 12, 1885, at the age of seventy years.

When Cornelius W. Munson was five years old his mother married again and removed from Waterbury to a farm in Wolcott, where he grew to manhood, his education being acquired in the schools of the neighborhood. Returning to Waterbury, he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed at that place for five years, and then came to what is now the town of Beacon Falls, but which at that time was known as Oxford, where he worked at his trade for the same length of time. The following year he operated his step-father's farm in Wolcott, and then returned to Beacon Falls, where he has since worked at his trade in connection with farming, owning and cultivating a valuable place of 135 acres, a mile and a half from the village of Beacon Falls.

On Dec. 26, 1860, Mr. Munson was married to Miss Jennie L. Osborn, a native of Bethany, this county, and a daughter of George and Cynthia (Brooks) Osborn, well known farming people. Fraternally our subject is a member of Court High Rock, Foresters of America, of Beacon Falls, and religiously is a member of the Episcopal Church. He affiliates with the Democratic party, and for the past ten years has been a selectman, with the exception of a year or two, now serving as first selectman. He is also a member of the school board, has filled other local offices, and twice represented his town in the State Legislature in a most creditable and acceptable manner. He is genial, courteous, enterprising and progressive, of commendable public spirit, and reflects credit on the community which has honored him with office.

JOHN E. LUNDIN, manager and treasurer of the Naugatuck Co-Operative Co., is one of the leading and influential Swedish-American citizens of Naugatuck. He was born in Lilla Hestra, Sweden, May 17, 1850, and is a son of Peter and Gustava (Magnuson) Erickson, natives of the same place. The father was a contractor and builder, and also a farmer in the old country, where he has spent his entire life. The mother died in January, 1881.

The grandfather of our subject was an agriculturist, and the great-grandfather was a soldier.

John E. Lundin is the eldest in a family of seven children, the others being Mary, who died in infancy; Joseph, a contractor and builder in Sweden; Mary (2d), wife of Alfred Magnuson, a blacksmith of Lafayette, Ind.; Annie, wife of M. Peterson, a farmer of Sweden; Selma, wife of August Fredell; and Nathnael, a contractor, builder and cabinet-maker, who married Hulda Magnuson.

During his boyhood Mr. Lundin attended the common schools of his native land, and when his education was completed worked with his father at the carpenter's trade. In the spring of 1880 he bade good-by to home and friends, and came to the United States, first locating in Pennsylvania, where he worked as a laborer for a time. Removing to Portland, Conn., he worked in a shipyard there for one season; was next employed in a clock shop at Thomaston, this State, one winter; and for two months again worked in the same shipyard at Portland. In 1881 he came to Union City, this county, and was in the employ of W. H. K. Godfrey, a manufacturer of novelties, for a few months, at the end of which time he secured a position in the Naugatuck Malleable Iron Foundry, where he worked for fourteen years. On the formation of the Naugatuck Co-Operative Co. he became manager and treasurer, and is still filling those offices to the entire satisfaction of the company. He is an upright, reliable business man, painstaking and energetic, as well as progressive and enterprising, and to these characteristics may be attributed his success in life.

Mr. Lundin was married, Dec. 24, 1881, to Miss Ida C. Johnson, also a native of Sweden, and to them have been born two children, Alice A. and Ernest E. Our subject casts his ballot with the Republican party, but takes no active part in politics, and when nominated burgess of Naugatuck refused the honor, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his business interests. He has served as grand juror, however. He belongs to a local Swedish society, and is a prominent member of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Naugatuck, which he was instrumental in founding, and in which he has since served as deacon and also organist (gratuitously) for many years.

CLARENCE WALES WILLIAMS, a progressive and enterprising farmer of Cheshire, New Haven county, was born in Manchester, Hartford Co., Conn., March 19, 1842, and is of English descent, being a lineal descendant in the eighth generation of Robert Williams. His paternal grandfather, William Williams, was a farmer of Lebanon, Conn., where he was born Aug. 2, 1762. He was a soldier in both the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812. His second wife, Lydia, was a daughter of Joseph Loomis, a farmer of Lebanon. Their son,

William Chauncey Williams, father of Clarence W., was born in Lebanon Oct. 23, 1800, and was

reared and educated there. He became quite a prominent physician and surgeon at Manchester, Hartford county, where he continued in practice up to the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 6, 1857. In Ashford, Conn., he married Julia White Cook, a native of that place, who died in Hartford July 19, 1875, at the age of sixty-seven. To them were born four children, namely: William C., a physician, who died in Cheshire in 1895; Aaron W. C., a resident of Hartford, who is connected with the Capewell Horse Nail Co.; Julia Elizabeth, who married H. C. Burgess, and died in Middletown, Conn.; and Clarence Wales. Aaron Cook, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a blacksmith of Ashford. He married Elizabeth White, and to them were born two children, Julia White and Aaron.

Clarence Wales Williams received his education in the schools of Manchester, Hartford county, passing his boyhood in that town. He has always followed farming, and for a time he also worked for George S. Lincoln & Co., of the Phoenix Iron Works at Hartford. Since 1864 he has made his home in Cheshire, and has been actively identified with its agricultural interests. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and has most efficiently served as district or school committeeman.

In 1864, in Cheshire, Mr. Williams married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Booth, a native of that town, and a daughter of Nathan and Sally (Ives) Booth, who were also born there. The father, who was a civil engineer, died in Cheshire in 1886, the mother in June, 1876. In their family were four children: Mary, who married Horace Brooks, and died in New Haven; Ann, who died unmarried; Isaac, who died young; and Sarah E., wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have one child, Elizabeth Booth, who was born in Cheshire July 13, 1865, and is now the wife of Samuel L. Norton, of Cheshire. They have two children—Birdsey, now (1901) nine years of age; and Ruth, aged seven.

JOSEPH FREEBERG, a prominent and thoroughly representative Swedish citizen of Branford, a molder by trade, was born July 26, 1860, in Mossebo, Vestergatand, Sweden, son of Andreas and Sarah (Peterson) Freeberg.

Mr. Freeberg was reared in his native town, remaining there until he reached the age of fifteen years, and received a somewhat limited education in the local schools. He served an eight-year apprenticeship at the trade of glass blowing in the town of Mossebo, and in Stenenge, Halland, Sweden. When his apprenticeship was finished and his trade was mastered Mr. Freeberg determined to seek a new home in the United States, where so many of his countrymen had tried their fortunes with satisfactory results. Leaving his native country, he landed in due time in New York City May 22, 1880, and thence came directly to Connecticut. For a time he followed various vocations, and

worked in different localities until 1881, when he located in Meriden, working at the molder's trade there for a number of years. This was his vocation in Naugatuck and Bridgeport, Conn., and at Wilmington, Del. In 1890 he came to Branford, where he has resided to the present time. On his arrival there he secured employment in the Malleable Iron Works, and has never sought another situation.

Mr. Freeberg was married, March 29, 1884, to Anna, daughter of Nels Peter Nelson, of Skone, Sweden, and has one daughter, Josephine Amelia. Mr. Freeberg is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Branford, and his upright character and straightforward integrity are highly valued, not only by his associates in the church, but by all who have come to know him in the community. He holds membership in Centennial Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., of Naugatuck; the New England Order of Protection; and the Molders Union, No. 82, of Branford. In politics he has from the first espoused the cause of the Republican party.

WILLIAM PATRICK WILSON, M. D., was born March 6, 1857, in Montreal, Canada, a son of John Wilson, who was born in the County of Durham, England, and who married Miss Mary Ann McCarthy in Montreal, Canada. Coming to this country, he enlisted in the Union army, and was killed at the battle of Fort Fisher. John Wilson was a man of extensive military experience, and had served in both the English army and navy. At the time of his enlistment he was connected with the Watertown Arsenal. He was sergeant of a company in the 12th Mass. Volunteer Cavalry at the time of his death, in 1864, two years after the removal of his family to Boston from Montreal.

William Patrick Wilson obtained his early education in the Boston schools. At the age of seventeen he began the study of music, to which he devoted nearly seven years. When twenty-eight years of age he took up in earnest the study of medicine, to which he had long been inclining, and made it his life work. For two years his brother, John J. Wilson, a well-known physician of Bristol, was his preceptor, and in 1887 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, from which he graduated with honor in March, 1890. After three months' service in the Baltimore hospitals he came to Wallingford to engage in his profession, and in a surprisingly brief time had established himself in the confidence and respect of the community. The success which attended him in several exceedingly difficult operations did much to make him known as a surgeon of high merit.

Dr. Wilson is a Democrat, was appointed health officer in 1895, and is now serving his second term. In 1898 he was elected school visitor for three years. He is a member of the State and County Medical Societies, and is enrolled with the Hibernians, Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Foresters

and T. A. B. In religion he is a member of the Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic) Church. He is a hard student, and is determined to keep up with his profession if wide reading and close study can avail. In youth he was a hard student, averaging fifteen hours a day with his books.

Dr. Wilson was married, Oct. 9, 1895, to Miss Elizabeth D. Flynn, of Hartford, daughter of Daniel Flynn, one of the leading grocers of that city for many years. Their union has been blessed with the following children: William Norbert, born July 21, 1896; Mary Elizabeth, Nov. 7, 1898; and Rose Genevieve, April 29, 1900.

MRS. CLARA BEISIEGEL, nee Schwartzweller, is well known and highly respected throughout the town of Woodbridge, New Haven county, where she has made her home for almost half a century. She was born July 17, 1830, in Bavaria, Germany, and possesses many of the admirable characteristics of the Teutonic race which make them so thrifty and contented a people.

Matthias Schwartzweller, the father of Mrs. Beisiegel, was born in the Province of Bavaria in 1798, son of John and Margaret Schwartzweller, who spent their entire lives there. The grandfather of our subject was an extensive farmer and property owner, and her father also followed agricultural pursuits in his native province until called to his final rest, in 1886. He married Christina Hans, who was born in Bavaria in 1799, and died in 1857. Mrs. Beisiegel is the eldest of their children, the others being Jacob, who remained in Germany; Mary, wife of Frederick Schlechtweg, of Bristol, Conn.; Peter, who died in Bristol, Conn.; Adam, now deceased, who was a resident of New York City; Margaret, who married Matthias Glade, and died in that city; and John, who also died in New York.

Mrs. Beisiegel was reared and educated in her native land, and in 1853 emigrated to the United States, locating in Maine, where she secured employment. Being unable to give up thoughts of the Fatherland, she soon returned to Germany, but after visiting her old home she again crossed the ocean, landing in New York. Not long afterward, at the age of twenty-six, she was united in marriage with Jacob Beisiegel, also a native of Germany, who was born Dec. 25, 1827, in Hessen-Darmstadt, son of Philip and Katherine (Miller) Beisiegel, who had thirteen children. Philip Beisiegel, father of Jacob, was a farmer and property owner, and was engaged in agriculture until his death, which occurred before his son emigrated to this country. Mrs. Katherine Beisiegel, mother of Jacob, came to this country late in life with several of her children, making her home in Buffalo, N. Y., until she died, at the age of seventy-nine years. Coming to America in 1854, Mr. Beisiegel found employment in Red Bank, N. J., for about six months, and then came to Woodbridge, where he was employed



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on a farm about two years. He next went to New York City for a while, was married there in January, 1857, and with his wife came to Woodbridge, where he rented a small farm. In 1860 he bought the farm situated in the northwestern part of the town, near Milford meadow. In 1870 he also bought the Giles Perkins farm, where he and his wife spent the greater part of their lives, and where his youngest son now lives. Mr. Beisiegel died Jan. 28, 1894. He was a Republican in politics, and always manifested a lively interest relative to the welfare of the town.

To Mr. and Mrs. Beisiegel were born children as follows: Mary A. is the wife of Albert Liefeld, of New Haven, and they have two children; Kate is a trained nurse, having taken a course in the Connecticut Training School for Nurses; Jacob, a prominent farmer of Woodbridge, is represented elsewhere in this volume; Clara is the wife of Edwin Buhles, of Meriden, now residing in Pasadena, Cal., and has one child; Julia is the wife of Charles Barker, a farmer of Woodbridge, and they have two children; Amelia resides with her mother; John, born July 19, 1867, died Feb. 24, 1876; Frank B. married Grace Baldwin, of Woodbridge, and they have three sons.

Mrs. Beisiegel at present owns a valuable farm of seventy-six acres in the southern part of the town, and she has displayed excellent business and executive ability in its management. Although seventy-one years of age, she is still an active worker and devotes considerable time to her dairy and to vegetable growing. Her family is one of prominence in Woodbridge, and nearly all hold membership in either the Calvary Baptist Church of New Haven or the Congregational Church of Woodbridge.

WILLIAM B. BLACKMAN, for many years a successful business man of Ansonia, was born May 4, 1844, in Easton, Conn., son of Harvey and Phebe (Treadwell) Blackman. The Blackman family has long been known as one of the oldest in this section, and our subject traces his descent through nine generations to Rev. Adam Blackman, of whom Cotton Mather says: "He was a useful preacher of the gospel, first in Leicestershire and then in Derbyshire, England," and was the first preacher at Stratford, settling there in 1630. Ebenezer Blackman, grandson of Rev. Adam Blackman, was the ancestor of the Blackman families of Newtown and Monroe. Jehiel Blackman, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer in Monroe, Conn., and died there.

Harvey Blackman, who was born and reared in Monroe, learned the blacksmith's trade, afterward following business pursuits in Connecticut, and later farming in Michigan. He died in Battle Creek, Mich., in 1888, at the age of sixty-eight. In religious faith he and his estimable wife were Methodists, and both were much respected among their

associates. He married Phebe Treadwell, who was born in Weston, Conn., before the division of the town. Her father, Daniel H. Treadwell, who died at Easton in October, 1867, at the age of eighty-seven, was well known in Fairfield county, where he was engaged in business for many years as a builder and wheelwright. Her mother, Hannah (Lyon) Treadwell, was a native of Redding, and died at Easton in July, 1861, aged seventy-seven. Mrs. Phebe Blackman died at Long Hill, Trumbull, in November, 1844, at the age of twenty-four, when our subject was but six months old. She was the youngest in a family of four children. The last survivor, Sarah, widow of Henry Platt, died in Bethel, Conn., June 4, 1901, aged eighty-three.

William B. Blackman spent his early years in Easton, and attended the common schools until he reached the age of fifteen. Going to Ansonia, he learned the plumber's and tinner's trade with Martin L. Blackman, with whom he remained a little more than six years. He then spent four years in Derby and New Haven, and eighteen months at various points in Michigan and Indiana. In the fall of 1871 he returned to Connecticut, and for several years worked as a journeyman and foreman in Derby and Ansonia. In 1879 he started in business independently, opening a shop in Main street, Ansonia, where he remained seventeen years, until 1896, when he built a shop at No. 4 Crescent street. For fourteen years of the seventeen his cousin, Charles M. Platt, son of Henry and Sarah Platt, before mentioned, was associated with him in business, under the firm name of W. B. Blackman & Co. He bought out Mr. Platt's interest in 1897. In connection with plumbing he carried on contracting and jobbing, and while on Main street the firm had a large store and dealt in stoves, crockery, glassware, tinware and house furnishing goods. With one exception Mr. Blackman was in business longer in this line than any one else in the city. In 1892 he built a house on the lot adjoining his shop, and his residence was built upon the same lot in 1893. Recently, however, Mr. Blackman sold his house and shop in Ansonia, and removed his home and business to Torrington, Conn., where he is associated with the E. A. Perkins Electric Co., a joint-stock concern doing electrical work, plumbing, heating, lighting, etc., and dealing in supplies. Mr. Blackman is superintendent of the plumbing department.

Politically Mr. Blackman has affiliated with the Democratic party, but he believes in the principles of prohibition. His advice has always been valued in local affairs, and he was a member of the board of relief to serve until 1900. Socially he is a member of the Order of the Golden Cross, and a charter member of the Knights of Honor and the A. O. U. W., in both of which he has passed nearly all the chairs. For years he and his wife have been leading members of the Methodist Church, in which

he is now trustee, and has served in nearly all of the offices in the society at various times, including those of secretary, librarian, superintendent and treasurer of the Sunday-school. In 1806 Mr. Blackman married Miss Ella J. Platt, a native of Washington, Conn. Her father, John T. Platt, a prominent member of the Congregational Church at Washington, is now eighty years of age. He is well known in his section, where he has been engaged in farming for many years and also conducted a stage route for a time. Mrs. Blackman's mother, Sarah (Hopkins) Platt, a native of Mansfield, died in Washington in November, 1804, aged seventy-nine years, and of three children two are living, Mrs. Blackman and a sister, Mrs. Fannie E. Fenn, of Washington, Connecticut.

HENRY H. GRISWOLD, of North Guilford, agriculturist, is a lineal descendant of (I) Michael Griswold, born in 1610, the first of that name in Wethersfield, Hartford Co., Conn., who emigrated from England in 1645. By his wife, Ann, he had the following children: Thomas B., born Oct. 22, 1646; Hester, May 8, 1648; Michael, Feb. 14, 1652, died young; Abigail, June 8, 1655; Isaac, Sept. 30, 1658, married Elizabeth Bradley, who died June 13, 1727; Jacob, April 15, 1660, died July 28, 1737; Sarah, Sept. 30, 1662; and Michael, Jan. 7, 1667.

(II) Thomas B. Griswold, son of Michael, was born in the town of Wethersfield, and died there. He married Nov. 22, 1672, Mary (surname unknown), and to them were born five children: Thomas, Jan. 11, 1674, married Sarah Bradley, of Guilford, and died there Oct. 19, 1729 (he was the first of the Griswold family in Guilford); Jacob, Feb. 5, 1676, married Abigail Hand; Martha, Aug. 20, 1678; Michael, Jan. 28, 1681, married Mary Gilbert; and Samuel.

(III) Samuel Griswold, of the above mentioned children, was born in Wethersfield. On March 11, 1707, he married Mary Francis, and came with his wife and family to Guilford in 1724, passing the rest of his days there, and dying in September, 1733. Twelve children were born to them as follows: Mary, born July 20, 1708, married Silas Crane; Samuel, born Feb. 7, 1710, married Hannah Alkins; Jared, Jan. 8, 1713; Lucy, Dec. 8, 1714; Nehemiah, Aug. 12, 1716; Jeremiah, Feb. 8, 1718, married Bashne Howe; Moses, Nov. 2, 1719, married Ann Smithson, and died Sept. 30, 1770; John, June 23, 1721; Mary, June 23, 1723, married John Norton, of Guilford; Manus, Sept. 4, 1727; Aaron, April 6, 1729; and Sarah, June 22, 1731.

(IV) Nehemiah Griswold, son of Samuel, was born in Wethersfield, and in boyhood was brought by his parents to Guilford, where he was reared. He engaged in farming in North Guilford, and died there Dec. 31, 1787. On Jan. 23, 1745, he married Mary Graves, who was born in Guilford Sept. 6, 1716, and died Nov. 25, 1776, a daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Barnes) Graves, of Guilford. To

this marriage were born seven children: Ruth, Sept. 23, 1745, died Sept. 29, 1748; Arubah, July 1, 1747, died March 12, 1807; Noah, Oct. 24, 1749, married Olive Bishop, and died in 1809; Nathan, April 16, 1751; Joel, May 15, 1753, died May 28, 1802; Zadoc; and Elizabeth, wife of John Dobill.

(V) Nathan Griswold, son of Nehemiah, was born in North Guilford, and died Sept. 29, 1816. He married June 21, 1781, Jerusha Stone, born Feb. 18, 1753, and died in North Guilford April 18, 1833, a daughter of Ebenezer and Sybil (Leet) Stone. Five children were born to this union: Jacob, March 30, 1782; Mary, Oct. 22, 1783, married Noadiah Norton, and died May 8, 1858; William, May 31, 1787, married first, Sophia Brown (who died April 28, 1829) and second, September, 1833, Polly Kelsey (who died April 7, 1872), and he died Feb. 28, 1805; Clarissa, June 24, 1879, died Feb. 28, 1811; and Betsey, in 1792, married James Tyler, and settled in Cheshire, N. Y.

(VI) Jacob Griswold, grandfather of Henry Hill Griswold, was born in North Guilford, and died there Nov. 20, 1855. He married, in May, 1805, Obedience Potter, born in Branford, Conn., Feb. 13, 1786, and died Feb. 27, 1872, a daughter of Medad Potter, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and a blacksmith by occupation. Three children were born to them: Russell Medad, sketch of whom follows; Clarissa Mehitabel, July 18, 1814, married to Henry H. Hill; and Janette Adelia, April 30, 1822, married to Martin C. Bishop. Of these,

(VII) Russell Medad Griswold, father of Henry Hill Griswold, was born Feb. 15, 1806, in North Guilford, where he received a common school education, and he also took a course at Guilford Academy. He was a lifelong farmer in that town, and died there Aug. 31, 1865, his remains being interred in North Guilford cemetery. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, in politics a Democrat, and was a man well-known and highly respected as a good citizen, a loving father and kind husband.

Mr. Griswold was twice married, first time on June 15, 1834, to Polly F. Hill, born Aug. 10, 1812, and died Dec. 6, 1857, a daughter of Henry and Lucy (Doolittle) Hill. Children born to this union: Dorcas Augusta, May 1, 1835, died Dec. 4, 1837; Frances Dorcas, Sept. 19, 1838, married Jerome Coan and died Feb. 1, 1859; Ellen Frederica, May 24, 1843, died Dec. 25, 1845; Henry Hill, sketch of whom follows. The mother of these died Dec. 6, 1857, and Nov. 24, 1850, Mr. Griswold married Mrs. Emeline W. Parkhurst born July 19, 1816, and died in St. Albans, Vt., July 31, 1872.

(VIII) Henry Hill Griswold, whose name introduces this sketch, was born Dec. 15, 1847, in North Guilford, and was educated in part at the district schools of the locality, in part at the North Guilford Academy, followed by one term at the Bryant & Stratton Business College, Hartford. When his father died, our subject was eighteen years old, and from that time he conducted the home

farm till 1891, since when he has occupied the Dudley farm, on which his wife was born.

On Nov. 5, 1873, Henry H. Griswold married Frances S. Dudley, who was born May 14, 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold are members of the Congregational Church, and in politics he is independent. Well known and highly respected, a man who lives up to the "Golden Rule." Mr. Griswold has hosts of friends whose esteem he justly merits.

HILL. The Hill family, intermarried with the Griswolds, was early represented in Guilford, and (1) John Hill, the first of the name in that town, came to America from Northamptonshire, England, settling in Guilford in 1654, and dying there June 8, 1689. His first wife, Frances, died in May, 1673, and on Sept. 23, 1675, he wedded Catharine Chalker, born Sept. 8, 1657, a daughter of Alexander Chalker. Children born to John Hill: John, James, Sarah, Elizabeth and Ann.

(II) John Hill married Thankful Stow, who died Nov. 18, 1711; he passed away May 8, 1690. They became the parents of children as follows: Mary, born May 8, 1671, died Aug. 24, 1671; John, born July 18, 1672, married Hannah Highland, and died Feb. 10, 1740; Elizabeth, born Feb. 20, 1674, married James Ford; Mary, born Feb. 1, 1676, married Josiah Rossiter, and died July 14, 1739; Hon. Samuel, born Feb. 21, 1678, married Huldah Rugles, and died May 28, 1752; Nathaniel, born April, 1680, died Oct. 16, 1714; and James, born April, 1682, married Mary Fry, and died March 25, 1715.

(III) James Hill, born April, 1682, married Jan. 15, 1710, Mary Fry, and died March 25, 1715. Three children were born to them: James, Sept. 28, 1712; Lydia, Sept. 9, 1713; Mary, Dec. 1, 1715, married Eliphalet Hall, and died May 27, 1762.

(IV) James Hill, maternal great-grandfather of Henry Hill Griswold, died Oct. 1, 1798. He married April 15, 1744, Hannah Nettleton, who was born in 1724, and died Nov. 26, 1821. Twelve children were born to them: Hannah, born April 14, 1745, married Abner Hull; Sybil, born Oct. 10, 1746, married Ezra Parmelee; Mercy, born Feb. 26, 1748, married Absalom Kelsey; James, born Nov. 30, 1749, married Eleanor Hull; Noah, born Oct. 22, 1751, married Caroline Parmelee; John, born Feb. 4, 1754, died in the Revolutionary war, Aug. 5, 1777; Thankful, born Feb. 9, 1756, married Elias Parmelee, and died Oct. 9, 1799; Selah, born Feb. 3, 1758, married Sally Turner; Henry, born July 27, 1761; Joseph, born April 15, 1765, married Hester Butler, and died Sept. 28, 1840; Benjamin (twin brother of Joseph), died in 1849, married Jennie Stannard; and Molly, born Feb. 20, 1767.

(V) Henry Hill, maternal grandfather of Henry H. Griswold, was born at Killingworth, Middlesex Co., Conn., died March 28, 1834. He married Lucy Doolittle, who died in 1845, and four children were born to them: Henry Hall, May 21,

1810, and died March 18, 1886, married Clarissa M. Griswold; Polly F., born Aug. 10, 1812, married Russell Medad Griswold, and died Dec. 6, 1857; John, July 18, 1814, died same year; John, March 12, 1816, and died Feb. 1, 1881, married Polly S. Willard.

DUDLEY. The Dudley family, with which Mrs. Henry Hill Griswold is connected, ranks among the old-time settlers of the town of Guilford.

Jared Dudley, son of Capt. William, grandson of Joseph, and great-grandson of the first William Dudley, was born Nov. 17, 1727, in the town of Guilford, and like his ancestors was a lifelong farmer and prominent citizen. He married Dec. 25, 1754, Mary Chittenden, who died Nov. 18, 1821, at the patriarchal age of ninety-two years, and their children were as follows: Luther, born Sept. 16, 1755; Jared, June 29, 1757; Ruth, Jan. 23, 1762, married March 6, 1783, John Tyler; Eunice, Sept. 3, 1764, married Dec. 5, 1787, Jonathan Russell; Mabel, March 10, 1767, married Davis Ford, of North Branford, Conn.

Luther Dudley, great-grandfather of Mrs. Griswold, and a farmer by occupation, was born in Guilford Sept. 16, 1755, a son of Jared Dudley, and died Sept. 14, 1810. He married Jan. 27, 1779, Mary Chidsey, who died April 8, 1827, at the age of seventy-eight years, and seven children were born to them: Luther, born Sept. 6, 1779, died at sea Oct. 1, 1799; Loveman, born July 7, 1781; Erastus, May 9, 1783; Nathan, 1785; Frederick, 1787, died Jan. 18, 1803, being crushed to death by a cart wheel; Olive, 1790, settled in Alabama; Prosper, Aug. 10, 1793.

Erastus Dudley, grandfather of Mrs. Griswold, was born in North Guilford, and there passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits, dying June 11, 1872, and buried in North Guilford cemetery. He married, July 2, 1806, Ruth Fowler, who died Dec. 23, 1863, and also buried in North Guilford. Their children: Mary Louisa, born April 4, 1807, married Oct. 9, 1845, William Norton, of North Guilford; Fanny Elvira, born Sept. 23, 1808, married Ira I. Fenn, of Lacon, Ill.; James Hervey, born Nov. 4, 1811; Lois Rossiter, born March 6, 1814, married May 6, 1834, Joel Benton, of Mendon, Ill.; Luther Frederick (twin of Lois, but born the day after), March 7, 1814; Ruth Francis, born May 1, 1816, married David Bartlett, April 12, 1839; Erastus Franklin (twin of Ruth F.), Ebenezer Fowler, April 20, 1819; Nathan Chidsey, Feb. 23, 1821; Abbie Ann, March 22, 1823, married David D. Chittenden, Aug. 22, 1844. Of these,

Erastus F. Dudley, father of Mrs. Griswold, all his life followed agricultural pursuits on the farm whereon our subject, Henry H. Griswold, has lived since 1801, in which year Erastus died, his remains being interred in North Guilford cemetery. On Jan. 5, 1842, in North Guilford, he married Pamel F. Chittenden, daughter of Simon Chittenden, and children as follows were born to them: Louis Frank-

lin, born Nov. 8, 1843, married Ellen Rowe; Frances Selina, born May 14, 1848, married Henry H. Griswold Nov. 5, 1873; and Jane Louisa, born Jan. 29, 1855, died May 2, 1855.

CHARLES IVES PARMELEE was born in Wallingford, Nov. 1, 1854, a son of Samuel Blakeslee Parmelee, who was born on North Elm Street, Wallingford, Aug. 9, 1824. For the last twenty-one years before his death Samuel B. Parmelee was a traveling salesman for Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., his territory being mostly in the West and South. In politics he was a Republican, and unusually well posted on the topics of the day. Of a genial and companionable nature he had many friends among his patrons. Fraternally he was a Mason; in religious connection a member of the First Congregational Church. On Oct. 18, 1846, he married Miss Lavinia C. Cook, a daughter of George Cook, a tavern keeper on the stage route between New Haven and Hartford. Their children were: Mary C., born April 15, 1849, died unmarried March 3, 1893; Charles L.; and Carrie Belle, born Feb. 7, 1860, married O. H. D. Fowler.

Leander Parmelee, father of Samuel Blakeslee, was born in Killingworth, where the Parmelee family was settled from an early period in the history of the Colony. He was a farmer, and a leading man in his day. For twelve years he was high sheriff of New Haven county, and spent the greater part of his life in Wallingford. While he was sheriff it was his official duty to hang four men. His funeral is remembered as being one of the most largely attended ever held in Wallingford. He was father of the following children: Stephen Ives went to California where he died when twenty-one years old; Charles died at the age of twenty-one years; Samuel B. is noted above; Elizabeth married Lorenzo Lewis, of Wallingford; and Emily married George Cooley, of Meriden.

Charles L. Parmelee received his education in the schools of his native place, was a student for a year in Cargill's business college, about the same time in French's Private School at New Haven, and for a year and a half he was student of Claverack College (The Hudson River Institute). Mr. Parmelee was now about twenty-one, and he came back to Wallingford to take charge of his father's farm of 125 acres, and a tract of fifty-seven acres, which he purchased for himself. He is a practical and successful farmer, and on the side of his farm that touches the town he is proving a very successful real estate dealer, selling off a number of building lots which have been improved by the erection of many very elegant residences, and greatly increasing the value of his entire property. For thirteen years Mr. Parmelee conducted an extensive milk route in Wallingford which proved very remunerative, but which he was compelled to give up in 1896 on account of ill health.

Mr. Parmelee is a member of the Grange, and

has been active in its work from the time of its organization. He is a member of the First Congregational Church, while his wife is an Episcopalian. In politics he is a Republican, but he has never been much interested in partisan affairs.

On Dec. 31, 1878, Mr. Parmelee married Miss Eliza J. Ives, who was born June 18, 1857, daughter of Othniel Ives, and died Oct. 14, 1890. Two children came to this union: Mildred L., born Jan. 11, 1880, and Frances Cook, born Feb. 21, 1889. Charles L. Parmelee was married Dec. 15, 1891, to Miss Edna G. Wooding, a daughter of Henry Calvin Wooding, of Wallingford. To this union were born Hazel Marian, Oct. 10, 1895; and Samuel Blakeslee, March 8, 1899.

PHILO BAILEY NORTON, the popular liveryman at Waterbury, was born Feb. 17, 1834, in Goshen, Litchfield county, this state, and descends from one of three Norton brothers who came from England prior to the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Norton's grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather all bore the Christian name of Stephen, and his great-grandmother was named Experience. In the great-grandfather's family were four sons and one daughter: Jonathan, Stephen, Ephraim, one son who was killed in the Revolution (and it is thought that Jonathan also served in that heroic struggle), and Clarissa. The great-grandfather settled in Norfolk in 1760, but his son Stephen was born in Bristol in 1760, and died in Norfolk July 8, 1843. The latter, who was the grandfather of our subject, married Hannah McCoy, a native of Stonington, Conn., born Nov. 25, 1773, who died May 20, 1848. To this union were born thirteen children, in the following order: Anson, Sept. 5, 1789; Lavinia, Feb. 8, 1791; Sarah, July 4, 1793; Experience, Aug. 1, 1796; Amanda, June 30, 1798; Marina, July 15, 1801; Keziah, March 15, 1803; Charles L., Nov. 15, 1804; Clarissa, April 25, 1806; Alson, April 26, 1808; Riley, March 26, 1813; Uriel, Jan. 26, 1815; and Albert, Nov. 16, 1818.

Charles L. Norton, father of our subject, grew to manhood in Norfolk, where he married Ann M. Bailey, who was born Feb. 23, 1806, daughter of Philo Bailey. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Norton settled in Goshen, where their children were born, in the following order: Marie E., May 12, 1827; Mary Ann, July 5, 1832; Philo B., the subject of this sketch; Albert C., Nov. 1, 1838; Charles L., April 26, 1840; and Remus A., Dec. 23, 1844. Of these, the first born, Marie E., is married to Harvey Johnson, of Norfolk, Conn.; Mary Ann is the wife of Nelson D. Ford, of Winchester; Albert C. is in Montville, Ohio, engaged in farming; Charles L. is associated with Philo B. in the livery business; and Remus A., who formerly conducted the old farm in Goshen, is now retired. The parents of this family later in life retired to Winsted to a farm, where Mrs. Norton died Feb. 17, 1888,



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and Mr. Norton on April 15, 1889. He was a Democrat in politics, was a very prominent man in his day, and was first selectman of Goshen for many years.

Philo B. Norton, the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood on the home farm, on which he remained until Dec. 12, 1859, when he came to Waterbury and entered into his present business, being now the oldest liveryman in the city and owning the best equipped barns, as well as large blocks of real estate, improved and unimproved. On Nov. 5, 1860, he married Miss Nettie Cebelia Yale, a daughter of Charles Elihu Yale, and a sister of John B. Yale, whose biography will be found in full elsewhere. One daughter came to bless this union, Juliette S., now the wife of Joseph Graham, who resides in New York City. In politics Mr. Norton is a Republican, and in religion a Congregationalist, the family attending the Second Congregational Church. He is universally respected for his uniform courtesy and his inflexible integrity in business transactions.

GEORGE STILLMAN POND, the energetic and capable superintendent of the supply department of the Southern New England Telephone Co., with his principal office at New Haven, was born in Branford July 12, 1854, and is a son of Capt. Joseph W. and Mary (Hall) Pond. The paternal grandparents of George S. Pond were Harvey and Betsy (Linsley) Pond, and his great-grandparents were Elias and Martha (Howd) Pond.

On the Linsley side Mr. Pond is a descendant of Ebenezer Linsley, who was a native of Branford, and who married Betsy Cohan, of Guilford. He was a son of Ebenezer Linsley, and a grandson of Ebenezer Linsley, who was born in England and was one of the pioneer settlers of Branford. The family Bible which he brought from England is still in the possession of Capt. J. W. Pond, who is living at the time of this writing (1901) on the old family homestead at Indian Neck, where he was born July 6, 1820.

Harvey Pond, noted above, was a boatman and coaster, and followed the water all his life. His children were Russell, Joseph W., Harriet and Eliza A. (who married Henry Nichols).

Capt. Joseph W. Pond was reared in Branford, where he has always resided. For sixty-six seasons he had charge of a pleasure boat on Long Island sound, and during the winter months was engaged in the coasting trade. Capt. Pond was twice married. In 1845 he wedded Elvira Averill, who died in 1851. In 1852 he married Mary E. Hall, of the city of New York, who became the mother of four children: George S.; Jarvis A.; Elvira, who married George Rice; and Mary E., who is Mrs. Frank Mackay.

George Stillman Pond was reared at Branford, which has always been his home. He obtained his education in the local schools, and began his busi-

ness career by assisting his father as a boatman. For ten seasons he was captain of a pleasure boat on Long Island Sound. On Sept. 1, 1883, he received his appointment to the position he now holds, with the Southern New England Telephone Co., and is regarded as one of the most capable and trustworthy men on the company's staff.

Mr. Pond was married, Oct. 10, 1875, to Hattie J., a daughter of James F. and Harriet (Plant) Morris, of Branford. To this union have come three children, Harry J., Walter G. and Olive H. Mr. Pond is a member of Widows Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M. He is also a member of Montowese Lodge, No. 184, New England Order of Protection, of which he is warden. In his political relations Mr. Pond is a Republican.

CAPTAIN ALFRED J. WOLFF, foreman in the machine department of the Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury, was born March 11, 1856, in Vosges, France.

Francis F. Wolff, father of our subject, was born in the same locality, in 1817, and came to the United States in 1865, making his first New-World home in Bridgeport, Conn., where he found employment as a blacksmith on the Naugatuck railroad. From there he removed to Waterbury, and here worked for the Farrell Foundry Co. up to about the time of his death in 1870. In his native land he had married Celestine Wolff, a first cousin, and of the same nativity, and three children were born to them: Lucian, Adrian, and Alfred J. Of these, Lucian is a machinist with the Scovill Mfg. Co.; and Adrian is foreman at the same works. The mother passed from earth in 1898.

Alfred J. Wolff was ten years old when brought by his parents to this country from his native land, and received his education in part at Vosges, France, in part at Bridgeport, Conn., for a few months, then in 1866, coming to Waterbury, where he finished his schooling. Mr. Wolff now entered life in earnest, commencing an apprenticeship to the tool-making trade with the Scovill Mfg. Co., after which he worked in New York two years. Then returning to Waterbury, he was in the employ of the Steele & Johnson Mfg. Co. In 1881 he took his present position with the Scovill Mfg. Co.

On Nov. 4, 1878, Mr. Wolff was married to Mary Thompson, of Waterbury, daughter of Richard Thompson, who came from Ireland, settling in Waterbury. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wolff are: Alice, Alfred, Edward, Joseph, Sarah, Grace and Armand, all of whom are living. The family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Parish.

On June 11, 1876, Mr. Wolff enlisted in Company G, 2nd Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, in which he rose through the grades of Corporal and Sergeant to Second Lieutenant, receiving his commission in July, 1884. On June 21, 1886, he was commissioned as Captain. At the break-

ing out of the war with Spain, Captain Wolff, in accordance with orders from headquarters, made all preparations for service with his command, having recruited his company to 100 men, and, besides, having a nucleus of forty-five enlisted men in case it became necessary to form an additional company. In January, 1899, Captain Wolff was, at his request, placed on the retired list of the Conn. N. G. In politics he is a Democrat, and served with much acceptability on the board of finance of the Center School District, being chairman thereof for five years. Socially he is affiliated with the Foresters of America, the Royal Arcanum, the Woodmen of the World, and the Knights of Columbus.

JOHN H. GUERNSEY, postmaster of Waterbury, was born in Watertown, Litchfield Co., Conn., January 26, 1848, and traces his ancestry in America back anterior to the Revolution. The first Guernsey, having come from the Isle of Guernsey, England, settled in Old Milford, Conn., in Colonial days. Many of the early Guernseys were farmers, but all were men of brains, profound thinkers, and of deep resources; they were patriotic to the core, and took part in all the early struggles of the Colonists in preserving the integrity of the rights of the British crown, but when the time came were especially conspicuous in the struggle for the independence of the States.

John J. Guernsey, father of John H., was born Dec. 30, 1814, in the same house in Watertown in which his son was born. William Guernsey, father of John J., was born in the same town, Jan. 25, 1784, a son of Abijah Guernsey, a native of the same place. Joseph, the father of Abijah, was born in Milford.

William Guernsey, grandfather of John H., subject of this sketch, grew to manhood in Watertown. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Lucy Bellamy, was a daughter of Rev. Joseph Bellamy, who graduated from Yale College in 1735, was famous as an instructor and was the leading divine of his day. William Guernsey married Hannah Parker, of Wallingford, settled in Watertown, and there reared a family of five children, viz.: John J., father of subject; Philena, who was married to S. A. Clock, of Litchfield, Conn.; Nancy, who was married to Chester Russell, of Waterbury; Sherman, who was a veneer sawyer, was a resident of Terryville; and a daughter, Rebecca, who died at the age of twenty, unmarried. This family, with the exception of John J., have all been called away, the father having lived to be eighty-one.

John J. Guernsey was reared a farmer and grew to manhood in Watertown. He married Mary J. Schofield, of Stamford, Conn., a daughter of William Schofield, one of the oldest residents of Fairfield county. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Guernsey continued to reside in Watertown for many years, but finally removed to Cheshire. They became the parents of eight children, as follows:

Sherman was a farmer and died in New Haven; Lyman was a butcher and died in Cheshire; Rebecca is the widow of R. C. Benjamin, of New Haven; Truman was a civil engineer and dry goods merchant, and died in Crawfordsville, Ind., where he was engaged in business; John H. is mentioned below; Almira, deceased, married Henry Hubbell, of Cheshire; Lotta married John Phillips; and an infant died unnamed. Of the above named children, Sherman, Lyman and Truman were soldiers during the Civil war, and two of them were taken prisoners, but were subsequently exchanged, having fully maintained the ancient reputation of the family for military valor. In politics the father was first a Whig, but is now a Republican; in religious faith he is a Methodist. He and his wife are still living at this writing, January, 1902. They celebrated their golden wedding June 27, 1887.

John H. Guernsey lived on the home farm at Waterbury until fifteen years of age, and for a short time resided in the town of Prospect. His education was acquired at the old district school, and he was an ardent student, prolonging his studies far into the night. In 1871 he settled in Waterbury, where he first entered a contractor's office, and for four years kept books, drew plans, and acted as time-keeper; he next became a hardware clerk for D. B. Wilson, with whom he remained ten years. For the following eight years he conducted a most prosperous hardware business on his own account. He then sold out and devoted his attention to life insurance until Feb. 14, 1899, when he was appointed postmaster of Waterbury, a position he fills in the most satisfactory manner to the public and to the government.

In 1870 Mr. Guernsey was united in matrimony with Miss Alice E. Wooding, of Prospect, and a daughter of Wales L. Wooding, who is a descendant of one of the oldest families of the East. No children have blessed this union. In politics Mr. Guernsey is a sound Republican, and in religion he is liberal. Fraternally he is a Freemason and an Odd Fellow and a member of the Union League of Connecticut. Socially, he is of a jovial, happy disposition, with a kind word for everybody, and is by everybody held in the highest possible esteem.

JAMES DYER HOTCHKISS, Ansonia. Samuel Hotchkiss, probably of Essex, England (the traditional brother of John of Guilford, Conn.), whose name was written, respectively, Hodgke, Hodgkin, Hotchkiss, was at New Haven as early as 1641. In August, 1642, he married Elizabeth Cleverly, and he died Dec. 28, 1663, leaving six children: John, Samuel, James, Joshua, Thomas and Daniel. Of these,

Ensign Joshua Hotchkiss, the fourth son, born Sept. 16, 1651, was a leading man at New Haven. He was twice (at least) married, and had children as follows: Marv, Stephen, Martha, Priscilla, Abraham, Desire, Isaac and Jacob.

Deacon Stephen Hotchkiss, second in Joshua's family, married, at New Haven, Dec. 12, 1704, Elizabeth, daughter of John Sperry, and their children were: Joshua, Elizabeth, Mary, Hannah, Elizabeth (2), Gideon, Stephen, Silas, Hannah, Bathshua, Benjamin and Noah. Of these,

Deacon Gideon Hotchkiss, born Dec. 5, 1716, married (first) June 18, 1737, Anna Brackett, who died, and he married (second) Mabel, daughter of Isaac Stiles, of Southbury. He settled in the southeastern part of the town of Waterbury about 1736, and when the Society of Salem was organized he was made a deacon of the church; was one of the founders and active supporters of the church and Society of Columbia (now Prospect); was a leading man of the town; and served in both the French and Revolutionary wars. He died Sept. 3, 1807, having lived to see 105 grandchildren, 155 great-grandchildren, and four of the fifth generation. His children, nineteen in number, were as follows: Jesse, David, Abraham, Abraham (2), Gideon, Huldah, Anna, Amos, Submit, Titus, Eben, Asahel, Benoni, Mabel, Phebe, Stiles, Olive, Mellicent and Amzi. Of these,

Asahel Hotchkiss, born Feb. 15, 1760, married, March 22, 1781, Sarah Williams, who died in 1794. On June 7, 1794, he married Phebe Merriman, of Cheshire. His children were as follows: Sally, Curtis, Dyer, Esther, Temperance, Asahel, Marcus and Phebe Maria. Of these,

Dyer Hotchkiss, born June 24, 1785, died Nov. 14, 1862. He married, June 12, 1809, Orra Pritchard, born Oct. 26, 1783, who died Nov. 19, 1872. Their children were: Charles, born Feb. 23, 1811; Henry, in September, 1812; Mary, Sept. 4, 1814; Amos H., April 18, 1816; Sarah E., in June, 1820. Of these,

Charles Hotchkiss married Electa Brace Jan. 3, 1833, and had children: Edward, Lucia, Henry, Albert, Fidelia and Eugene, all married and residing in Torrington, Conn., except Lucia, who is deceased, and Albert, in New York City. The father died Nov. 14, 1897, the mother in September, 1884. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church.

Henry Hotchkiss, second son of Dyer, married, May 23, 1835, Rosetta Beacher, and died May 8, 1893; she passed away May 14, 1897, the mother of children as follows: Franklin A., a farmer in Cheshire; Julius, who died in the army during the Civil war; Ella, who married Charles Russell, and lived in Plainville; Hattie; Jennie, Mrs. Todd, of East Farms; Libbie, wife of Hooker Hotchkiss, of Nantucket; and William, who married Julia Fenton, and is living in New Haven.

Mary Hotchkiss, third child of Dyer, married, Oct. 27, 1832, Zenas Potter, who died in 1856. She now lives with her first child, Ellen, wife of Fred Candee, in Baldwin avenue, Waterbury. She had two other children—Samuel, who died young; and Amelia, married to Luther Wilmot, and resid-

ing in Baldwin avenue, Waterbury (they have a family).

Amos H. Hotchkiss, fourth child of Dyer, and the father of our subject, is mentioned below.

Sarah E. Hotchkiss, fifth child of Dyer, married Harmon Payne June 11, 1843, and they reside at Bristol, Conn. They had three children: Martha married Charles E. Russell, and lives in Bristol; Maria married William Cook, and lives in Wallingford (she has one child); Orra died young.

Amos H. Hotchkiss, born April 18, 1816, married Sally Maria Scott Aug. 20, 1837, and they had children as follows: (1) Martha Ann, born June 10, 1838, died Jan. 13, 1839; (2) Mary Maria, born April 18, 1841; (3) Orra Jane, born Sept. 22, 1843; (4) James Dyer, a sketch of whom follows; (5) Alice Ruth, born in September, 1846; (6) Ann Eliza, born Feb. 16, 1848; (7) Sarah Rosette, born July 7, 1849, died Aug. 2, 1890; (8) Marcie Elizabeth, born May 30, 1851; (9) Esther Ellen, born Oct. 21, 1852; and (10) Edward Amos, born June 11, 1854. Of these,

(2) Mary M. was married, April 7, 1861, to David Morse, who died leaving two children, Jane and George B. Mrs. Morse lives with her daughter Jane, who is married to Thomas Williams, and resides at Buck's Hill, north of Waterbury. (3) Orra Jane married James Magin, a farmer of the town of Bethany, and has two children—Lucia married and living in Rhode Island; and William, at home. (5) Alice Ruth married Frank Wedge, of Naugatuck, where they reside. They have had children—Allie, wife of Leander Wheeler (they have three children, and reside in Waterbury); Josie; Julia; Elmore; and Chester, who resides at home. (6) Ann E. married Henry Dudley, and they reside in Ansonia. They have had children as follows—Amy, who married Russell Wheeler and has one child (they live in Washington); Cora, who married Charles Chadwick and has one child (they live in Ansonia); Stephen, living in Brooklyn; Edward, who married Alice Seymour, and lives in Derby; and Charles, residing at home. (7) Sarah R. married Stephen Johns, and died Aug. 2, 1890. (8) Marcie E. is unmarried, and lives in Naugatuck. (9) Esther E. married Edmon Hoyt, of Middlebury, where they have their home; they have one son, Jay. (10) Edward A. married Jane Schofield, and they live at the old home in Naugatuck; their children, all yet living at home, are: Walter, George, Ida, Tracey and Sarah. Edward A. is a past N. G. of Centennial Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., of Naugatuck, and at the head of Beacon Valley Grange, in which he is an active worker. Amos H. Hotchkiss, the father of the above enumerated family of ten children, was a member of the G. A. R. He served as wagoner in the 23d C. V. I. during the Civil war, in which conflict the family was well represented, his brother Henry Hotchkiss, now of Torrington, having been a member of the band

of the 1st C. H. A.; Franklin A., son of Henry, was a wagoner in Company A, 20th C. V. I.; Julius, son of Henry, was a private in Company A, 20th C. V. I.; Charles Russell, who married Ella, eldest daughter of Henry, was in Company A, 20th C. V. I.; Charles E. Russell, who married Martha Payne, daughter of Mrs. Sarah E. (Hotchkiss) Payne, was in Company A, 20th C. V. I.; James D., whose name introduces these lines, served in Company H, 8th C. V. I.; James Magin, his brother-in-law, also served in the 20th C. V. I.; and Henry Dudley, another brother-in-law, served in the 50th Ill. V. I.

James Dyer Hotchkiss, fourth in the order of birth of the ten children of Amos H. and Sally M. (Scott) Hotchkiss, and the subject proper of this sketch, was born Feb. 24, 1845, in Naugatuck, and received a liberal education in the schools of the district. On Sept. 8, 1872, he married Martha E. Dougal, and afterward removed to Ansonia, in 1875. They had three children: William D. married Agnes Mathews, of Waterbury, and has one child, Reba May; they live in Ansonia. Albert E. died at the age of five years. Amos L. lives at home.

James D. Hotchkiss is a member of the F. & A. M., Shepherd's Lodge, No. 78, of Naugatuck; a P. C. of Ansonia Lodge, No. 24, K. of P.; a P. C. of Thomas M. Redshaw Post, No. 75; and past captain of William B. Wooster Camp, No. 25, Sons of Veterans, located in Ansonia.

ERWIN J. CRAWFORD, an influential citizen of West Haven, long prominently identified with the real estate and insurance interests of the town, was born Jan. 22, 1843, in Johnson, Lamoille Co., Vt., a son of Artemus and Aphia (Hadley) Crawford.

Artemus Crawford was a native of Franklin, N. H., and was reared upon a farm in that State, thence removing to Vermont, where in later years he became a silk merchant, driving to country stores, carrying his goods with him. In 1849 he was smitten with the "gold fever," and set out for California, and, as he was never heard of afterward, it is believed he perished en route. On Jan. 15, 1841, he married Aphia Hadley, daughter of Joseph and Achsah (Wells) Hadley. The latter, a native of Vermont, lived to the extraordinary age of ninety years. Mr. Hadley was a member of a family known among the early pioneers of Morristown, Vt., and passed his life there and in the adjoining towns, following farming. Mr. and Mrs. Hadley had three children: Volney, Orson and Aphia (our subject's mother). To Artemus and Aphia Crawford were born two children: Ellen, who married Henry Whiting, at present a judge of the city court in Cripple Creek, Colo.; and Erwin J. The mother died Oct. 16, 1900.

Erwin J. Crawford came from Vermont to Middlefield, Conn., when a youth of eighteen years.

There he worked for the Metropolitan Wringing Machine Co. for a few years, and later engaged in the wood-turning business on his own account in Middlefield, where for eight years he also engaged in farming and small fruit raising. In 1896 he engaged in business as a real estate and insurance agent, in which line he has met with pronounced success, representing various prominent companies. He has erected several houses in West Haven. On May 11, 1864, he was married to Fanny S. Coe, only child of Alvin B. and Harriet (Coe) Coe, of Middlefield. Mr. Coe was one of the prominent citizens of that place, being a manufacturer of buttons, a director in three banks and a stock dealer. Both he and his wife are deceased, he dying in 1886, at the age of seventy-five, and she in 1888, in her seventy-first year. To Mr. and Mrs. Crawford two children have been born: Maud, who died when six years old; and Daisy, who is at home.

In politics Mr. Crawford is a staunch Republican, and has always taken an active interest in the work of the party. While living in Middlefield he was chairman of the town committee, and in 1886 was elected a representative of the Legislature. In 1888 he removed to West Haven, where he soon attained the prominence to which he is entitled, alike through native ability and experience in public life. In 1890 he was elected a member of the board of wardens and burgesses, and in 1891 was chosen warden. He was re-elected to the latter office, annually, for five years, and since 1896 has served the town as tax collector for a year. He still retains his interest in his party organization, having served on his town committee. Socially Mr. Crawford is a member of the Royal Arcanum. He and his family are members of the M. E. Church, of which he is a trustee; he formerly served as steward.

EDWIN HOBSON, a typical representative of the industrial interests of Wallingford, where he has long been known as an industrious and trustworthy workman, has followed the trade of die-sinking and mold-making many years in this community, and is highly respected both as a mechanic and a citizen. He was born Oct. 28, 1821, in Sheffield, England, where his father, John Hobson, was also born.

John Hobson was also a diesinker. He spent the greater part of his life in Birmingham, where he died, and he is remembered as an upright and honorable man. He was a worthy member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Hobson married Mary Whaley, also a native of Sheffield, England, who came to this country after the death of her husband, locating with her family in Meriden. There she died, and was buried in Wallingford. She was the mother of six children: Edwin; Emma, who died young; Selina, who married John Hollier, of England; William Henry, a resident of Walling-



Edwin Hobson

ford; Sarah Ann, who married Thomas Morton, and is now dead; and Persella, who married Andrew Bailey, and is now deceased.

Edwin Hobson received his education in the schools of his native country, and it was mostly acquired before he reached the age of ten years, at which time his parents removed to Birmingham, where young Edwin was set to learn diesinking, modeling and designing with his father. He worked with him until he was of age, when he struck out for himself, earning at that time about three pounds a week. In 1866 he came to this country with his wife and family, embarking June 10, at Liverpool, in the steamship "Royal Standard." He secured a position at his trade in Newark, N. J., and the following year came to Wallingford to take a position with Simpson, Hall & Miller, in whose establishment he worked for more than a third of a century as a diesinker, designer and moldmaker. Through his unusual ability in his work, he won for himself the respect of his associates and the confidence of the firm, as well as the respect of the community, and before he left he was superintendent of his department. Mr. Hobson possesses much more than the ordinary taste and sensibility, and has artistic refinement to a marked degree. By his friends he is termed a born genius. In his leisure hours he has made several violins which are noted for their sweetness of tone and are highly prized by their fortunate possessors. He has also made several pianos, one of his make adorning the home of Clarence C. Brown, of Wallingford. Mr. Hobson has always been a careful and painstaking man, and, although past his eightieth year, still preserves his lifelong habits of industry and activity. When not engaged in diesinking, he may be found in his factory, engaged in either violin or piano making, and in these labors his whole soul is inwrapped. Mr. Hobson is a good violinist and plays with much skill and expression. Affable in his manners, and a good conversationalist, all who meet him are charmed with his courtly and old-fashioned hospitality.

Mr. Hobson was married, July 12, 1846, at Birmingham, England, to Miss Sarah James, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Mountford) James; her father was a maker of silver candlesticks. To this union were born six children: (1) Sarah married William J. Hodgetts, a box manufacturer of Wallingford. (2) Rosana married George W. Woodhouse, a painter, of Wallingford. (3) Mary Ellen (Nellie) is unmarried, and is living at home. She is an artist of acknowledged ability, was a student for five years at the Yale Art School, and is now teaching painting. (4) Mark Wallace is a diesinker with the Simpson, Hall & Miller Co., and learned his trade under his father's instructions. He married Elizabeth Valentine. (5) Arthur Edwin is a diesinker, and is superintendent in the factory of the International Silver Co., at Meriden. He married Miss Hattie Church, of Wallingford. (6)

Florence Elizabeth married Prof. Franze R. C. Milcke, the noted violinist and instructor. Mrs. Milcke is a vocalist of much ability, and a piano teacher of reputation. She designed the beautiful home which they occupy in Wallingford, and to which they have given the name of "Craig Nyth."

Mr. Hobson is a Mason, a member of Compass Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican, but largely reserves the right of independent action. In religious connection he is a member of the Baptist Church. He has led an industrious, useful life, and has reared a family second to none in the community. For fifty-five years Mr. and Mrs. Hobson have worked happily and harmoniously together; she is a lady of innate refinement.

W. BURR HALL, a well-known resident of Wallingford, was born Dec. 16, 1845, in Hamden, New Haven county, son of William Day Hall.

Mr. Hall is a descendant of John Hall, who died in 1676, aged seventy-one years. He married Jane Woolen, and they had children: John, Richard, Samuel, Sarah, Thomas, Jonathan and David.

(II) Samuel Hall, son of John, born May 21, 1646, died March 5, 1725. He married Hannah Walker, and their children were: John, Hannah, Sarah, Samuel, Theophilus and Elizabeth.

(III) Samuel Hall (2), son of Samuel, born Dec. 10, 1680, died June 15, 1770. He married Hannah Hall, and their children were: Theophilus, Samuel, Hannah, Sarah, Mehitable and Esther.

(IV) Samuel Hall (3), son of Samuel (2), was born June 8, 1709, and died Dec. 24, 1771. He married Sarah Hull, and their children were: Samuel, Hezekiah, Louisa, Sarah, Esther, Love, Elizabeth, Damaris.

(V) Samuel Hall (4), son of Samuel (3), was born Feb. 28, 1750, and died Feb. 27, 1821. He married Elizabeth Parsons, and their children were: Samuel, Hezekiah, George, Marilla, Richard and Jared.

(VI) Jared Hall, son of Samuel (4), and the grandfather of W. Burr, was born Aug. 24, 1792, in Wallingford, and died there April 24, 1861. He married Rebecca Hall, and by her had four children: Caroline, William Day, Charles D. and Lucy H. By his second wife, Emily Austin, he had three children: Jane, Rebecca and Henry L.

(VII) William Day Hall, our subject's father, was born Dec. 6, 1821, in Wallingford, and died there March 21, 1889, having returned to his native place a short time previous. He married Miss Harriet Perkins, who was born May 24, 1821, daughter of Amasa Perkins, of Wallingford, and died March 4, 1887. William D. Hall was a manufacturer of fertilizers, and a large dealer in hides and tallow. When quite young he settled in Hamden, and for many years he was located in Fairport and Millenbeck, Va., where he had a large

force of men getting out lumber. At Millenbeck he was also postmaster, and the proprietor and manager of a large general store. He owned 1,200 acres of land, and raised some very fine cattle. A busy and hustling man, Mr. Hall pushed his enterprises to the utmost, and was widely known as thoroughly honorable and reliable. Quiet and unassuming in manner, he was never an aspirant for political honors, though a staunch Republican in politics.

W. Burr Hall attended school in North Haven, and had one term at Claverack, N. Y. At the age of sixteen his school days came to an end and he worked on his father's farm until he engaged, as his father had done before him, in the hide, tallow and fertilizer business, becoming well acquainted with the people of his town and county. In 1885 he moved to Wallingford. Since April, 1888, his time has largely been devoted to the public service. He has been a member of the court of burgesses, and first selectman, for six terms. For one year he was town clerk. On Jan. 16, 1890, he was appointed postmaster by President Harrison. In 1870 Mr. Hall joined the Governor's Horse Guard, in which he became senior second lieutenant March 14, 1879; senior first lieutenant on Aug. 30, 1880; was elected captain Aug. 29, 1887; and in February, 1890, he retired from the service, receiving an honorable discharge. After retiring Mr. Hall was unanimously elected by the members of the squadron as major, and was appointed by the governor as such, but, though fully appreciating the honor, he declined. Mr. Hall is a member of the National Band at Wallingford. He has always been a public-spirited man, with a host of friends, and when he has been a candidate for office he not only received the full party vote, but also the ballots of many Democrats. A genial and kind-hearted gentleman, he is very popular with all who know him.

Mr. Hall was married, Dec. 14, 1868, to Miss Ella M. Skinner, daughter of Edwin H. Skinner, of Middlefield, and they have had one child, Maude, born Aug. 26, 1877, who is at home. Mr. Hall has a summer cottage at Madison, Conn., where his hospitality is well known and highly appreciated by his many friends.

WILLIS MILLER COOK, assistant superintendent and general foreman of the Mt. Carmel Axle Works, Mt. Carmel Centre, was born in that place, April 9, 1858, and is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most honored families of New England. Many of the name are still residents of Litchfield county, Conn., including ex-Gov. Cook, of this State.

Sylvester Cook, grandfather of our subject, was born in Harwinton, Litchfield county, July 16, 1802, and there spent his entire life, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died Aug. 12, 1845, honored and respected by all who knew him. In Harwinton, he was married, April 6, 1832, to Miss

Mercia Francis, who was born June 29, 1807, and died Dec. 21, 1886, being laid to rest by the side of her husband in Harwinton cemetery. Both were members of the Episcopal Church. Of their four children, Henry Francis, father of our subject, was the oldest; Mary Pernelia, born Nov. 3, 1834, is the wife of Daniel Fox, of Plainville, Conn.; George Allen, born Aug. 11, 1836, is a resident of Redlands, Cal.; and Sarah Maria, born April 24, 1838, is the widow of Albert Fox, of Plainville, Connecticut.

Henry Francis Cook was born in Harwinton, Feb. 10, 1833, was reared upon a farm, and educated in the district schools. While in his teens he secured employment on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, and remained with that corporation for several years. He came to Hamden in the employ of the same company, and later held a position in the axle works at Mt. Carmel. He spent several years in Philadelphia, Penn., with a similar company, and then returned to Mt. Carmel, where he passed the remainder of his life. During the Civil war he was a member of Company I, 20th Conn. V. I., and served his country faithfully and well in her hour of peril. He was liberal in religious views, and politically, was a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but never a politician in the sense of office seeking. In Hamden he married Miss Maria E. Miller, a native of Woodbridge, Conn., a daughter of Chauncey M. Miller, and a sister of Willis E. Miller, president of the Mt. Carmel Axle Works. She was a consistent Christian woman, was a devoted wife and mother, and a sincere friend. She died at her home Nov. 20, 1872, in Hamden, and was buried in the Mt. Carmel cemetery. Mr. Cook died Feb. 2, 1895. Their children were Willis Miller, our subject; Sereno T., who is mentioned below; and Mary, wife of Willard Mathews, of Hamden.

Willis M. Cook was educated in district and select schools of Hamden, and at a very early age commenced work in the axle shop with his uncle, having for the past thirty-one years been a faithful and trusted employe of the company. Through his own efforts he has risen to the position of foreman of the works, and has won for himself the confidence of the company, and the respect of those under him. His practical knowledge of all the details of the business, as well as his acquaintance with men, renders him a most valuable employe, as is evidenced by his long continuance with the company. Formerly he was extensively engaged in dairy farming, and he owns one of the finest homes and farms in Mt. Carmel Centre. He also owns considerable real estate in that vicinity, including nearly all of Mt. Carmel, on the summit of which he has a pleasant cottage.

On March 12, 1884, Mr. Cook married Miss Nellie Morey, a native of Hadley, Mass., and a daughter of Charles H. Morey. Twins were born of this union, but both died in infancy. Mr. Cook

is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but has never sought political preferment, though he filled the office of justice of the peace eight years. He and his wife are members of Hamden Grange, of which he is past master and overseer, and in social circles they are quite prominent. He is a man noted for his high moral character, and his genial, pleasant manner makes for him many friends.

SERENO THOMAS COOK, the younger son of Henry F. Cook, and the well-known shipping clerk and assistant foreman of the Mt. Carmel Axle Works, was born in the town of Hamden, June 8, 1860, and was reared in Mt. Carmel Centre, where he attended the district and select schools. He began his business career as a clerk in a grocery store in New Haven, where he was employed for a year and a half, and then returned to Mt. Carmel Centre, where he was a clerk in a store and postoffice, and also for the Adams Express Company for three years. At the end of that time he accepted the position of shipping clerk with the Mt. Carmel Axle Manufacturing Co., under his uncle, and for the past twenty-one years has filled that responsible position with credit to himself and to the general satisfaction of the company. He is also assistant foreman of the works. In Mt. Carmel, Nov. 16, 1881, he married Miss Louise M. Carroll, a native of Cheshire, New Haven Co., and a daughter of James Carroll, and to them has been born one child, Jessie M. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cook hold membership in Hamden Grange. As a Republican, he takes quite an active and prominent part in local politics, and has been a member of the central committee for many years. He has been an efficient member of the school board for the past five years and in 1898 was elected selectman of the town of Hamden, which office he filled in a most capable and satisfactory manner. Like his brother, he is very popular both in business and social circles and has hosts of friends throughout the community.

HIRAM JESSE PECK is a leading and influential citizen of Cheshire, where he owns and operates a fine farm of seventy-five acres, under a high state of cultivation and well improved with good and substantial buildings. A native of that town, he was born Nov. 5, 1859, and is a worthy representative of one of the most prominent early families of Cheshire. His grandfather Peck was a shoemaker by trade. He married Patty Iver, and to them were born four children: Hiram A., father of Hiram J.; Sarah, Mrs. Hall, who died in Waterbury; Chaucey, who lived in New York, where his death occurred; and one that died at the age of four years.

Hiram A. Peck was born in Cheshire, Sept. 9, 1820, and was there reared and educated in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day. In 1848 he was married to Miss Mary Ann Peck, a native of Cheshire, and a daughter of Capt. Will-

iam and Marianne (Atwater) Peck. Her father was born in the same town, and made his home on the farm now owned and occupied by our subject. There his death occurred in April, 1884, at the age of ninety-seven years, and his wife died in 1871, aged seventy-nine years. In their family were three children: Matilda, Mrs. Sanford, a resident of New York; William, who died in Cheshire in May, 1890, at the age of eighty years; and Mary Ann, mother of Hiram J. Peck. After his marriage Mr. Peck located on the Waterbury road, at the corner of Peck lane, where he followed farming, and also worked in a button shop in Cheshire, and subsequently in a pin shop at Waterbury. His wife died, leaving one child, Hiram J. For his second wife he married Celia Roberts, who became the mother of Clinton C., Clayton E. and Mary H. He died in Cheshire, Aug. 1, 1876. Mrs. Celia (Roberts) Peck was a native of England, and a daughter of Elijah and Sally Ann Roberts.

Hiram J. Peck received a practical education in the public schools of his native town, and since leaving the school room has devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. He is a thrifty and progressive farmer, and is meeting with well-merited success in life. In his political views he is an ardent Republican. Mr. Peck was married in Meriden, in 1893, to Miss Mary Helena Brown, who was born in Berlin, Hartford Co., Conn., a daughter of Charles and Cornelia (Thrasher) Brown. The father died in Meriden in 1891, but the mother is still living, and now makes her home in New Haven. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram J. Peck have an adopted son, born Oct. 1, 1892, who was named Frank Amos.

HENRY F. SANFORD, for the past fifteen years a faithful and competent employe of the American Ring Co., Waterbury, is a native of that city, born Dec. 16, 1843.

Ruel F. Sanford, his father, was born in the town of Wolcott, Conn., and was a son of Truman Sanford, who was also of Wolcott nativity, and died in Waterbury, Nov. 26, 1856. Henry Sanford, grandfather of Truman, was born in Boston, Mass., a son of Thomas Sanford, who came from England, and was the father of four sons: Nathan, Archibald, Freeman and Henry. Of these, Nathan settled in Plymouth, Archibald in Bethany, and Freeman in Prospect, all in Connecticut, and they were all farmers. Henry, Jr., married Rhoda Perkins, settled on a farm in Wolcott, reared the following named children: Jared, Truman, Joseph, Rhoda, Francis and Tryphena, and died Dec. 25, 1830, aged seventy-eight years.

Truman Sanford, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1782, and died Nov. 26, 1856, aged seventy-four. He married Anna Curtis, who was born in 1780, and died Aug. 24, 1862, aged eighty-two. The following children were born to them: Tryphena, Maria Ann, Abel Curtis, Rhoda, Marilla,

Ruel F. and Rufus B. Of these, Tryphena married Julius Buckingham, a farmer of Middlebury, Conn.; Maria Ann married David H. Buckingham, a farmer of Middlebury, Conn.; Abel Curtis married Elizabeth H. Judd, and was a farmer in Southington, Conn.; Rhoda married Lambert Russell, and they settled on a farm in Darlington, Wis.; Marilla was the wife of Lyman Smith, a mechanic of Waterbury; Ruel F. was the father of our subject; Rufus B., a brass caster in Waterbury, married (first) Elmira Russell, and (second) Ellen Russell, who is yet living.

Ruel F. Sanford married Nancy H. Neal, who was born in Southington, Conn., a daughter of Timothy Neal, a farmer in Cheshire, Conn., and who served in the war of 1812. The Neals were an old settled family in this country. Timothy Neal had three children: Nancy H., Lucinda and Dennis, and of these, Nancy H. was the mother of our subject; and Lucinda married Thomas M. Payne, a carpenter of Waterbury; but of Dennis there is nothing now known. To Ruel F. Sanford and his wife were born five children: Henry F., William M., Ella A., Emma J., and Caroline A. Of these, Henry F. is our subject; William M. is a brass caster in Meriden, Conn.; Ella A. died at the age of twenty-two years; Emma J. is the wife of John Jopson, of Meriden, Conn.; Caroline A. is the wife of Merle C. Coles, of Bridgeport, Conn. The father of this family came to Waterbury when a boy, and followed the trade of brass caster. In politics he was a Whig, later a Republican, and in religious faith he and his wife were Baptists. He died June 3, 1878, at the age of fifty-eight, his wife on April 3, 1897, when she was aged seventy-seven years.

Henry F. Sanford, the subject proper of this memoir, attended the schools of his native city, Waterbury, until he was sixteen years of age, at which time he commenced to learn the brass caster's trade with his father. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, 23d Conn. V. I.; served in the Banks expedition; was taken prisoner at Bayou Boeuf, La. After being mustered out, Aug. 31, 1863, he returned to Waterbury, and learned the machinist's trade and worked in various manufactories, including that of the American Ring Co., where he has been employed for the past fifteen years.

On Dec. 23, 1868, Mr. Sanford married Agnes L. Griffing-Speirs, a native of Scotland, and daughter of Robert and Agnes Speirs, also of the same nativity, and five children were born to them: May L., Bertha A., Elsie M., Henry F., Jr., and Grace E. The mother died Sept. 2, 1899. She was a Baptist in religious faith, member of the First Church, as is also her husband, and he has been connected with the same over thirty years, and been clerk for the past sixteen years. In politics he is an active Republican, has been councilman of the First ward two years, also alderman three years,

and served on the board of health two years. Specially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Pacific Lodge, of Meriden, Conn.; of the K. of P., Speedwell Lodge, Waterbury; and of the G. A. R., Wadhams Post, No. 49, Waterbury.

SAMUEL HALPER, deceased. The story of this gentleman's life is a record of early struggles and hard work, crowned with the ultimate success which is the fitting reward of patient industry, earnest purpose and unwavering integrity. He was of the Jewish race, a people which has given to the world more than its full quota of merchant princes, financiers, statesmen and eminent men of science and letters, and which, without a distinctive country of its own, has preserved through centuries its homogeneous national character and religious faith.

Mr. Halper was born in Roumania March 25, 1841. His school days ended when he was twelve years old, and at that early age he went into the world to struggle alone against the vicissitudes and temptations of life. For six years he worked at the jewelry business, and at the age of eighteen engaged in the sale of linen on his own account. After a year so spent he was made overseer of the construction of some macadamized roads, a position which he filled for a considerable time, with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers. When this employment came to an end he again embarked in mercantile business. In 1867 he resolved to emigrate to the United States. On reaching this country he invested his slender capital in a stock of small wares, and for a few months carried a peddler's pack upon his back, through Connecticut. Wearying of this life, he went to New York City, where he opened a small store in Spring street, for the sale of millinery and fancy goods. This venture did not prove financially as successful as he had hoped, and in 1872 he removed to Seymour, New Haven Co., Conn., where with a cash capital of but seventy dollars, he embarked in similar business. He remained in Seymour five years, and in March, 1877, transferred his stock to Derby. His first store in that city was in Main street, nearly opposite the present location of the business, at No. 223, in that thoroughfare. He moved into the latter premises about 1880, and in 1891 purchased the property, which he thoroughly remodeled and greatly improved, putting in handsome fixtures, and fitting the store up with such artistic taste and lavish expenditure that it is to-day the handsomest and best appointed of its class in the city of Derby. To an extensive line of millinery he added cloaks, and in both these specialties built up a large and remunerative trade. Besides attending to his mercantile interests, Mr. Halper dealt quite extensively in real estate, investing considerable capital in building and improving. At the time of his death he was a member of the Derby Board of Trade, of which he was one of the organizers. Upright, en-



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terprising and public-spirited, he was one of Derby's most highly esteemed citizens. He took a deep interest in educational matters, as well as in the advancement of every enterprise looking to the public good, and shortly before his death subscribed \$100 toward the founding of a general hospital at Derby, his name heading the list. Had he lived, he would have doubtless brought the undertaking to a successful completion, for he was as zealous and careful in the prosecution of any work into which he entered as he was in business matters. Politically Mr. Halper was a Republican, but never sought public office, though at his death he was a member of the board of apportionment and taxation. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow, having become connected with that order in Seymour, and he was also a member of a mutual benefit society in New York. He passed away May 22, 1900.

Mr. Halper was twice married, first to Miss Matilda Greenfield, a native of Germany, who died in 1878, leaving one son, Charles J. On March 17, 1879, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Gottlieb, of New York, and two children were born to this union, Frances and Joseph W., the former of whom is a graduate of Derby high school. The beautiful home occupied by the family, on the corner of Anson and Fifth streets, is one of the finest in Derby.

Charles J. Halper, after finishing the course in the public schools of Derby, entered Yale Business College, from which he was graduated in 1888. Later he took up the study of medicine, intending to adopt the profession, but he abandoned same on his father's death, since which time he has assisted his mother in the management of their extensive interests. During the Spanish-American war he served as a member of the Hospital Corps of the 3d Division, 4th Army Corps.

SYLVANUS ARTHUR SCRANTON, a well-known, prosperous and progressive citizen of the town of Madison, is a native of the same, born May 13, 1852. He is a member of one of the oldest families of New Haven county, a sketch of which, from the pioneer John down to our subject's great-grandfather Theophilus, will be found in the sketch of Ichabod Lee Scranton elsewhere.

Hubbard Scranton, grandfather of Sylvanus A., was born May 4, 1788, in the town of Madison, a son of Theophilus and Abigail (Lee) Scranton. He was a lifelong farmer of Madison, and during the war of the Rebellion furnished vegetables for the War Department, and ran a coasting line from Madison to Georgetown, D. C. He died in 1876, and was interred in Madison cemetery. On April 25, 1810, he married Elizabeth H. Auger, born Jan. 10, 1792, a daughter of Philemon Auger, of New Haven. Their children: (1) Philemon Auger, born Sept. 30, 1812, was a merchant at Augusta, Ga.; he married Elizabeth Lee Starks, a native of Lyme, Conn., and died June 5, 1878. (2) Abigail, born

Feb. 2, 1815, married Austin Dowd, and died in February, 1873. (3) Parmelia, born July 2, 1819, married Richard E. Rice and died in March, 1893. (4) Daniel Hubbard, a sketch of whom follows. The mother of these was called from earth in December, 1871.

Daniel Hubbard Scranton, father of Sylvanus A., was born April 26, 1826, and received his education at the schools of Guilford. All his life he followed farming in the town of Madison, where he was a land owner; he died there Feb. 28, 1897, and was buried in Madison cemetery. In matters of religion he was a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics he was a staunch Whig and Republican; fraternally he was affiliated with the F. & A. M. lodge of Madison, and with the I. O. O. F.

On Sept. 22, 1847, Daniel H. Scranton was united in marriage with Phebe Ann Shelly, born in Madison, Nov. 20, 1825, a daughter of Sylvanus and Harriet (Loveland) Shelly, the latter of whom was a granddaughter of John Loveland. Children: (1) Rufus Henry, born Dec. 29, 1848, died Jan. 18, 1849; (2) Elbert Newton, born Sept. 16, 1850, died Aug. 1, 1866; (3) Sylvanus Arthur, sketch of whom follows; (4) Elizabeth Harriet, born Nov. 20, 1856, married William H. Golden, of Meriden, Conn.; (5) Austin Dowd, born Feb. 9, 1859; (6) Nellie Rice, born Feb. 12, 1862, married William H. Demorest, of New York.

Sylvanus Arthur Scranton, the subject proper of these lines, attended the district schools of Madison, also Lee's Academy, and at the age of fourteen years commenced clerking in a wholesale and retail grocery store, which position he filled a couple of years. This was in New Haven, Conn., and he then returned home and commenced in the ice business, at first on a small scale, since when, a period of over thirty years, he has been engaged in that line of trade, both wholesale and retail, having over 3,000 tons of ice stored each winter, and supplying both Madison and East River. He is also engaged in farming. In 1894 he purchased the old Scranton homestead, which was built over forty years ago, and is one of the oldest in Madison.

On Oct. 7, 1879, S. A. Scranton married Rose R. Williams, daughter of Charles Williams, late of Madison, and one child was born to their union, Maude A., a student at Hand's Academy, Madison. In politics Mr. Scranton is a Republican, and in 1898 was elected first selectman of Madison, an office he has filled the past three years with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the people. For seven years he served as deputy sheriff, and for eight years was constable of Madison. In religious faith he and his family attend the services of the Congregational Church.

CHARLES RANDELL LAMB, trustee of the Yalesville M. E. Church, and constable for the town of Wallingford, is one of Yalesville's best

known and highly respected citizens. Mr. Lamb traces his ancestry to England, and belongs to one of the old and substantial families of Connecticut.

William Lamb was a native of Mystic, and throughout life was a seafaring man, following the business of fishing, and he was one of the most respected citizens of that old Connecticut town.

Sanford Lamb, son of William and father of Charles R., was born in Mystic, Conn., where he was educated in the branches then taught in the district schools. He learned the trade of blacksmith and general iron worker. His life was an exemplary one, honest and upright, and he enjoyed the esteem of the community. He was liberal minded in religious matters, and was noted for his generosity and public spirit. In politics he was an active member of the Whig party. Sanford Lamb was married in Mystic, Conn., to Miss Julia Giant, who died in Medfield, Mass., from heart failure, and was buried at Norwich, Conn. A pious and worthy woman, she was sincerely mourned not only by her devoted family but by a large circle of friends who valued her for her lovely traits of character. Six children were born of this union: Emeline died at the age of fourteen; William A., a minister in the Congregational Church in Los Angeles, Cal., married Mary Proctor, of Massachusetts; Charles Randell; John H., a shoe dealer on Washington street, in Boston, Mass., married Lillian Mayel, of Massachusetts; Minnie married John H. School, of Medfield, Mass.; and Hattie married Dwight Sanford.

Charles R. Lamb was born in Mystic, Conn., Sept. 28, 1847, and was given good school advantages, attending the higher grades in the schools at Norwich, Conn., where he graduated when only fourteen years old. One year later he removed to Meriden, and immediately found employment in E. Miller's brass works, where he remained for one year. In 1866 he came to Yalesville and entered the spoon factory of G. J. Mix & Co., and in the employ of this firm he continued for twenty-six years, receiving promotions until he became foreman of his department.

On account of health, Mr. Lamb decided to make a change in his business, and with this end in view, removed to Medfield, Mass., where he opened up a provision and meat store, which he conducted but a short time, and then came back among his old friends in Yalesville and entered the shipping room of the piano stool department of the Charles Parker Co., and remained here for eight years, resigning this position to engage in the shoe business as a silent partner with his sons at Leominster, Mass., which business was conducted under the firm name of Lamb Bros.

Charles R. Lamb was married in Yalesville, Conn., to Miss Alice M. Jeralds, who was born in Prospect, Conn., a daughter of Bennett Jeralds, one of the best-known citizens of Yalesville. Eight children have been born of this union: Eva J., who

married Wallace A. Shipton, of Newton, Mass.; Wilbur R., who married Annie Farrell, of Hartford, and has one child, Wilbur Raymond, Jr.; Charles S., of the shoe firm of Lamb Bros., of Leominster, Mass.; Clifton Jeralds, engaged in the piano stool department of the Charles Parker Co.; Roscoe Edward, a bookkeeper; Dexter, in the Parker factory in Yalesville; Mary, who attends high school in Meriden; and Alice. Both the young ladies are at home, and with their estimable mother are among the most cultivated and intellectual members of social life in Yalesville.

Mr. Lamb has long been one of the most active members of the Yalesville Methodist Church, and for a number of years has been a trustee and one of the faithful stewards. He was a member of the building committee of the new church, erected in 1899. Not only is Mr. Lamb prominent in church matters, but he has been conspicuous in public affairs, and has been selectman, grand juror, and for twelve years has been the efficient and reliable constable of Wallingford. In 1884 his popularity in the Republican party was attested by his selection as its candidate for the State Legislature. Socially he is connected with the Pilgrim's Harbor Council, No. 543, Royal Arcanum, of Meriden. Mr. Lamb has succeeded in many lines of work, and his ability as a mechanic has been developed in his son, Charles, in the line of invention. An ingenious invention of the latter, which has been patented and has come into general use, is the automatic self-closing window grip, and this is but one of this talented young man's ideas.

The Jeralds family, of which Mrs. Lamb is a member, is one well known through this part of Connecticut. Bennett Jeralds, the father of Mrs. Lamb, was born in Watertown, Conn., Oct. 10, 1818, a son of Ransom Jeralds, a native of Cheshire, Conn., whose father, a seafaring man, lost his life on the water.

Ransom Jeralds grew up in Cheshire, and throughout his life was a very successful farmer, operating in Wallingford, but the last years of his life were spent in Yalesville, where he owned an estate. His death, at the age of seventy-six years, occurred in 1870, in Yalesville, where he was respected by the community. Mr. Jeralds, also, was a man who held to his convictions of right; early in life he embraced the principles of the Democratic party, but was a free-soil man, and possessed anti-slavery views, and later became a staunch Republican. Temperate in all things, honest and upright in life, he was one of the most consistent members of the M. E. Church. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. Ransom Jeralds married Alma Judd, of Bethany (then Woodbridge), a daughter of Isaac Judd, and to this union ten children were born, all of whom have passed away with the exception of four: Bennett; Patience Juliet, widow of Lewis W. Turner, of Yalesville; Orrin, of New York; and Edward, a manufacturer of Cheshire.

The beloved mother died in Wallingford, at the age of eighty-two years, after a life filled with good deeds of charity and neighborly kindness. She was formerly connected with the Episcopal Church, later with the M. E. Church.

Isaac Judd worked in summer as a stone mason and was a teacher during many winter terms, numbering his own children and grandchildren among his pupils. In early life he held a lieutenant's commission in the King's militia, and at the opening of the Revolution organized a company of minute men at what is now Naugatuck. He was almost constantly in the service of the Colonies during that struggle, although he was not enrolled in the regular service. He was also active in civil life, and served many years as a magistrate, both before and after the Revolution.

Bennett Jeralds received his schooling in Bethany and Prospect, Conn., but it was limited, as at the age of thirteen he was hired out to work during the summer months, and could only attend school during the short winter sessions. Until he was eighteen he worked at different places, and then entered the employ of William Mix, at Prospect, Conn., who was the first spoon manufacturer in the United States, and with him he remained three years. During these years of toil the fertile brain of Mr. Jeralds was at work, and when he reached his majority he began the manufacture of Britannia spoons on his own account, in Yalesville, and continued in this business until 1845, when he formed a partnership with Eli Ives, of Meriden, and the business was successfully continued until 1853. During that year Mr. Jeralds bought out the interest of Mr. Ives and managed alone until he sold the business to Charles Parker, of Meriden, and immediately became the capable superintendent of the factory, which was removed to Wallingford in 1854, retaining the position until 1876, when the contract system was inaugurated. At this time Mr. Jeralds became a contractor in the establishment, which position he filled until 1886, when he retired from activity. Through the application of sound business principles and individual enterprise, he has accumulated large means, and is personally one of the most esteemed citizens of this locality.

Bennett Jeralds was married first in 1840, to Lucy Mix, a daughter of William Mix, and to this union three children were born: Laura, deceased, who married Henry C. Wooding; Lucy, wife of George S. Allen; and Cornelia, who married Edwin P. Smith. For his second wife Mr. Jeralds wedded Arvilla Raymond, a daughter of Lincoln Raymond, and four children were the result of this union: Alice M., who married Charles R. Lamb; Ellen, wife of Frederick Wilcox; Frank, who died at the age of four; and Fanny, who married William Kingford. By his third wife, Mary M. Adams, Mr. Jeralds has a son, Arthur, who resides in Wallingford. The fourth marriage of Mr. Jeralds was to Lucy Wilcox, widow of Oliver Wil-

cox, and his fifth wife was Mary B. Wilcox, widow of Charles Sherman.

In politics Mr. Jeralds identified himself with the Free Soil party, and was defeated as a candidate for the Legislature, in 1851, by a very small majority, although this party was greatly in the minority; in fact, one vote decided the contest against him. Since the organization of the Republican party he has been an active member. For years he was justice of the peace, and has always been interested in educational matters, and has held many offices of public trust. For thirty-three years he has been a warden in the Episcopal Church, at Yalesville, and is fraternally connected with Compass Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in Wallingford.

CHARLES ROBERTS, a well-known horse dealer and the popular proprietor of the "Roberts House," of Hamden, is a native of New Haven county, born in the town of Wallingford, June 13, 1842. His father, Ephraim Roberts, was born and reared in Meriden, Conn., and when a young man removed to Wallingford, where he engaged in the butcher business for many years, selling his meat in the towns of Cheshire and Wallingford. His political support was given the men and measures of the Democratic party. He died suddenly in Southington, in 1872, at the age of seventy-two years. For his first wife he married Susan Ellis, a sister of William Ellis, of New Haven, and to them were born nine children, namely: Amanda, wife of Zadock Morgan; Horatio, deceased; Harriet, deceased wife of James Bell; Louise, deceased wife of Charles Pardee; Emily, deceased wife of F. F. Bailey; Ralph, a resident of Forestville, Conn.; Nancy, deceased wife of Frederick Minott; Charles, our subject; and Susan, widow of R. L. Lake. The mother died in Wallingford, and the father subsequently married Polly Dunham, by whom he had two children: James, deceased; and John, a resident of Meriden.

Charles Roberts acquired a limited education in the district schools of Wallingford, and at the age of nine years started out to make his own way in the world by working as a farm hand, being thus employed until he attained his fifteenth year, when he learned the blacksmith's trade with John R. Henshaw, of Middletown, with whom he spent two years. The following year he worked at his trade in Meriden. He was one of the first to offer his services to his country at the opening of the Civil war, enlisting in 1861, at Meriden, for three months, in Company F, 1st Conn. V. I., under Col. R. Tyler and Capt. Byxbee. He participated in the first battle of Bull Run, and was then detailed for horse shoeing.

On the expiration of his term of enlistment, Mr. Roberts returned home and followed his trade until February, 1862, when he went to New York City and entered the employ of the Sixth Avenue Railroad Co., with which he was connected for two

years. In 1864 he went to California, intending to stop at Nicaragua, but on account of the hostility of the natives proceeded to San Francisco, where he remained only a short time, and then went south to Santa Barbara and San Bernardino, where he filled the position of station agent. He was also connected with the mail service between Los Angeles and San Diego for a time, but on account of ill health he returned to San Francisco, where he remained several months, and then came East. He was conductor on the street railroad in New York City until 1869, when he again came to New Haven county, Conn., and purchased a farm in Cheshire, which he operated for two years. On selling out, in 1871, he embarked in the livery business in Hamden, and has since devoted much of his time to dealing in horses, buying his stock principally in the West and selling the same in Hamden and eastern markets. In 1889 he opened the "Roberts House," which he has since conducted with marked success, as under his able management it has become one of the leading hotels of the locality. His genial, pleasant manner makes him quite popular with his guests, and wherever known he is held in high regard. Socially he is a member of Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., of Hamden, and politically he is identified with the Republican party. The success that he has achieved in life is due to his own well-directed and energetic efforts, and he may well be classed among the self-made men of the county.

SAMUEL GRIFFING COOKE, a prominent farmer and fruit grower of Branford, was born in Honey Creek township, Adams Co., Ill., Aug. 31, 1835, son of Increase W. and Harriet D. (Griffing) Cooke, natives of North Guilford and Branford, respectively. He is descended from Henry Cooke, who came from the west of England, and was in Plymouth, Mass., before 1640. His son, Samuel Cooke, married Hope Parker. Their son, Samuel Cooke, married Hannah Ives. Their son, Aaron Cooke, married Ruth Burrage. Their son, Aaron Cooke, the great-grandfather of our subject, married Lucretia Dudley. Kilburn Cooke, grandfather of Samuel G., was a native of Guilford, was reared to farming and followed that occupation all his days. He married Eunice Williams.

The maternal great-grandparents of Samuel Griffing Cooke were Aaron and Elizabeth (Palmer) Griffing. Aaron Griffing was a son of Samuel and Martha (Vail) Griffing, grandson of Robert and Susanna Griffing, and a great-grandson of Jasper and Hannah Griffing.

Increase W. Cooke, whose name appears above as the father of Samuel G., was born in North Guilford in December, 1807, and was married in Branford in May, 1832, to Harriet D., daughter of Capt. Samuel and Statira (Frisbie) Griffing. They had three children who lived to maturity: (1) Harriet A., who married Samuel Beach; (2) Sam-

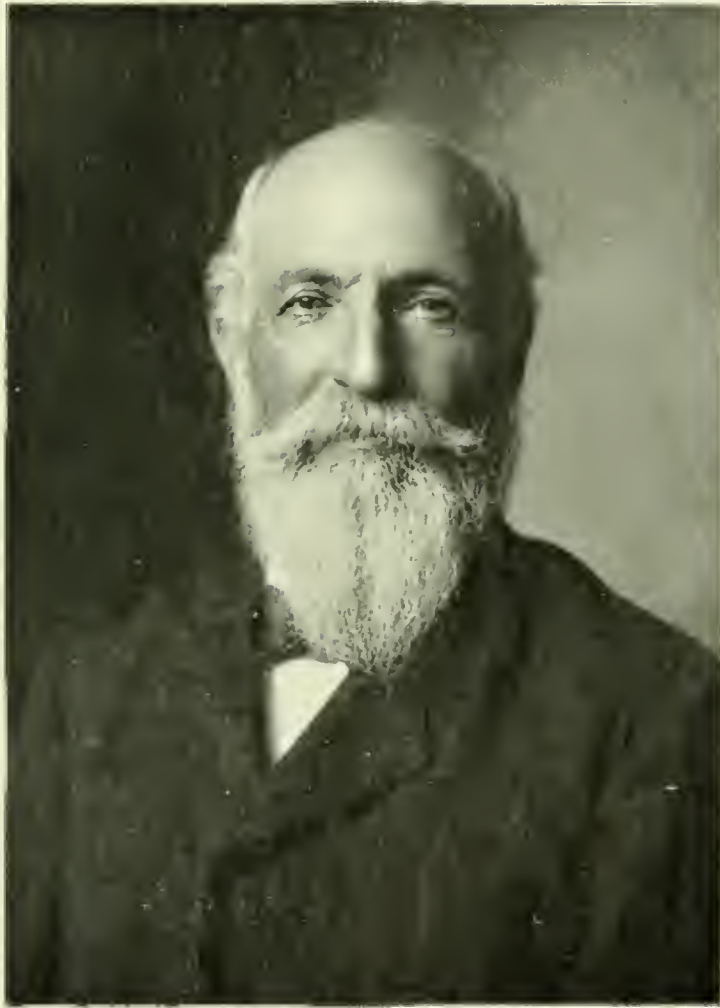
uel G.; and (3) Sara E., who became Mrs. John A. Leggett, and died in 1870. Mr. Cooke died in 1847. His widow, who subsequently married Jehiel Norton, died in 1849.

Samuel Griffing Cooke was reared in Illinois until he reached the age of twelve years, when the mother and children returned to Brantford, in 1848. He received his education from the teachers of the public schools, and early in life began his career as an apprentice to the carpenter's trade in New Haven. In the spring of 1855 he went West and located in Adams county, Ill., where he was engaged in farming in the township of Honey Creek for six years. On Oct. 13, 1861, Mr. Cooke enlisted in the United States service as a member of Company A, 50th Ill. V. L., soon became corporal, and in February, 1862, was made sergeant. On Oct. 4, 1862, he and another sergeant took nine prisoners, seven privates, one first and one second lieutenant of the 1st Arkansas Infantry. He participated in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson (where he was slightly wounded), Shiloh, Corinth (Oct. 3-4, 1862), sieges of Corinth and Vicksburg, and was on the Atlanta campaign under Gen. Sherman in 1864. He was on detached duty three months. On June 7, 1864, he was discharged that he might be commissioned second lieutenant. In August of the same year he was promoted to first lieutenant, and transferred from the Department of the Tennessee to the Department of the Cumberland, by order of Gen. O. O. Howard, and given command of Company I, 44th U. S. C. T. Lieut. Cooke was captured by Gen. Hood Oct. 13, 1864, and was released on parole. This parole was not recognized by the government, and he at once reported for duty at Chattanooga, Tenn. He was in the battle of Nashville, in December, 1864, and was honorably discharged at Chattanooga, May 25, 1865, though he was not relieved from duty until well into the following month. From the time of his enlistment, Oct. 13, 1861, Mr. Cooke was active and faithful in all the duties of a soldier, and made a record admirably clean and good.

After the war Mr. Cooke was engaged in the oil business for two years at Indian Neck, and has since devoted himself to agricultural pursuits in Branford. He bought his present place in 1872, after leasing it for two years. The farm comprises 148 acres of fine land, highly cultivated, and improved with substantial buildings.

The marriage of Mr. Cooke and Cornelia A. Palmer occurred Oct. 20, 1868. Mrs. Cooke is a daughter of Wilman and Susan C. (Bradley) Palmer. They have become the parents of five children: Charles W., Lizzie L., Susie B., Harry G. and Addison T.

From 1856 to 1866 Mr. Cooke was a member of the Congregational Church of Mendon, Ill. Since 1866 Mr. Cooke has been a member of the Congregational Church at Branford, to which his family also belong. Our subject has been superin-



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tendent of the Sunday-school four years, and his son, Charles W., is a deacon in the church. Mr. Cooke is regarded as one of the upright and honorable men of the community. He belongs to Mason Rogers Post, No. 7, G. A. R., of which he was commander for two years, and is now senior vice-commander. In politics he is a Republican.

HORATIO NELSON CLARKE, a leading citizen and one of the most energetic, enterprising and successful agriculturists of Prospect, New Haven county, was born in that town, Nov. 14, 1841, and belongs to a family of English origin, which was early founded in New England, and one of the first established in this county.

Amos Clarke, his grandfather, was born in Milford, now the town of Orange, about 1758, and spent his entire life in that section, his time and attention being devoted to farming. His wife, Eunice, a woman of strong character, died Aug. 30, 1838, and he departed this life Nov. 14, 1841, the remains of both being interred in Orange cemetery. They had four children: Amos, born May 31, 1791, died in August, 1828; Ira Miles, born June 15, 1793, died in September, 1850; Selah, father of our subject, was next in order of birth; and Lanson, born Sept. 4, 1797, died in May, 1876.

Selah Clarke, our subject's father, was born in the town of Milford, now Orange, Feb. 14, 1795, and there grew to manhood, remaining upon his father's farm until 1823, when he came to Prospect and located upon the Platt farm—a tract of 115 acres in the southern part of the town—where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a man noted for his industry, honor and honorable dealings, and though he received only a limited education, he kept abreast of the times and was well posted on all leading events. He took a deep interest in town affairs, and was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, but never sought political honors. He was an earnest Christian and a consistent member of the Congregational Church. He died at his home in Prospect, Aug. 29, 1880, and was laid to rest in the Prospect cemetery.

In North Milford, April 25, 1821, Selah Clarke married Miss Hannah Stone Smith, who was born in Milford, Aug. 26, 1800, and died on the home farm in Prospect, Sept. 30, 1877, her remains being interred by the side of those of her husband in Prospect cemetery. She was a good Christian woman and a faithful wife and mother. She too, belonged to an old and honored family of New England, being a descendant of Rev. Samuel Stone, the first of the name in America, and from him she traced her ancestry through the following: John and Mary Stone; John and Susana (Newton) Stone; Ezekiel and Hannah (Merriman) Stone; and Samuel and Damaris (Beach) Stone. She was a daughter of Miles and Lucretia (Downs) Smith, and a granddaughter of John and Hannah

(Stone) Downs. Horatio N. Clarke is the youngest in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: (1) Smith Selah, born in Milford, Feb. 14, 1822, died Feb. 7, 1900. (2) Miles, born in Prospect, June 8, 1825, resides in Naugatuck, Conn. (3) Harriette Eliza, born Sept. 25, 1828, is the wife of Lucius Russell, a son of Ransom Russell, and resides in New Haven. (4) Spencer Amos, born Feb. 20, 1833, is a contractor and builder of New Haven. (5) Charlotte Emily, born Sept. 20, 1835, married Julius Smith, deceased, who was a needle manufacturer of New Haven. (6) Lillian Adella, born April 14, 1837, is the wife of George De Forest Bissell, a retired citizen of Naugatuck. (7) Sarah De Ette, born July 7, 1839, was educated in a normal school and became a noted teacher of languages and music; she married Alphonse Charpiot, a master car builder for the Georgia Central railroad, and died in Macon, Georgia.

During his boyhood and youth Horatio N. Clarke attended the district schools of Prospect Mills, a preparatory school of New Haven, and the Naugatuck high school, where he acquired a good practical education. He grew to manhood on the homestead and early acquired an excellent knowledge of every department of farm work. At the age of eighteen years he took charge of his father's business and cared for his parents during their declining years.

On Dec. 24, 1864, in Bethany, Conn., Mr. Clarke was united in marriage with Miss Laura De Ette Perkins, who was born in the old hotel at that place, and is a representative of an old and highly respected family of this county, being a daughter of Guy and Laura (Doolittle) Perkins, and a granddaughter of Archibald and Sarah (French) Perkins. Her grandfather was a hotel keeper and farmer of Bethany, where he died March 4, 1842, his wife Sept. 27, 1846. His father was Azariah Perkins, a native of New Haven county, and the son of an Englishman. Mrs. Clarke's maternal grandparents were Jesse and Betsey (Wooding) Doolittle, the former a son of Caleb and Hannah (Merriman) Doolittle, and the latter a daughter of Edward and Ann (Peck) Wooding. To Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have been born five children, viz.: Maude Genevieve, born in Bethany, Oct. 8, 1868, is at home; Walton Perkins, born Dec. 26, 1870, was married July 12, 1898, to Nellie Maria Page, daughter of John M. Page, of Naugatuck, and is employed in a rubber shop in Naugatuck; Rollin Perkins, born June 14, 1880, is a graduate of the high school of Naugatuck; Laura Eloise, born Dec. 19, 1881, is possessed of some musical and artistic ability, and is at home; and Edith May, born April 12, 1883, died May 9, 1887. All have attended the Naugatuck high school and are well educated.

After his marriage Mr. Clarke located on what was known as the Hotchkiss farm, and upon that place he still resides, having made extensive im-

provements thereon which add greatly to its value and attractive appearance. After the death of his parents he bought the old homestead and other lands owned by his father, and to-day he is one of the largest landowners in Prospect, his possessions aggregating 600 hundred acres in that town. In connection with general farming, he is extensively engaged in stock dealing and the dairy business, and has upon his place some fine Jersey stock. He also does a large business as a dealer in wood, for which he finds a ready market in Waterbury.

Politically Mr. Clarke has been a life-long Democrat, but at local elections votes for the men whom he considers best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines. He is public-spirited and progressive, and gives his support to every enterprise which he believes calculated to prove of public benefit. He has taken quite an active and prominent part in town politics, and has served as assessor five years; tax collector nine years; justice of the peace; grand juror; member of the board of relief; and member of the board of selectmen several terms, being still connected with the last. He has been instrumental in securing the rural free delivery soon to be established in the town. Fraternally, he is a member of Beacon Valley Grange, and his wife and children are members of the Episcopal Church. The record of Mr. Clarke is that of a man who by his own well-directed efforts has worked his way upward. His life has been one of industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable business methods he has followed have won him the respect and confidence of all.

ALFRED CARLSON. As an example of what may be accomplished by honesty, energy and perseverance, under most discouraging circumstances, the life of Alfred Carlson, the subject of this sketch, offers a very interesting and instructive narrative.

Mr. Carlson was born at Holmboe, Smoland, Sweden, Sept. 5, 1842, a son of Carl and Katherina (Scott) Carlson, the former of whom was a farmer, and lived and died in the little village of his birth, near the city of Guttenberg. The children born to these worthy people were: Charlotte, widow of Edwin Anderson, lives in Naugatuck, Conn.; Caroline, widow of Andrew Monson, who was killed by an accident in Canada; Alfred; and Gustavus, who lives in Middletown, Connecticut.

Alfred Carlson received but a limited education, as his father died when he was quite young, and, being the oldest son, he naturally assumed the responsibility of his own support. Facing the situation bravely, he left school and engaged as a helper in a tannery, where he worked for a year and one-half, but as this brought him only his board and clothes, he tried to find something else. For a short time he worked with a carpenter, and by the time he was eighteen years old was working as a farm hand, receiving board, clothes and \$30

per year. For some time prior to 1871 he found employment as a coachman for a wealthy man in Sweden, but America was the goal of his ambition, many of his friends and relatives having become prosperous in this country.

When Mr. Carlson landed in New York his capital consisted of \$20 in money and an unbounded ambition, both of which he found very necessary adjuncts for success in the situation which he faced. Saybrook, Conn., was his first location, as there was plenty of work there on the Connecticut Valley R. R., then in the course of construction, and for about eighteen months he worked on that road between Saybrook and Hartford, later finding employment of the same kind at Tariffville, Conn., on the New England R. R. At a still later date he went to Portland, where many of his countrymen were working in the brown stone quarries, and while there formed the acquaintance of Erastus Brainerd, and was engaged by him as coachman, remaining one of his trusted employes for nine years. A part of his earnings were regularly sent to his aged mother in Sweden, but by economy he accumulated enough in these nine years to buy his present farm in North Haven, it then being known as the Harvey Sacket place, and consisted of twenty-five acres. Hard work was required to clear this land of stone and brush, but Mr. Carlson had the energy and perseverance to accomplish much, and bravely set to work, transforming in a short time this wilderness into a profitable farm. Adding more land as his means permitted, he has now an estate of fifty-five acres, upon which he carries on market gardening and general farming in a very satisfactory way.

In 1874, in Portland, Mr. Carlson was married to Georgia Marie Olson, who was born March 10, 1857, in Sefle, Sweden, daughter of Peter and Eliza (Portstrom) Olson. The children born of this union were: William, residing in New Haven, a graduate of Upsaller College, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Franz Oscar, deceased; Alfred Herbert; Axel Harold; Hannah Amelia; Hilma Marie; Carl Henry; and Helen Josephine. Mr. Carlson has made every endeavor to give his children good educational advantages, and, in his upright life, he has set them a good example. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Lutheran (Swedish) Church, in New Haven. In politics Mr. Carlson is a Republican, and is socially connected with the Grange of North Haven. A generous and progressive citizen, and a kind and hospitable neighbor, Mr. Carlson has the esteem of the whole community.

D. WILLIAM FOWLER, a farmer and citizen of East Haven, Conn., was born in Flemington, N. J., Nov. 25, 1841, but is a representative of one of the old and honored families of this State.

David Sullivan Fowler, his father, was born in North Guilford, Conn., March 5, 1807, a son of Samuel Fowler, and was there reared upon a farm.

When a young man he began teaching school, and in that capacity came to East Haven. While thus employed he boarded with Philemon Holt, and fell in love with that gentleman's daughter, Miss Charlotte E. Holt, to whom he was married Jan. 20, 1832. She was born March 6, 1809, on the farm where our subject now resides, and her father was born just across the road. Shortly after his marriage David S. Fowler removed to Flemington, N. J., where he carried on a general country store for a time, and then purchased a farm, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his attention until 1846, when he returned to East Haven, Conn., and located on the old Holt homestead, and continued to make his home there until his death, in his fifty-eighth year. He was one of the most prominent and influential men of East Haven in his day, and in 1857 was elected high sheriff of New Haven county for a term of three years, and he had also served in the State Senate. So efficiently and satisfactorily did he fill that office that he was re-elected for another term, serving, in all, six years. Politically he was identified with the Democratic party, and fraternally affiliated with the Masonic order. He was an active and prominent member of St. James' Episcopal Church of Fair Haven, to which his wife also belonged. To this worthy couple were born nine children, namely: Charles H., born March 17, 1833, is an attorney at law of New Haven; Cornelia, born July 9, 1835, died Jan. 10, 1885; Annie J., born Aug. 6, 1837, married Joel A. Sperry, of New Haven, and died July 20, 1895; Harriet, born Dec. 6, 1839, died Feb. 5, 1889; D. William, born Nov. 25, 1841; Sarah A., born July 21, 1844, is the wife of James R. Scott, of New York; George S., born Feb. 24, 1847, is engaged in the gents' furnishing business in New York City; John H., born Dec. 9, 1849, is in the wholesale lumber business at No. 87 Church street, New Haven; and James B., born Nov. 17, 1850, is a salesman for Sperry & Barnes, of New Haven.

D. William Fowler was educated in the public schools of his native town, and grew to manhood upon the home farm, of which he had complete charge after his father's election to the office of sheriff. On the latter's death, he purchased the interest of the other heirs, and now has about 200 acres of land in East Haven, with good and substantial buildings, and has met with fair success in his undertakings. He is a supporter of the Democratic party, and in his religious faith is a member of St. James' Episcopal Church, Fair Haven.

E. ROWLAND DAVIS is an old and esteemed citizen of Waterbury, and as the proprietor of the Waterbury Steam Laundry, at No. 17 Canal street, has made his name familiar to the people of a wide section of country. He has at this point a fine plant fully equipped with modern and up-to-date appliances, and does not only the regular work

of a laundry, but carpet cleaning and steam dyeing as well. His trade extends throughout the city, and agencies are maintained in many of the adjoining towns and villages. Mr. Davis also owns an equally extensive establishment at Naugatuck. His business in Waterbury gives steady employment to about thirty people. Mr. Davis was born in Middletown, Conn., Feb. 14, 1847, a son of Evan Davis, a native of Wales, who emigrated to this country when about eight years of age.

David Davis, the father of Evan, came to New York City, and owned a farm where the old reservoir now stands on Forty-second street. To-day that property is the most valuable in the city. Mr. Davis sold out, and bought a farm, which has since become equally as valuable, located at the intersection of Fulton and Classin avenues. Mr. Davis married a Miss Newand and reared a family of five children: Evan, the father of E. Rowland; John; Mary; Kate; and Hannah. John wore the Union blue in the Civil war, and is now a resident of New York City, where his sister Mary also lives. The other members of the family are dead, and the father died in Brooklyn years ago.

Evan Davis grew up in New York, and married Miss Rachel Brooks, a daughter of Stephen Brooks, of Steuben, N. Y., a man of more than ordinary ability. After their marriage the young couple went to Middletown, where Mr. Davis operated the first ferry between that city and Portland. This was his business for many years, but he finally sold it because his religious convictions interfered with a Sunday traffic. Mr. Davis was a deacon of the Congregational Church at the time of his death, in 1870, a man of strong convictions and high moral worth. Mrs. Davis is still living. They were the parents of six children: Stephen B., D. Newand, Sarah, E. Rowland, Carroll and Catherine E. Stephen served in the Civil war, and is Judge of Probate in Middletown; D. Newand also served in the Civil war, and he has been deputy sheriff in Middletown; Sarah married D. A. Brooks, and has her home in Brooklyn; Carroll died in infancy; and Catherine is the wife of William Murken, of Brooklyn.

E. Rowland Davis grew to manhood under the parental roof in Middletown, and had his education in the local schools. As a young man he secured a good position in the First National Bank, which he held for three years. He then went to Florida, where he was in business three years, when he returned to Connecticut and secured a position as a clerk in a book store, remaining seven years. At the expiration of that period he opened up in his present business, to which reference has already been made, and in 1884 he came to Waterbury, and engaged in a steam laundry. Success has crowned his efforts from the beginning, and he is now the proprietor of a laundry plant that is as complete and perfect in all its appointments as may be found in the State.

On Feb. 4, 1875, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Maney, of Portland, a daughter of Morris Maney, who was of Irish extraction. No children have come to this union. Mr. Davis is a Republican, and is recognized as a man of solid worth and genuine character by all who know him. He is a charter member of the I. O. R. M., and is a colonel of the Uniformed Rank of the Knights of Pythias. He is also a charter member of the A. O. U. W., and of the Independent Order of the Heptasophs. Mr. Davis is a loyal member of the Congregational Church.

WILLIAM E. DAVIS is a leading representative of the business interests of Hamden, where he is extensively engaged in the manufacture of brick. A man of excellent business ability and broad resources, he has attained a prominent place among the substantial citizens of this part of the county, and has won success by his well-directed, energetic efforts, the prosperity that has come to him being well deserved.

A native of Hamden, Mr. Davis was born Jan. 30, 1848, a son of Edward and Betsey M. (Augur) Davis, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. He was reared upon the home farm, and was educated in the common schools of Hamden and the private schools of New Haven. He remained under the parental roof until eighteen years of age, when, in company with his brother, James A., he began business as a contractor in New Haven, grading streets, laying sewers, etc., for five years. Subsequently he was engaged in putting down concrete sidewalks and roads for six years, and then purchased land and established a brick yard. In the spring of 1883 he opened another yard, and still continues to operate both plants, giving employment to between eighty and ninety men. In 1896 over 10,000,000 brick were here manufactured, and the product turned out being of a superior quality, finds a ready sale in the market.

On Dec. 21, 1874, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Sophia M. Tamblinson, a native of England, who came to the United States when in her teens to her older sister, Mrs. Howard Sherman, and made her home at Whitneyville until her marriage. The parents of Mrs. Davis died in England previous to her coming to the United States. To this union four children have been born, namely: William E., Jr., is a member of the class of 1902 at Yale; Jessie has been educated at the Orton and Nichols private school of New Haven, and is now at home; Harold M. is at home; and Howard S. died in infancy. The family occupy one of the most beautiful homes in Hamden, where Mr. Davis owns ten acres of land which he has improved in a most artistic manner. He and his wife are active and prominent members of the Congregational Church, and they hold a high position in the best social circles of the community. In political sentiment our subject is a Republican, but has

been distinctively a business man, his interest in party matters practically ending with the regular casting of his vote. In town affairs he invariably selects the best men, regardless of political affiliation. In State and national matters he is staunch in the support of Republican principles. He is plain and courteous, unassuming in manner, neither displaying his virtues nor attempting to hide his faults. His sympathy and kindness of heart have frequently been shown always in a substantial manner. Mr. Davis is progressive, and a warm friend and patron of higher education. He is domestic in his tastes, taking a keen interest in his home and family. His career has been such as to commend him to the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact, and he has become one of the most prominent business men of Hamden, perpetuating an honored name in that town.

LEANDER F. RICHMOND, a progressive and enterprising citizen of East Haven, New Haven county, who is now successfully engaged in dairy farming, was born in 1825, in Madison, this State. He is a son of Dwight F. Richmond; grandson of Vial Richmond, who was a soldier in the war of 1812; and a great-grandson of Thomas Richmond, a Revolutionary soldier.

Dwight F. Richmond was a shoemaker and farmer by occupation. He married Lucy A. Field, daughter of Harry and Polly (Leach) Field, and they had four children: Leander F., whose name opens this sketch; Frances A., widow of Martin Chalker, of Durham, Conn., who now lives in Boston; Celestia M., who is unmarried and lives with our subject; and Anstress E., who married Monroe Burr, of Killingworth, Conn. Mrs. Richmond was related to Cyrus Field and Rev David Dudley Field. Her mother's brother, Leverett Leach, was a merchant; his two sons, Marsden and Oscar, both now deceased, were residents of Durham, Connecticut.

Leander F. Richmond was reared upon a farm in his native town, and there remained until eighteen years of age, when he commenced work at the butcher's trade in Middletown. From there he went to Meriden, and four years later removed to Guilford, where he conducted a meat market for three years. At the end of that time he sold out his business and went to Essex, Conn., where he followed the same business one year. Coming to East Haven, he was engaged in the wholesale butcher business here until 1862. The following two years he spent at Plainville, Conn., but at the end of that time he returned to East Haven, where he had purchased a farm before his removal to Plainville, and he made his home there until 1892, when he removed to his present place, in the same town. He has been quite successful in his undertakings, and is today one of the well-to-do and substantial citizens of his community. He is also a man of considerable prominence in town affairs.



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but has never cared for political honors. He affiliates with the Republican party, and gives his support to those measures which he believes calculated to prove of public benefit. In 1861 he joined the Governor's Horse Guards, in which he served until 1875.

On Dec. 5, 1854, Mr. Richmond was united in marriage with Miss Delia A. Grannis, and to them have been born three children, namely: Alice E., who died in infancy; Bertha B., wife of Leroy Kirkham (no children); and Clifford Sherwood, who died in 1871, at the age of two years and seven months.

Thomas Grannis, the father of Mrs. Richmond, was born Aug. 22, 1802, a son of Samuel Grannis, and grandson of Joseph Grannis. Samuel Grannis married a lady named Childsey, and Thomas was the youngest in a family of six children, the others being: Joseph; Nancy, who married Hezekiah Sheppard, and, for her second husband, Thomas Landcraft; Betsey, wife of Stephen Smith; Olive, wife of Justin Ludington; and Harriet, second wife of Justin Ludington. Thomas Grannis and his brothers were among the first in this locality to engage in the oyster business, and in the interest of that trade used to make regular trips to Albany, N. Y., by team. He also carried on farming with marked success, and was one of the highly respected citizens of East Haven. He married Miss Almira Andrews, who was born Dec. 3, 1805, a daughter of Nathan and Mahitable (Pardee) Andrews, the former a soldier in the Revolution. Mrs. Grannis died Oct. 11, 1866, and Mr. Grannis' death occurred July 4, 1860. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children, as follows: Thomas, now a resident of Fair Haven; Edwin, who was born March 6, 1828, and died April 2, 1889; Miles, who died in infancy; William Miles, a prominent farmer of East Haven, who died Oct. 18, 1898; Delia A., wife of our subject; Sarah, wife of S. D. Bradley, of Fair Haven; and Mary A., wife of Charles Packard.

JOHN AVINGTON PHELPS, a noted citizen of Guilford, was born March 21, 1842, in Hadlyme, this State. He was one of the prime movers in the establishment of a national bank in Guilford, of which he is vice-president and a director.

Niles Phelps, his grandfather, was a native of Connecticut, and a farmer and extensive land owner in Hadlyme, where he spent his life, and died at the age of seventy-six years. Mrs. Esther Phelps, his wife, died in March, 1825, at the age of fifty-five years.

Alvan P. Phelps, the father of John A., was born in Hadlyme, July 30, 1798, and learned the trade of a clothier, at which he worked for a number of years. After a somewhat varied experience, in which he was employed in Hadlyme, River Head, Long Island and Killingworth, he spent the balance of his life in the last named town, where he became

engaged in farming and stockraising. He died in Killingworth July 31, 1875, and was buried in the local cemetery in the Southwest district. He belonged to the Congregational Church. In his political relations he was originally a Whig, on the dissolution of that party becoming a Republican. He filled several local offices, was frequently before the public in a business capacity, and became widely known as an upright and able business man, as well as a good citizen. On May 21, 1823, Mr. Phelps was married, in Hadlyme, Conn., to Azubah Hungerford, who was born in Hadlyme April 7, 1797, a daughter of Elijah and Rhoda Hungerford, and died in Killingworth Oct. 14, 1879; she was buried in the local cemetery. She was the mother of nine children: (1) Azubah J., born June 21, 1824, married, Dec. 20, 1844, Philander Harrison, of Hadlyme. (2) Alvan C., born Feb. 15, 1826, was a traveling tobacco salesman; he was married May 5, 1850, in Wethersfield, to Louisa L. Woodhouse. (3) Sylvester P., born Jan. 6, 1828, died May 5, 1843. (4) Orris C., born Jan. 24, 1830, married, Oct. 17, 1849, Stephen E. Wilcox, of Killingworth, and died Oct. 17, 1899. (5) Frederick O., born March 17, 1832, married Eudora Eldridge, and died July 6, 1875, in Sag Harbor, L. I. (6) Charlotte M., born Aug. 7, 1834, married G. C. Phelps. (7) Ulysses C., born July 10, 1837, married Isabella H. Tiffany March 10, 1863. (8) Elijah Hungerford, born Jan. 4, 1840, became a teacher and was professor and principal of an engineering college in Peoria, Ill. He married Mary A. Reed April 24, 1862. (9) John A. was born March 21, 1842.

John A. Phelps was educated in the Killingworth district and select schools. Until the breaking out of the Civil war he lived at home. On Sept. 7, 1861, at the age of nineteen, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, as a member of Company K, 8th Conn. Volunteers, Col. Edward Harland commanding the regiment, and Capt. Charles L. Upham the company. Mr. Phelps re-enlisted Jan. 4, 1864, in Company H, 2d Connecticut Heavy Artillery (Col. Elisha Kellogg being in command of the regiment, and Capt. James M. Coe in command of the company), and served through the war. He was promoted to corporal, and proved himself a brave and capable soldier, participating in the various battles in which his regiment was engaged, in the Army of the Potomac. He was in the Grand Review at Washington. Returning home, he resumed farming, at which he continued until 1873, in which year he was made foreman for Townsend Brothers, at East Haven, remaining with them one year. Coming back to Guilford, he bought a farm of sixty acres from Samuel D. Crittenden, on which he made many improvements. He was one of the pioneer peach and berry growers in his town. Mr. Phelps was a general farmer until 1881, when he became connected with the Phelps Publishing Co., of Springfield, Mass. By

the purchase of the Orange Judd Co., of New York, he became a stockholder, and these two companies are now doing business with a capital stock of \$700,000, publishing the leading agricultural papers in the country. In this work Mr. Phelps has been very successful, during the twenty-one years he has followed it, and during which time he has covered New England, New York and Long Island in his canvass for subscriptions to the *New England Homestead*, *The Farm and Home* and the *American Agriculturist*.

Mr. Phelps was married, March 23, 1865, in Clinton, to Ellen Griswold Wright, a daughter of Capt. Jeremiah and Laura Ann (Hurd) Wright. Her father, who was a sea captain, was a son of William Wright, of Westbrook. To this union have come four children: (1) Albert H., born Nov. 7, 1866, is engaged with his father in the paper business, and has his home in Clinton. He married Edith I. Griswold, of Killingworth, a daughter of Washington E. Griswold, of Guilford, and they had one child, Edith Griswold Phelps. This wife died Dec. 1, 1894, and Mr. Phelps married Frances Burnham. (2) Oscar A., born Jan. 18, 1869, is a resident of Hartford, and is superintendent of the Waberton Chapel. He married Edith C. Foster, a daughter of Ralph Foster, and they have two children, Dorothy Foster and Alice Buckland. (3) Emma L., born Aug. 29, 1874, married George Walters, of Guilford, Oct. 11, 1899, and died Feb. 1, 1901. She was a teacher in the public schools before her marriage. (4) Mary E., born April 14, 1878, is a graduate of the Guilford high school and is living at home.

Mr. Phelps is a staunch Republican, and is active in public life, served as burgess of the borough of Guilford, and also as tax collector, and justice of the peace. He strongly opposes any form of machine politics. He is well posted on the events of the day, and is acquainted throughout the Eastern States. He and his wife belong to the First Congregational Church, and he belongs to Parmelee Post, No. 2, G. A. R., at Guilford; St. Albans Lodge, No. 38, F. & A. M.; and is a prominent member of the Veteran Mason Association of Connecticut. He was raised to the third degree of Masonry, Nov. 23, 1868, at Jephtha Lodge, No. 95, Clinton, Conn., joining St. Albans Lodge by demit. Mrs. Phelps and daughter are charming and cultured ladies. Since 1889 the family have lived in Guilford, where they occupy a pleasant and attractive home.

CAPT. JOHN B. ZIMMER, a retired sea captain and farmer in the town of Wallingford, was born at Wallersangen, near Saaluis, in the Rhine Province, Germany, April 25, 1843.

Jacob Zimmer, the father of Capt. John B., was born in the same place, and was a sailor, rising to the command of several important vessels on successive voyages. He died in his native village, pass-

ing away in the communion of the Catholic Church. Mary Ann Kambot, his wife, was the mother of the following children: John B., whose name appears above; Jacob, who is a farmer, as well as a contractor and builder; Nicholas, an engineer in the Imperial service in Germany; Anthonie, a commission merchant in Chicago; John, deceased; Constantine; William, a godson of Wilhelm IV, King of Germany; Frederick and Adolph, both deceased.

Captain Zimmer had a good education in Germany, and also worked out for himself a mastery of mathematics, so that when he went to sea with his father, as he did at a very early age, he was prepared to study the science of navigation with an understanding mind. He remained with his father until he reached the age of twenty years, and had become second mate. During these years he had learned the art of navigation in the Holland language. Leaving his father, he secured a position on the packet "Dunsburg," plying between Rotterdam and New York, where he was rated as an able seaman and second mate. For a year and a half he was first mate on board the American vessel "Waverly." In 1870 he entered the United States Navy as quartermaster on the U. S. Frigate "Colorado," under command of Admiral John Rodgers, with Capt. George H. Cooper as executive officer. He took part in the expedition to Corea, and was also engaged in that which went to Japan. The "Colorado," with other United States vessels, was sent to Manila to obtain the freedom of certain Americans who had been unjustly incarcerated by the Spanish Government. Needless to say, their freedom was promptly conceded. After three years in the United States service Quarter Master Zimmer was honorably discharged at New York, and at once resumed his work in the mercantile marine. He became sailing master of the three-master "A. B. Perry," was also master of the three-master "Vinyard" two years and then mate on board the "Ruby," under command of Capt. Rice, and retained this position for five years, and he then commanded the "Ruby" for two voyages. Mr. Zimmer was captain on board the brig "Pearl" for two years in foreign voyages, and was in command of the brigantine "Constance" for a year and a half, engaging in the West Indies trade. In 1889 he became half owner of the "William Graham," and in this venture he met with disaster. The vessel was overtaken by a severe storm, and though Capt. Zimmer saved the ship, he lost all he had. The ship, itself, was so greatly damaged, that he gave it up, more especially as the failure of the Baring Brothers had so greatly crippled the mercantile service. The command of the brig "Cuba" was given him, and after some time the bark "Teilsman." This last vessel was owned by W. P. Armstrong, of New Haven, and after fifteen months' service at sea with her, Capt. Zimmer gave up a sailor's life, and settled down on shore. He had been on sea thirty-nine years after attaining his

majority, and was mate of seven vessels, and captain of eight. Owning a good farm in Wallingford, he came to the town to make it his home. This land came into his possession in 1885, when he bought it from Dr. Harrison. In 1894 he added to his original purchase, and now has one of the most attractive country homes in Wallingford. The Captain gives special attention to the manufacture of cider. Captain Zimmer is of a genial disposition, and a friendly spirit. For many years on the ocean, he has visited nearly all the large seaport towns and cities the world over, and possesses a fund of valuable information. A well-read man, and a thorough mathematician, he is a man of marked individuality, and would attract attention as a capable and efficient character anywhere.

Capt. Zimmer was married in 1877 to Miss Catherine Donahough, in Brooklyn. Mrs. Zimmer was a woman of cheerful disposition, and was known as a good and faithful wife and mother. She died June 7, 1889, and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Wallingford. To this union were born three children: Mary, who resides in New York. Elizabeth, at home; and John B., also at home. Capt. Zimmer was married to Miss Ellen Connor in 1895. This lady was born in Kerry, Ireland, and is a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Cortney) Connor. Capt. Zimmer and all his family are members of the Catholic church. In politics he is independent; whenever he comes to cast his vote, he asks for the character and fitness of the candidates for the positions to which they aspire.

J. FREDERICK PAYNE, for a number of years foreman in the shoe department in the factory of the Goodyear India Rubber Shoe Co., at Naugatuck, was a native of this county, born in Prospect Nov. 9, 1858, and was of English descent. The family to which he belonged was founded in this country during Colonial days, and his grandfather, Silas Payne, also a native of Prospect, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was a farmer by occupation, and spent his entire life in his native town. He married Lois Farrell, who was born in the town of Wolcott, this county, and they became the parents of four children: J. F., a wheelwright, who lived in Prospect, and died in Waterbury, Conn.; Esther, widow of Alonzo Gramis, superintendent of a rolling mill; Jane, who married William Woods, a painter, both now deceased; and Edward, father of our subject.

Edward Payne was born and reared on a farm in Prospect. In early life he was a carriage-spring maker, but later was a rubber worker in Naugatuck, where he died Feb. 10, 1889. He was a Democrat in politics. He married Mary Mahoney, a native of New York, who survives him, residing in Aetna street, in the borough of Naugatuck. She is a daughter of Jeremiah and Johanna (Murphy) Mahoney, who were born in Ireland, and were farming people.

Our subject, who was an only child, passed his boyhood and youth in Naugatuck, and was indebted to its public schools for his educational privileges. After leaving school he worked for the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co. for six years, and on Sept. 9, 1881, entered the employ of the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Co. He was placed in charge of the boot room Aug. 4, 1882, and on May 4, 1883, was made foreman of the shoe department, which important position he held until his death, on Dec. 31, 1899.

Mr. Payne was married, June 4, 1890, to Miss Grace Langdon, who was born in Canaan, Litchfield Co., Conn., and he left one child, Hazel Genevieve. The Democratic party found in our subject a staunch supporter of its principles, and he was an honored member of Shepherd Lodge, No. 78, F. & A. M.; and Allerton Chapter No. 39, R. A. M. He attended the Congregational Church and Sabbath-school.

MATTHIAS NEIDHARDT, general mechanic of the M. I. F. Co., of Branford, is one of the leading German citizens of that community. He was born in Flieden, Hessen-Cassel, Germany, Jan. 24, 1842, son of Joseph and Katrina (Ruppel) Neidhardt. The father was a miller and farmer, owning a gristmill and farm in Flieden, where he lived and died. He was a son of Nicholas Neidhardt, who was engaged in the same business. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Neidhardt was a farmer and innkeeper in Flieden.

Matthias Neidhardt was reared and educated in his native country, and at the age of fifteen was apprenticed to the roofer's trade in Frankfurt, Germany, where he served three years. He then became a journeyman roofer, and followed that trade until 1866, when he came to the United States, locating in Branford. In Branford, with the exception of two years in which he worked on a farm, he has been in the employ of the M. I. F. Co. up to the present time.

In November, 1872, Mr. Neidhardt was married to Margaret, daughter of Jeremiah and Joanna (Monaghan) Sullivan, of Branford, natives of Ireland. To this union have been born six children, four of whom are now living: Anna K., Joseph, Julia and Frances. Mr. Neidhardt and his family are members of the Catholic Church, and he belongs to the Woodland Lodge, No. 39, K. P., and to the Harugari, Lodge No. 600. In politics he is a Republican. He is a man of honor and reliability, much respected by all who know him.

WILLIAM H. CONKLIN, M. D., whose reputation as a physician and surgeon of skill and experience is known far beyond the limits of Ansonia, was born in Fairfield, Conn., a son of John Conklin, whose earlier years were spent in Ireland.

Dr. Conklin spent his early life in Fairfield, where his general literary education was received

in the public schools. He was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of New York in 1882, and spent the following year in study in Dublin and London. In 1883 he opened his office for the practice of his profession in Ansonia, and has remained here continuously since that date, so that with one exception he has been longer in practice here than any other member of his calling. His genial manners and courteous ways with his thorough knowledge of medicine have won him many friends, and he is regarded as one of the most successful physicians in this part of the state.

In 1888 Dr. Conklin was married to Mary A. J. Walsh, a native of Ansonia, and a daughter of the late Matthew Walsh, a business man of this city. To this union were born seven children: Cornelius, Judith, Henry, John, Paul, Mary, and Genevieve. Dr. Conklin is a Democrat, and holds to the gold-minority ideas of that party. Since 1880 he has been coroner's medical examiner for the city. He is a member of the Library Board, and a director of the Board of Trade. Dr. Conklin belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and is Past President of the State Council, C. B. C. Professionally he is a member of the Medical Association of New Haven County. The Doctor and his family all belong to the Catholic Church.

CHARLES JOHNSON MINOR, a successful farmer and popular citizen of Wolcott, was born in that town Aug. 29, 1855, and is a representative of one of its old and highly respected families.

Marvin Minor, his grandfather, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Marvin) Minor, was born on the old Minor homestead in Wolcott, in August, 1792, and throughout life engaged in farming in that town, his death occurring there Nov. 7, 1864. He was unwavering in his support of the Democratic party, and was a member of the State Legislature several terms. He was an earnest member of the Congregational Church. He married Amanda Johnson, of Bristol, Conn., who died June 22, 1851, and the remains of both are interred in Wolcott. They had six children, as follows: Caroline, born April 20, 1819; Augustus, March 11, 1821; James W., Feb. 11, 1828; Elvira, July 28, 1831; Emogene; and Emerett.

Augustus Minor, father of our subject, received a district-school education in Wolcott, and in early life learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he followed for a number of years. As a contractor he erected many residences and other buildings in Wolcott but later in life he settled down to farming on a tract of 150 acres, upon which he built a fine house, barn and other outbuildings. He also dealt in wood. He was a man of temperate habits, domestic in his tastes, and was highly respected by all who knew him. Politically he was an ardent Democrat, and most efficiently served his fellow citizens as a member of the State Legislature, assessor and tax collector of his town,

and in other local offices. He married Emogene Frisbie, who was born Jan. 21, 1832, in Wolcott, on the Waterbury line, a daughter of Ira Frisbie. She died Oct. 7, 1892, an earnest and consistent member of the Congregational Church, and a loving wife and mother. The father died Oct. 6, 1896, and both were laid to rest in Wolcott Center cemetery.

Charles J. Minor, the only child of this worthy couple, was educated in the district schools of Wolcott. He began business life at an early age, devoting about twenty-five years to teaming, hauling wood to Waterbury. He then took charge of the home farm, to which he has since added eighty acres, and now has a well-improved and highly cultivated farm of 230 acres. He is principally engaged in general farming and dairying and stock raising, and in his labors is meeting with well-deserved success.

In 1877 Mr. Minor was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Palmer, of Wolcott, by whom he had one child, Ina May, who was born May 8, 1879, and is at home. On Oct. 27, 1897, Mr. Minor married Miss Elisa Minerva Clark, who was born June 11, 1862, in Strongsville, Ohio. Her parents, Elias N. and Minerva (Marks) Clark, were both natives of Waterbury, Conn., the former a son of Elias Clark.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Minor has affiliated with the Democratic party, and in 1897 he was elected first selectman, in which office he is now serving his fourth term. He was steward of Mad River Grange. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and he has a large circle of friends and acquaintances in the community where he has always made his home.

GOODELL LINES. When, after years of long and earnest labor in some honorable field of business, a man is able to put aside all cares to spend his remaining years in the enjoyment of the fruits of former toil, he has certainly a well-deserved reward for his industry.

How blessed is he who crowns in
shades like these,

A youth of labor with an age of ease,

wrote the poet, and the world everywhere recognizes the justice of a season of rest following an active business life. Mr. Lines is now living retired at his pleasant home in Naugatuck, and his history shows the accomplishment of well-directed labor.

A native of this county, he was born in Bethany Aug. 21, 1827. His grandfather, Eber Lines, was born probably in the same town, for there he followed farming during the greater part of his life, and there he died in 1844. He married Hannah French, and they had two children: Eber, Jr., father of our subject; and Hannah, who married a Mr. Terrell, a mason of Bethany, Connecticut.



Goodell Lines

Eber Lines, Jr., was born, reared and educated in Bethany, where in later years he followed farming and the butcher business. He married Miss Mary Farrell, a native of Westville, New Haven county, whose father was a merchant of that place and a combmaker by trade; his death occurred in Newtown, Conn. The father of our subject died in Bethany Oct. 2, 1836, and the mother departed this life May 2, 1886, aged eighty-nine years. Both were members of the Episcopal Church, and he was a Democrat in politics. In the family of this worthy couple were ten children, namely: Calvin died in infancy; Minerva married Henry Bassett, of New Haven, and died in Minnesota May 30, 1901, aged eighty-four years; Rebecca married H. S. Stevens, of Naugatuck, now deceased, and she died Dec. 1, 1874; Hannah married Edwin Scott, of Naugatuck, and died April 18, 1880; Eliza married Samuel Smith, of South Britain, and, for her second husband, Charles Beardsley, and now lives in Roxbury, Conn.; Goodell is our subject; Cordelia became the wife of S. C. Shumway, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Calvin was formerly a merchant of Bridgeport, and is now engaged in farming in Woodbury; Eber is a rubber worker of Middletown, Conn.; Andrew is a resident of Bridgeport, and is engaged in the livery business.

The subject of this sketch was seven years old when he accompanied the family on their removal from Bethany to Woodbridge, and in the schools of the latter place he acquired the greater part of his education. He has since lived in various places. In 1838 he spent a short time in Naugatuck, but did not locate here permanently until 1843. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, and for many years was successfully engaged in contracting and building, erecting more houses than any other man in this locality, but he is now living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest. At one time he also dealt quite extensively in real estate.

In 1855 Mr. Lines was united in marriage with Miss Laura M. Whitney, a native of Washington, Conn., and a daughter of Marshall Whitney, who was a hatter by trade. To this union were born three children: Charles F., a carpenter, married Alice B. Crick, and they have had three children, May, Carl and Alice; Carrie E. married James P. Manaton, M. D., of Hoboken, N. J., and, for her second husband, wedded Archibald Egan; Frank Goodell died in infancy.

Mr. Lines cast his first Presidential vote for Zachary Taylor, and continued to support the Whig party until its dissolution, since which time he has been a staunch Republican. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with the exception of Charles' family, who attend the Episcopal Church. They are highly respected and esteemed in the community where they make their home.

JAMES CARLISLE ROACH was born in Wallingford, Aug. 19, 1853, a son of Patrick Roach, a native of Ireland, who died June 17, 1874.

Patrick Roach was born March 17, 1827, in the town of Fermoy, County Cork, Ireland. A spoon maker by trade, he came to America in 1848, and was employed by Hall, Elton & Co. the greater part of his life. In 1861 he enlisted in Company G, 15th Conn. V. I., and was discharged for disability at Philadelphia, where he had been long treated in the hospital. From the effects of these troubles he eventually came to his death. He was a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party, but was never an officeseeker; and he was an honest and reliable, hard working business man. In 1851 Mr. Roach married Miss Ellen Callahan, who died May 10, 1887. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Nellie R., wife of John Downs, of Waterbury; (2) James C.; (3) John P., who is living in Wallingford, where he holds the position of foreman in the assembly department in the factory of the H. L. Judd Company; (4) William F., an iron worker in the factory of the same company; (5) Edward M., in business in Wallingford; (6) Timothy, in business with his brother, Edward M.; (7) David, who is in the employ of the Simpson Nickle-Silver Co., of Wallingford; and (8) Katie V., at home.

James Roach, the father of Patrick Roach, was born in Ireland, and when quite advanced in years, came to Wallingford, to lead a retired life. By occupation he was a farmer. He married Margaret Callahan, and both died in Wallingford. Mrs. Roach became an extensive property owner, and long survived her husband, reaching the age of eighty years. Their children were: (1) John, a farmer and merchant and quite prominent in local matters, representing his town in the General Assembly of 1865, or 1866, and was also constable, grand juror, member of the school board, etc. He died in 1898, and his widow, Julia (Milen) Roach, is now living in Derby; they were the parents of twenty-one children. (2) James is now living in Meriden; for over thirty years he was connected with the Lyon & Billard Lumber Co. (3) Edward died when a young man in Wallingford. (4) Michael died in Wallingford. (5) Kate married John Kinney, and died in New Haven when over eighty years old. (6) Mary married William Quirk, and is now living in Meriden. (7) Patrick.

James C. Roach was born in Wallingford, and received his education there in the public schools, and private evening schools. At the age of eleven years he entered the factory of Hall, Elton & Co., where he later took his father's place as a spoon maker, and had charge of the annealing department for twenty-seven years. Here he had a long and honorable career, and it was terminated in 1893 by his resignation to take a position at Deputy State Factory Inspector. On July 15, 1895,

his position in connection with the State government having passed to the successor of Gov. Morris, he entered the postoffice under George T. Jones, as assistant postmaster, and was continued under his successor, C. Storrs Hall. He is still serving in the postoffice. Mr. Roach is a Democrat, and represented his town in the General Assembly of 1893. He was a member of the House Committee on labor, and of the New Haven County Legislative Committee. Since 1894 he has been justice of the peace and has served as grand juror. For five years he was a member of the Democratic town committee, serving as chairman, and was also chairman of the Second Congressional Democratic committee, where he has served since 1892. Mr. Roach is enrolled with the Foresters, the N. E. O. P., the Knights of Columbus, and Royal Arcanum. For three terms he was Grand Knight of Pinta Council, No. 5, Knights of Columbus, and for six years he was Deputy Supreme Knight of the Order; and he is Chief Ranger of Court Wallace, No. 123, A. O. F. He was one of the organizers and first president of the T. A. B. Society, and was on the building committee under whose supervision the T. A. B. hall was erected. During its existence he was president of the Young Men's Literary Society.

On Feb. 27, 1878, Mr. Roach was married to Miss Bridget Elizabeth Foley, of Middletown, a daughter of Morris Foley. The following children have brightened their home: (1) Gertrude E., who was graduated from the high school and Pequot Business College, is now a stenographer for the Housatonic Company. (2) Grace E., who was graduated from the State Normal School at New Haven, is now a teacher in the Wallingford public school. (3) Julia Josephine was graduated from the Wallingford high school and from the business college at Middletown. (4) Genevieve is now attending the local high school.

CHARLES AMMI HOADLEY, one of Branford's most prominent merchants and influential citizens, a member of the firm of Hoadley & Hutchinson, general merchants, is a native of that town, born Dec. 9, 1856. He is of the seventh generation in descent from William Hoadley, the first of the name in Connecticut, as follows:

(I) William Hoadley, born in England about the year 1630, was a resident of Saybrook, Conn., in 1663, and in 1666 he bought property in Branford, and engaged in merchandising. His name first appears on the new Plantation Covenant of Branford, Jan. 20, 1667-68. He was propounded as a freeman of the Colony at the May session of the General Assembly, May 13, 1669, and was admitted the following October; was one of the representatives or deputies for Branford at the nine sessions of the Assembly between 1678 and 1685, and one of the patentees of the town, Feb. 16, 1685-86. Between 1673 and 1690 he was a selectman, and at a town

meeting held June 26, 1683, was chosen and appointed to keep the ordinary in Branford. He was one of the grand jurors at a court of quarter sessions held in New Haven in June, 1688, and one of a committee, appointed Oct. 11, 1686, to make application to the General Court at Hartford for liberty for the town to embody into a church estate. A slave owner, he owned at his death a mulatto maid and an Indian boy, and left an estate of £1,116. William Hoadley died in 1709, aged seventy-nine years.

(II) Abraham Hoadley, son of the above, was sworn in as a freeman of Branford in 1702, died in Branford, July 14, 1748, at an advanced age. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife was Elizabeth Maltby, daughter of Capt. William Maltby.

(III) Abel Hoadley, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Maltby) Hoadley, was born in Branford Dec. 24, 1705, and died in August, 1734. He was a farmer in the Damascus District. His wife's name was Martha.

(IV) Isaac Hoadley, son of Abel and Martha Hoadley, was born in Branford, Dec. 31, 1728, and died Jan. 21, 1812. He married Elizabeth Blackstone, daughter of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Foote) Blackstone. He was a carpenter by trade, inherited his father's farm, and was a well-to-do farmer in the Damascus District. He was a prominent member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

(V) Abel Hoadley, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Blackstone) Hoadley, was born in Branford Oct. 1, 1764, and died March 29, 1845. His wife was Lucinda, daughter of Timothy and Sarah (Goodsell) Bradley, of Branford. He was a farmer in the Damascus District, and was selectman and constable for many years. His children were: Martha (Mrs. Deming Hoadley), Isaac, Samuel, Ralph, Sally S. (Mrs. James Harrison), Lucinda (Mrs. Wyllys Blackstone), Harvey, Harriet (Mrs. John Gordon) and Ammi.

(VI) Harvey Hoadley, son of Abel and Lucinda (Bradley) Hoadley, and father of our subject, was born in Branford June 10, 1804, and died Jan. 28, 1897, in New Haven. He was twice married, on Nov. 27, 1828, to Sally, daughter of Samuel and Esther (Ives) Hobart. She died March 17, 1836, leaving one child, Jane E. On May 2, 1844, he married Eliza A., daughter of Timothy and Betsey (Graves) Butler, of Branford, and she bore him three children: William H., Emma B. and Charles A. Mrs. Eliza A. Hoadley passed away May 5, 1898. Harvey Hoadley followed the sea for many years in the coasting trade. He was possessed of a kind and genial nature, and was full of wit and humor.

(VII) Charles Ammi Hoadley, whose name introduces this biography, received a liberal education in the public schools of Branford, and in 1879, at the age of twenty-three, commenced his business career as bookkeeper for John Hutchinson, a leading merchant of Branford. On Jan. 1, 1887, he

was received into partnership, the firm name becoming John Hutchinson & Co. Mr. Hutchinson died Oct. 17, 1898, and our subject carried on the business until Oct. 1, 1901, when he formed a partnership with H. K. Hutchinson, under the firm name of Hoadley & Hutchinson. They purchased the entire stock of merchandise of J. Hutchinson & Co., and continued to do business in the same line.

On June 21, 1882, Charles A. Hoadley was married to Lizzie Gertrude, daughter of William and Cornelia (Sherman) Crowe, of New Haven, and two children have blessed this union, Charles B. and Julia S. The family are all identified with the Congregational Church. In politics Mr. Hoadley is a Republican, and has served in various offices of honor and trust, such as auditor of town accounts; clerk of the probate court for Branford district; and member of the board of education (for three years). Socially he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Widows Sons Lodge, No. 66; in Franklin Chapter; and in New Haven Commandery, K. T. On Dec. 4, 1901, he was elected worthy master of Widows Sons Lodge for the year 1902 and was installed as such Jan. 1, 1902; this is his third year's service as master of that lodge.

ROYAL HOLBROOK, proprietor of the Ansonia quarries and of the Holbrook Granite Quarries in Seymour, is one of the leading business men in Ansonia. Besides attending to his other interests he does a large business as a contractor and builder, many of the most important structures in the vicinity having been built under his direction.

Mr. Holbrook was born July 18, 1844, in the town of Derby, now Seymour, where his family has been prominent from pioneer times. Abel Holbrook was born in Milford, Conn., in 1653. John Holbrook, his son, and our subject's great-great-grandfather, was born in Derby in 1699, and was one of the first settlers at Great Hill, where he bought a large tract of land. His son, Capt. John Holbrook, born in Derby, now Seymour, was one of the executive committee to provide food and clothing for the soldiers in the Revolutionary army, and the family has always been noted for martial spirit, three of our subject's nephews having served as soldiers in Manila. Richard A. Holbrook, our subject's grandfather, was also born in Derby, now Seymour, and, like his father, passed his life as farmer at the old homestead at Great Hill. He married Grace Hawkins, and they had a large family of children.

Capt. Philo Holbrook, our subject's father, was born at Great Hill, March 12, 1802, son of Richard. He engaged in farming in early manhood, but later spent sixteen years on the sea, becoming captain of a vessel. His last years were passed at the farm, however, his death occurring in November, 1878. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served one term in the Legislature and held other of-

fices. He was married three times, and by his second wife, Emily Tomlinson, had ten children, of whom four are living: Philo, Royal, Daniel and Herman. By his third wife he had one son, George, who lives in New Haven. Mrs. Emily (Tomlinson) Holbrook, who died in 1859, at the age of forty-seven, was a native of Oxford, and a daughter of Truman and Nancy (Perry) Tomlinson, who had the following children: Harrison, Ransom, John, Mary, Emily (our subject's mother), Minerva (Mrs. Nichols, whose daughter, Mrs. Henry Wirth resided in Ansonia), and Laura (Mrs. Benjamin Bassett), none of whom are living.

Royal Holbrook received a common-school education, and remained at home until he reached the age of sixteen, when he began to learn the mason's trade at Ansonia. After following the business for some years as a journeyman in Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, and New Haven, he became a contractor, in 1890, succeeding his brother Frederick, who had been carrying on that line of work extensively for some years. Since taking charge Mr. Holbrook has built the S. O. & C. Co.'s mill, the "Fountain House," the Farrell Foundry, boiler house and sand shed, the building of the Ansonia Furniture Co. and the Fowler Nail Factory, at Seymour, and many other buildings, both stone and brick, while he has also won a high reputation as a maker of macadam roads by his excellent work in that line in Seymour. The road constructed by him there is considered one of the finest in the State. For about eight years he has owned the quarry, enabling him to furnish the material for his building contracts and for curbing, paving and other uses, while the product is much in demand by the building trade generally. From his office at No. 53 Franklin street, Mr. Holbrook directs his business conveniently, and as the quarry is located only a short distance from the business center of Ansonia the stone is easily shipped away, much of it going to Naugatuck and Waterbury. The stone works are equipped with modern machinery for drilling, hoisting and crushing, and Mr. Holbrook usually employs about forty men, although at times the business requires sixty or seventy, his being the largest payroll in the city. In politics Mr. Holbrook is a Democrat, and in 1893 he served ably and acceptably on the board of selectmen. He belongs to the local Board of Trade, and socially is identified with the I. O. O. F., Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63. He and his family attend the Congregational Church, of which Mrs. Holbrook is a member; his parents were connected with the Episcopal Church, and he was reared in that faith.

In 1873 Mr. Holbrook married Miss Augusta Hull, and they have one daughter, Carolyn May, a graduate of Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, who was married Oct. 10, 1900, to Fowler W. Adams, of Seymour, treasurer and manager of the Ansonia Novelty Co., and they have a daughter, Genevieve Holbrook Adams, born Sept. 11, 1901.

Mr. Adams was born at Croton Falls, N. Y., son of Theodore D. and Sarah (Austin) Adams. Mrs. Holbrook is a native of Oxford, and daughter of John Hull, a lifelong resident of that town and a well-known farmer, who died at the age of fifty-four. Her mother, whose maiden name was Ann M. Tomlinson, was born in Huntington, daughter of Charles Tomlinson, and is still living. She is one of a family of five children, as follows: Nelson, deceased; William, a resident of Woodbridge; Ann M.; Caroline, Mrs. Sherman, of New York City; Emily, Mrs. Stone, of Kansas. John and Ann M. Hull had four children, of whom three survive, viz.: Augusta, Mrs. Holbrook; Albert E., a resident of Ansonia; and Cyrus J. Mrs. Holbrook is a lady of culture and ability; she was a student at the Normal school at New Britain, and at the age of sixteen began teaching, which vocation she continued to follow for twelve years with marked success. For seven years she was first assistant in the Derby high school, and she also taught one year in Oxford, one summer at Quaker Farms, and one term in Southbury. She and her daughter are members of the D. A. R., by right of descent from Capt. Agur Beach Tomlinson, of Revolutionary fame, and Mrs. Adams is also entitled to membership on the Holbrook side.

HENRY LEE (deceased). The Lee family in Guilford and Madison descends from two prominent citizens of the old time, John and Henry Lee.

John Lee settled in Guilford, where, in 1686, he married Elizabeth Crampton, who was born in 1664, and died June 23, 1746. They spent their lives in Guilford, and both died on the same day. They were the parents of nine children: (1) John, born in 1688, married Rachel Bishop, and died in 1719; (2) Joseph, born in 1690, married Lois Pond, and died Dec. 21, 1753; (3) Elizabeth, born in 1692, died in 1725; (4) Jonathan was born in 1695; (5) Mary, born in 1697, married Samuel Allis; (6) Daniel was born in 1699; (7) Deborah, born in 1702, died in 1766; (8) Nathaniel, born in 1704, married Temperance Bishop, and died in 1753; (9) Rachel.

Jonathan Lee, mentioned above, married Hope Murray in 1719, and died in 1750. Mrs. Hope Lee was born in 1698, and died in 1787. For her second husband she married Deacon William Judd. To Jonathan and Hope Lee came: (1) Ann, born in 1720, who married Ebenezer Munger; (2) Mary, born in 1722, who died in infancy; (3) May, born in 1723; (4) Jonathan, born in 1726; (5) Hope, born in 1728, who married Timothy Torrell; and (6) Selah, born in 1737, who died in 1757.

Jonathan Lee, born in 1726, died in 1803. He was married June 27, 1751, to Mary Bartlett, who was born in 1734, and died in 1825. Their children were: (1) Submit, born in 1753, married David Hatch; (2) Abigail, born in 1754, married

Theophilus Scranton; (3) Ann, who was born in 1756, married Josiah Munger, and died in 1799; (4) Mary, born in 1759, married Jacob Conkling, and died in 1780; (5) Jonathan was born in 1762; (6) Selah, born in 1765, married Sarah Didley, and died in 1791; (7) Chloe, born in 1770, married Dr. Jonathan Todd, and died in 1795.

Jonathan Lee, born in 1762, died in 1844. He was a private sailor in the Revolutionary navy, enlisting in 1781, and serving as coast guard at Guilford. He married Mindwell Hill, who was born in 1760, and died in 1856. She was a daughter of Deacon Timothy and Elizabeth (Stevens) Hill, the former of whom graduated from Yale College in 1745. Their children were: (1) Julia, born in 1790, died in 1796. (2) Anna, born in 1791, married Jonathan Judd, and died in 1867. (3) Selah, born in 1794, married Electa A. Bushnell, and died in 1874. (4) Julia (2), born in 1796, died in 1858. (5) Mary, born in 1798, died in 1800. (6) Chloe, born in 1801, married William K. Bishop, and died in 1888. (7) Jonathan Trumbull (known as Trumbull), born in 1803, married Betsy D. Judd, and died in 1887; he was deacon for many years of the church in Madison. (8) Timothy Hill was born in 1805. (9) Henry, born in 1810, died in 1883. (10) Alexander, born in 1813, died in 1835. (11) Charlotte married Orlando Wilcox.

Henry Lee, who during his life was one of the best-known citizens of Madison, was born Aug. 10, 1810, in Madison, where he spent his life. He was educated in the local schools. He owned land in Madison, on which he made many improvements and built a fine dwelling house. Mr. Lee died on his farm Dec. 13, 1883, at a ripe old age. His remains were interred in the West cemetery in Madison. Mr. Lee was a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics a strong Republican. In his personal character and habits he was beyond reproach, temperate, industrious, honest. He was a good husband, a kind father, and an exemplary citizen.

Mr. Lee was twice married, first time, Nov. 13, 1840, to Miss Rosaline Smith, who was born May 28, 1816, daughter of Ezra S. and Martha (Stone) Smith. To them came the following children: (1) Munson C., born March 1, 1842, married Emily J. Isbell, and died Aug. 4, 1871; (2) William H., born Sept. 23, 1843, died Dec. 25, 1873; (3) Rosaline C., born June 3, 1848, married Wellington T. Coe, of New Haven, and is the mother of one child, Harriet Lee. Mr. Lee was married Nov. 6, 1850, in Madison, for his second wife, to Abigail Dudley, daughter of Timothy and Theodora (Lay) Dudley. She is still living on the homestead, and enjoys remarkable health. During the Civil war she took an active part in caring for the soldiers in the great struggle, and was president of the local ladies' aid society. Henry and Abigail Lee had one child, Timothy Jonathan, born June 19, 1853, who has had a fine education, attending the Madison



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schools, Lee's Academy and Yale College, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1875. Mr. Lee received the degree of B. D. from Yale College in 1879, and is an ordained minister located at Newark, N. J. He married Harriet Allen Taylor, who was born in New Milford, and they have one child, Charles Taylor.

The Dudley Family, of East Guilford, to which Mrs. Lee belongs, is descended from Ebenezer Dudley, son of John Dudley, the first settler of the line in America. In 1704 Ebenezer Dudley married Abigail Kelsey, who died in 1751. Mr. Dudley subsequently married Elizabeth Graves, who died in 1761. He was father of the following children: (1) Martha, born in 1706, died in infancy; (2) John, born in 1707, married Abigail Steele, and died in 1754; (3) Daniel, born in 1709, married Dinah Munger; (4) Ebenezer was born in 1710; (5) Mary was born in 1714; (6) Elizabeth, born in 1716, married Luman Ward; (7) Abigail, born in 1719, married Phineas Meigs; (8) Nathaniel, born in 1721, married Sybil Munger, and died in 1806; (9) Sarah, born in 1723, married Riley Redfield. Of these:

Ebenezer Dudley, in 1750, married Rebecca Munger, who was born in 1731, and died in 1751, leaving one daughter, Rebecca, who was born in 1751, married Jared Graves, and died in 1828. For his second wife Mr. Dudley married Abigail Swats, widow of Zuilah Dudley, and their children were: (1) Ebenezer, born in 1752, married Elizabeth Munger, and died in 1781; (2) Abigail, born in 1754, married Josiah Stevens; (3) Jonathan, born in 1757, was the grandfather of Mrs. Lee.

Jonathan Dudley was married in 1778 to Elizabeth Hill, who was born in 1756, a daughter of Deacon Timothy and Elizabeth (Stevens) Hill, and died in 1833. Mr. Dudley died in 1796. Their children were: Abigail, born in 1780, married Anson Steele; Ebenezer, born in 1782, married Johanna Munger, and died in 1864; Eliza, born in 1784, died in 1836; Reuben, born in 1786, died in 1822; Timothy was born Oct. 14, 1789; Roxanna, born in 1792, married Phineas Bradley, and died in 1824; Chloe, born in 1794, married Phineas Bradley, her brother-in-law, and died in 1872.

Timothy Dudley, father of Mrs. Lee, was born Oct. 14, 1789, and died Oct. 16, 1820. He married Theodora Lay (daughter of Col. Asa Lay), who was born June 3, 1789, and died Feb. 12, 1881. Her father entered the Revolutionary army as a corporal, and was promoted to a captaincy before its close. He afterward attained high rank in the government service. To Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Dudley came the following children: (1) Harriet Newell, born in 1814, married George Hillard, and died in 1879. (2) Abigail, born in 1816, married Henry Lee. (3) Sarah M., born in 1818, married C. C. Woodford, and died in 1887. (4) Benjamin Timothy, born in 1821, died in 1888. He married Emily Hale, and, for his second wife, Terrah P. Clark, of Had-

dam, Conn. She is now living with her daughter, Theodora Woodford, who is a graduate of Wellesley College, and now the wife of Ralph H. Burr, of Middletown, Connecticut.

WILLIAM F. BRONNEKE (deceased) was for many years one of the highly respected and honored citizens of Waterbury, his home being at Spring Lake. Although born on the other side of the Atlantic he was thoroughly American in thought and feeling, and was patriotic and sincere in his love for the stars and stripes.

A native of Germany, Mr. Bronneke was born April 8, 1850, and received a good education in the schools of that country. He also learned the harness-maker's trade. In opposition to his parents' wishes he came to the United States at the age of seventeen years, believing that the New World afforded better opportunities for advancement than his own country. He landed in Boston, and from there went to New York, where he worked at his trade for a short time. He next went to Winsted, Litchfield Co., Conn., where he worked several years for a Mr. Andrews at farm labor. On the death of his employer he came to Waterbury, and worked at the carpenter's and joiner's trade with A. B. Simons until he started in business for himself, in partnership with A. A. Irion. They engaged in contracting and building for several years, and on discontinuing business Mr. Bronneke found employment with the Waterbury Lumber & Coal Co., with whom he remained sixteen years, his labors giving the utmost satisfaction. While engaged in the manufacture of window frames and fancy sashes he was accidentally struck in the right eye, which injury caused him great pain, and, fearing the loss of his sight, he became melancholy and mentally unbalanced. He died June 8, 1897, and his remains were interred in the Brackett cemetery, Spring Lake.

On April 24, 1873, Mr. Bronneke married Miss Juliet E. Potter, who was born June 24, 1838, at Platts Mills, Waterbury, a daughter of Samuel and Grace (Dudley) Potter, and granddaughter of Rev. Samuel Potter and John E. Dudley. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bronneke located on her father's old homestead, where she still continues to live, having a pleasant residence, surrounded by beautiful grounds. Two children were born, of their union, of whom Burton, the elder, died in infancy. Homer Samuel attended the Hopeville District school, the high school of Waterbury, and the Harrington Business College, graduating from the last named institution. He was employed for a time in the shipping department of the factory of Rogers & Hamilton, Waterbury, and on May 14, 1900, entered the factory of Benedict & Burnham, where he is employed as a brass roller. He is proving himself to be a very competent workman in that line.

Industrious, temperate and reliable in all things,

Mr. Bronneke commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and was well liked by those who knew him. He had a good command of English, and was well informed on the leading questions and issues of the day, as well as topics of general interest. He was an earnest and faithful member of the Second Baptist Church, of which he was one of the trustees, and was also assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. Socially he was an active and prominent member of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M.; and of Lodge No. 5, A. O. U. W., both of Waterbury.

Mrs. Bronneke is an educated lady, having attended the district schools, the Waterbury high school, the State Normal School of New Britain, and the Charlotteville Seminary. For a time she successfully engaged in teaching in the town of Waterbury. She, too, is an earnest member of the Second Baptist Church of Waterbury, and takes an active part in church and Sunday-school work. She has been secretary and treasurer of the Sunday-school for twenty-five years and still holds the offices, and is also secretary and treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society. She is quite a temperance advocate.

HAND FAMILY. John Hand, the first representative of the Hand family on the American shore, was born in 1611, in England, and settled in Southampton, L. I., when a young man. In this country he married Alice Stanborough, and to their union were born six children: Shumgar, Benjamin, John, Steven, Joseph and James.

Joseph Hand, son of John, was born in 1639 at Southampton, L. I., and when a young man came to Guilford, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying Jan. 17, 1724. He married, in 1664, Jennie Wright, who was born in 1640, a daughter of Benjamin Wright, of Guilford. She died in January, 1725.

Joseph Hand, eldest son of Joseph, was born in Guilford, in that part known as East Guilford (now Madison), April 2, 1671. In 1692 he was married to Hester Wilcox, who was born in 1673, a daughter of John and Esther (Cornwall) Wilcox, and died in 1696.

Janna Hand, son of Joseph, was born Feb. 17, 1693, and died Dec. 9, 1767. He was married Feb. 14, 1723, to Dorothy Griswold, who was born Sept. 23, 1692, and died Feb. 12, 1775. She was a daughter of John and Mary (Bevis) Griswold.

Capt. Daniel Hand, son of Janna, was born in East Guilford, February, 1732, and died Oct. 16, 1816. His first wife was Siba Smith, whom he married Oct. 28, 1759, in Killingworth; she died Sept. 20, 1772. Capt. Daniel Hand served in the war of the Revolution in the regiment commanded by Col. Talcott, receiving his appointment in 1776.

Daniel Hand, a son of Capt. Daniel Hand, was born in East Guilford, April 24, 1762, and died Jan.

15, 1821. He married Artemisia Meigs, who was born Feb. 25, 1770, and was a daughter of Daniel and Chloe (Scranton) Meigs, and died Oct. 11, 1812.

Daniel Hand, son of Daniel and Artemisia (Meigs) Hand, was born July 14, 1801, and died in December, 1890; George Edward Hand, another son of Daniel and Artemisia (Meigs) Hand, was born Aug. 16, 1809, died Aug. 30, 1889.

DR. JAMES W. SWEET. Probably no one is more ready to admit that mental characteristics are inherited just as surely as physical ones, than our subject, Dr. James W. Sweet, who comes from a line of natural bone-setters. For several generations, almost every family circle of his name produced several who most naturally followed that profession.

Dr. James Sweet, the father of our subject, was born in Guilford, Conn., June 15, 1828, a son of Dr. Benoni Sweet, born in New Bedford, Mass., a son of Dr. James, who descended from one of three brother surgeons who came to America from England, the sign used by the oldest, Dr. James, being in the possession of our subject, reading, "Dr. Sweet, Bone-setter." At the present time the family is scattered through New England, and one Dr. Sweet is located at Lebanon, Mass., another at Hartford, Conn., and one can be found at Springfield, Mass., our subject enjoying a wide and extended practice up the Naugatuck Valley, through the State, and even to New York and Brooklyn.

Dr. Benoni Sweet, the grandfather of our subject, practiced bone-setting all his life in Guilford, Conn., and of his three sons, Benoni, Gideon and James, Gideon became a surgeon, or bone-setter, in Middletown, Conn., where he died; and James settled in Milford, Connecticut.

Dr. James Sweet practiced in Milford, Conn., until his death in April, 1877. He married Catherine E. Walker, who was born May 7, 1830, in Guilford, and died June 17, 1853, daughter of Walter Walkley, who met his death in the Indian war, about 1830. The Walkley family was of English descent also.

The early life of Dr. James W. Sweet was that of any healthy, high spirited boy of his time, play and school alternating until he was placed under stricter rules in an excellent private educational institution located in Milford, leaving there to engage in the study of surgery, or bone-setting, under the capable instruction of his father. Upon the death of this parent, in 1877, our subject took entire charge of the extended practice, and since that time has lived a very busy life, the fame of his wonderful skill having gone far and wide, and he has patients come to consult him from almost every State in the Union.

On May 18, 1878, Dr. Sweet was married to Miss Emmeline S. Barber, of Elkhart, Ind., a daughter of James M. Barber, and three children have been born of this union: James W. Jr., Grov-

er C., and Minnie E., the last named dying at the age of six years. Dr. Sweet is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and is prominent in the various fraternal organizations, being a Thirty-second Degree Mason; Knight Templar; a Shriner; and a Knight of Pythias. He is also a member of the Order of Red Men; the Patriot Sons of America; the Sons of Temperance; the Knights of the Golden Eagle; and several other organizations. For many years the family has been connected with the Episcopal Church, and Dr. Sweet is one of the most generous supporters of the benevolent and charitable enterprises of that church.

MRS. MARTHA G. DOWNS, member of the Woman's Club of Ansonia, Derby and Shelton, a charter member of Elizabeth Clark Hull Chapter, D. A. R., of Ansonia (having served as a member of the Board of Managers since its organization, and for two years its recording secretary), and an active member of Christ's Episcopal Church, and president of the Ladies' Aid Society, was born at Great Hill, Seymour, then Derby, and belongs to a well known pioneer family.

John Holbrook, her paternal great-great-grandfather, was among the first settlers in the vicinity of Seymour, then Derby, and owned a large tract of land, upon which he built a dwelling house that is still standing. He donated the land for the first Episcopal Church and burying-ground in Derby, and his death occurred in that village.

Capt. John Holbrook, great-grandfather of Mrs. Downs, was born in Derby, and probably lived at Great Hill, where a house built for him, in 1745, is yet standing. He owned 1,000 acres of land and devoted much attention to its cultivation, while as a citizen he was active and influential, serving in various town offices. For years he was an officer in the local militia, and he had three sons, John, Nathaniel and Abel, who fought in the Revolutionary army.

Richard Holbrook, grandfather of our subject, was born in the house mentioned above, and there lived and died. He became a farmer on a portion of the homestead, and was prominent in local affairs, holding various offices. He assisted in organizing the Episcopal Church at Seymour, of which he was afterward a leading supporter. His death occurred in 1823, at the age of forty-seven. He was married three times, and had seven children of whom none are now living. His first wife, Sarah Lum, was born in Derby, the daughter of Reuben Lum, a well known citizen. She died aged twenty-two, leaving one son, Daniel L.

Col. Daniel L. Holbrook was born Nov. 7, 1798, in the old family residence, and passed his life at the homestead. Politically he was a Democrat, and he became a leader in local politics, serving as selectman, and in other offices in the towns of Derby and Seymour. His sound judgment and unusual executive ability were widely recognized, and few men

of his day commanded the respect accorded him by those who knew him best. His title of colonel was gained by able service in the Connecticut National Guard, in which he held the rank of captain for some time previous to his promotion. He was also active in the work of the Episcopal Church, serving as warden for a number of years. His wife, Lucy Nichols, was one of the three children of Russell Nichols and his wife, Nancy Riggs, the latter a descendant of Edward Riggs, who settled in Derby in 1645. Russell Nichols was a native of Quaker Farms, and was for many years a leading citizen of that locality, his death occurring at the age of seventy-four. The Nichols family is of prominent pioneer stock, tracing descent from Francis Nichols, who purchased a large tract of land in Oxford in 1743, and made his permanent home there. A more complete account of the family is given elsewhere in this volume. Col. Daniel L. Holbrook died in 1858, and his wife in 1880, when she was aged seventy-eight. They had three children, of whom our subject was the youngest. (1) Sarah, deceased, married Stephen Russell and had two children: Lucy and Frank. Lucy Russell married Gustavus Lewis, a farmer near Plainville, Conn., now deceased, and had two children, Josephine (who married W. R. Sparks, of New Britain, and had two children, Edith and William) and Jeremiah. Frank Russell married Lillian Northrop and has two children, Luella and Beulah. (2) Mary A., sister of Mrs. Downs, married William Church, deceased, and resides in New Haven; she has three children: George L., who married Jeannette Styles, of Seymour; Daniel L., who married Anna Hall, of New York, the latter now deceased; and Addie L., wife of David Curry, of New Haven.

Mrs. Downs passed her early life in Seymour, and on Oct. 9, 1870, was married there to the late Thomas M. Downs, who was born in July, 1824, in Southbury, the son of Henry and Sally (Botsford) Downs. His father, who was a prominent agriculturist of Southbury, died in early manhood, and his mother, a native of Newtown, died aged eighty. Of their eight children, five are still living. Mr. Downs located in Ansonia about 1864, engaging in general mercantile business, and his death occurred there in 1874, at the age of fifty. Mrs. Downs has resided in Ansonia since 1869, and in 1889 she built her present dwelling house, at No. 110 South Cliff street. There were then but few houses on the street, and during her residence in the place she has seen it develop from a population of 5,000 to 13,000.

PATRICK JAMES BRENNAN, a highly-respected and honored citizen of the town of Naugatuck, was born in County Kildare, Ireland, Oct. 10, 1848, a son of William and Mary (Lahey) Brennan. In the spring of 1864 he sailed for the United States, and on landing in this country took up his residence in Naugatuck, New Haven Co., Conn., where he soon found employment in the

molding department of the Tuttle & Whittemore iron foundry. Later he was transferred to the annealing department, of which he has been the efficient and popular foreman for several years.

On May 31, 1869, Mr. Brennan was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Martin, of Naugatuck, and they have six children, namely: Nellie A., who is a school teacher; William F., a grocer of Naugatuck; Edward P., a druggist of the same place; Mary, at home; Charles M., also a druggist; and Irine R., who is attending school. The family is one of considerable prominence in the community, and the sons are now leading business men of Naugatuck. They have a beautiful home at No. 305 Church street.

In his political views Mr. Brennan is independent. For several years he has been prominently identified with public affairs; has served as selectman and justice of the peace; was a member of the board of education fourteen years; and fire commissioner four years. He is an intelligent, well-informed man, keeps well posted on the leading questions and issues of the day, and faithfully discharge any duty that devolves upon him. He is a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, and of the Young Men's Catholic Institute of Naugatuck.

WASHINGTON EDWARDS GRISWOLD. There are in every community men whose broad characters touch all vital interests, and who by their capable and disinterested devotion to affairs acquire, without apparent effort, a position of influence and importance to the communal life about them. Washington E. Griswold has been a lifelong resident of Connecticut. In a business way his career has been most fortunate and successful. The capacity for business, which he has admirably demonstrated, he has freely placed at the disposal of his townsmen. Liberal and kind in disposition, with the "Golden Rule" as his motto in life, he has kept close to the people about him, and in every sense has identified himself with causes for the common good.

Mr. Griswold is a descendant (in the seventh generation) from (I) Edward Griswold, one of the early settlers of New England. Edward Griswold was born in Warwickshire, England, in 1607, one of a family of five brothers: Edward; Thomas, who remained in England; Francis, who settled at Cambridge, Mass.; Michael, who settled at Wethersfield, Conn.; and Matthew, who settled at Windsor and later at Lyme, Conn. Of these, Edward located first in Massachusetts, and later at Windsor, where he was one of the first settlers and a land owner. Thence he removed to what is now Killingworth, Middlesex Co., Conn., where he spent the remainder of his days. His first wife was named Ann, and his second, Elizabeth. His ten children were as follows: Francis, born in 1629; Sarah, in 1630; George, in 1632; John, in 1635; Ann, Aug. 10, 1642; Mary, Oct. 5, 1644; Deborah, June 28,

1646 (married Samuel Buel); Joseph, March 22, 1648; Samuel, Nov. 18, 1649; and John, Aug. 1, 1652. The line of descent from the founder of the Griswold family in America to our subject is as follows:

(II) John Griswold, youngest son of Edward, born Aug. 1, 1652, in Killingworth, Middlesex Co., Conn., was a lifelong resident of that town. He died Aug. 7, 1717, and was buried at Killingworth. He was twice married, on Nov. 18, 1672, to Mary Bavis, who died Dec. 29, 1679. For his second wife he wedded Barshua North, daughter of Thomas Gideon Walter Price. She died March 19, 1736. The sixteen children of John Griswold were as follows: Mary, born Feb. 2, 1674; Margaret, Dec. 10, 1675; Hannah, Oct. 25, 1677; John, Sept. 22, 1679 (died Dec. 14, 1679); Dorothy, March 4, 1681 (died March, 1690); Bethshula, Dec. 5, 1682 (married Daniel Clark); John, Sept. 4, 1683; Samuel, April 4, 1685 (married Sarah Wright, died Dec. 29, 1736); Lucy, July 21, 1686 (married Allen Ball); Martha, June 1, 1689 (died Nov. 17, 1690); Joseph and Benjamin (twins), Sept. 20, 1690 (the latter married Abigail Norton); Dorothy, Sept. 3, 1692; Martha, June 16, 1694 (married Samuel Pratt); Daniel, Oct. 25, 1696 (died Sept. 10, 1737, married Jerusha Stevens); Walter, March 7, 1700 (died Oct., 1745, married Sarah Wright).

(III) Joseph Griswold, son of John, born Sept. 20, 1690 (a twin of Benjamin), in Killingworth, spent his life there. He was a land owner and farmer in Killingworth, and died there April 8, 1771. On Dec. 29, 1714, he married Temperance Lay, who died Sept. 18, 1773. Their children were as follows: John, was born Oct. 10, 1715; Joseph, born Oct. 22, 1716, married Rebecca Rutley, and died in June, 1771; Nathan, born April 28, 1719, married Sarah Hull; Giles, born June 3, 1723, married Mercy Chatfield, and died April 23, 1804; John, born March 6, 1726, married Mary Ward; Daniel, born Aug. 10, 1728, married Lydia Hull; Jedidiah, born Dec. 13, 1730, married Patience Bates.

(IV) Nathan Griswold, the great-grandfather of Washington E., was born in Killingworth April 28, 1719, son of Joseph. Like his father and grandfather, he was a farmer and land owner and prominent citizen of Killingworth, where he spent his life, and where he died and is buried. He married May 2, 1745, Sarah Hull, daughter of Peter Hull, and their eight children were as follows: Nathan, born Sept. 27, 1746, married Jemima Pierson. Temperance was born Dec. 14, 1748. George, born Nov. 5, 1752, married Artemisia Stevens, and died Nov. 6, 1834. Joel was born May 21, 1757. Sarah, born April 10, 1760, died Oct. 5, 1765. Jared, born Aug. 10, 1764, died Oct. 20, 1784. Sarah, born Feb. 20, 1766, died Oct. 26, 1784. Martha, born Feb. 14, 1770, died Oct. 5, 1784.

(V) Joel Griswold (grandfather of our subject), born on the old homestead in Killingworth May 21, 1757, became a farmer and a large land



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owner, and there spent his life, dying April 12, 1834; he was buried in the Killingworth cemetery. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics a Federalist. On Sept. 1, 1796, he married Sarah Kelsey, born Nov. 9, 1770, who died Feb. 25, 1842, and was buried in Killingworth cemetery. She was a member of the Congregational Church. The six children of Joel and Sarah Griswold were: Martin Heman, born Oct. 19, 1797, died Jan. 31, 1810 (he was accidentally scalded); Nathan was born July 3, 1799; Polly Minerva, born May 3, 1801, married John Farnham, and died Dec. 31, 1872; Dr. George Washington, born July 26, 1804, graduated from Yale College, went West and died Sept. 22, 1834; Sarah Louise, born Aug. 30, 1807, married Henry Scanton, and died in February, 1884; and Joel Pinckney, born March 4, 1809, died in 1865, out West. Of these,

(VI) Nathan Griswold (father of our subject) was born on the old homestead in Killingworth July 3, 1799. He attended the district schools of Killingworth, but was mainly a self-educated man. He was a school teacher for several years, later settling down to farming and stock raising, becoming one of the largest land owners in the town of Killingworth, and a prominent citizen. He represented the town in the State Legislature at New Haven and at Hartford; was selectman of the town; and held other local offices, being quite active in political life. In political sentiment he was a staunch Jacksonian Democrat; in religious faith a member of the Congregational Church. He died on his farm in Killingworth April 21, 1872, and was buried in the family cemetery in Killingworth. On Nov. 25, 1827, he married Rachel Hull, daughter of John Hull, a well-known citizen of Killingworth, and their children were as follows: Alvira L., born Oct. 27, 1828, married Isaac Kelsey, of Killingworth, who died Aug. 10, 1901. Washington Edwards, our subject, sketch of whom follows. Sarah Melitabel, born Dec. 27, 1832, died May 26, 1893; she married William H. Stevens, of Killingworth. Sherman E., born Aug. 7, 1835, married Adeline Parmelee, and resides on the old homestead. Mabel R. married Alfred Goodyear, of Hamden. Charles Nathan, born in April, 1840, died Oct. 22, 1844. Harriet Lemira, born Nov. 21, 1843, married Ralph Edward Barnum, of Killingworth. The mother of these died June 23, 1873, on the old homestead, aged sixty-nine years, and was buried in the family cemetery. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and a woman of noble Christian character.

(VII) Washington E. Griswold, whose name introduces this sketch, was born Dec. 24, 1830, and was reared upon the old homestead. He attended the district schools of his native town, later pursuing his studies at the Madison high school, and at the State Normal School, New Britain, Hartford county, and for some years he taught school during the winter months, working on the farm in summer. In Killingworth, he married, Oct. 4, 1854, Miss Cor-

delia Barnum, who was born there July 13, 1833, daughter of Nathaniel E. and Juliett (Evarts) Barnum, granddaughter of Luther and Mabel (Stephens) Barnum, and great-granddaughter of Capt. Aaron Stephens, who was an officer in the Revolutionary war. After his marriage Mr. Griswold obtained from his father a tract of land, and there began his successful career as a farmer. From time to time he made notable improvements, erected a handsome dwelling and other buildings, the total improvements costing more than \$6,000. Through his thrift and business ability he prospered, and finally acquired over 250 acres of fine farming land, which he devoted to stock raising and general farming.

To our subject and wife two children were born: Charles Edwards died in infancy. Edith L., born Sept. 5, 1860, graduated from the Morgan high school in the English Classics, and for a number of years taught school in Killingworth. She married Albert H. Phelps, of Guilford, and lived in the beautiful home in that town (purchased for her by her father) until her death, Dec. 20, 1894, at the birth of her daughter, Edith Griswold. She was a member of the Congregational Church, a young lady, of beauty and many accomplishments, well-educated, cultured and refined, a loving wife and affectionate daughter. Her death was a sad blow to her parents, and a shock to her wide circle of friends. Between parents and child the attachment was unusually strong and close, and in their declining years her sweet and winning personality is sadly missed.

In 1894, after the death of his daughter, Mr. Griswold removed to Guilford, and sold most of his farming lands, retaining only 100 acres. He still manages his property, but since his residence at Guilford he has practically lived a retired life. In public life Mr. Griswold has been notably prominent. He represented the town of Killingworth in the State Legislature in 1866-67 and in 1885, serving in the old State Houses at Hartford and New Haven, and in the new State House at Hartford. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and he has held nearly all the offices within the gift of his fellow townsmen. For eight years he was judge of probate for the district of Killingworth. For fourteen years he filled the office of selectman, serving as chairman of the board most of the time, and he held that office during the Civil war, when the duties were more exacting than they ever were before or have been since. He has been assessor and tax collector of Killingworth, served on the board of relief, and for twenty years was a justice of the peace. Mr. Griswold has ever taken a deep interest in the public schools, and has served as chairman of the school board most of the time for twenty years. Since his removal to Guilford he has declined many offices, consenting, however, in 1897, to his nomination as first selectman, and serving the term. In 1899 he was elected a member of the school board, and is still serving.

In religious belief Mr. Griswold is a member of the Church Society at Guilford and a liberal supporter of same. A living exponent of the Golden Rule, his personal habits have always been above reproach, and he is opposed to the use of strong drink or tobacco in any form. Mrs. Griswold is a member of the Congregational Church, a lady of refinement, modesty and intelligence, devoted to her husband and to her home. Both were members of the Grange in Killingworth, and both are well informed upon the leading events and subjects of the day. They are most highly esteemed and respected by all who know them, and now, in the afternoon of their life, they are enjoying the fruits of their earlier labor, and dispensing with generous and discriminating care the material blessings which it is theirs to command.

GEORGE BLAKESLEE FRANCIS, a well-to-do and much respected farmer and stock raiser in the North Farms district of the town of Wallingford, was born on the farm of his father, Feb. 13, 1841, a son of Lyman Francis, who was born on the old Francis homestead in North Farms, March 21, 1806. Lyman Francis was a brother of the late William Francis, and a son of Jacob and Content (Hall) Francis. A student in the district school of the North Farms, he grew up under the paternal roof, and remained with his parents until his marriage, when he settled on the Hall Farm, where George Blakeslee now lives. Devoting much attention to the advanced and progressive farming of the day, he was one of the pioneers in that field that has proved so profitable to Connecticut farmers, and has made a record as a tobacco grower. His was a busy but brief life, as he died when but forty-three years old. In politics he was a Democrat, but independent in his voting. Of domestic habits he was a good and kind-hearted man, of whom it is said that he lived very close to the Golden Rule. On Oct. 10, 1832, Lyman Francis was married to Mary Blakeslee, who was born in North Farms, Sept. 6, 1803, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Andrews) Blakeslee, and died April 19, 1875. Both Mr. and Mrs. Francis were buried in Center Street Cemetery in Wallingford. To them were born four children: Olive E., born Oct. 10, 1833, married Edwin Crocker, and is now deceased; Lucretia E., born June 26, 1835, is now deceased; George B., born July 31, 1838, died Aug. 26, 1839; and George B. (2) born Feb. 13, 1841. The mother was a member of the Congregational Church.

George Blakeslee Francis was only eight years old when he lost his father. A district school education was given him, and he remained with his mother as long as she lived, and after her death, continued in the operation of the farm, which had passed into his possession. It contains one hundred acres, twenty-five acres being in the town of Meriden. Here he carries on dairy farming, stock

raising and fruit culture, and is known as one of the most successful farmers in all this region.

On Nov. 19, 1885, Mr. Francis was married to Miss Emily J. Andrews, born in Cheshire, Conn., a daughter of Horace and Esther R. (Johnson) Andrews, both of whom have entered into rest. Mrs. Andrews was the daughter of the Rev. Ransom Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. George B. Francis have had four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Howard A., March 23, 1887; William L., March 15, 1890, died May 20, 1890; Clayton H., July 23, 1891; and Joseph B., July 11, 1893.

Mr. Francis is liberal in his church views, and is a staunch advocate of temperance. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never been a candidate for official honors. In religion Mrs. Francis is a member of the Advent Church. Both our subject and his wife are intelligent and cultured people, widely read, and thoroughly posted on all the great questions of the day. He is a hard-working and honest man, of whom the community speaks well.

C. WATSON BALDWIN. This well known citizen of Milford was born in that town April 9, 1840, and is a descendant of pioneer stock, his ancestors having been early settlers at Hadley, Mass., and later at Milford. Joseph Baldwin, of whom further account is given elsewhere in this volume, was born in Milford in 1640, and from his large family of children numerous lines of descendants are now traced.

Hezekiah Baldwin, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Milford, and followed farming there throughout his life.

Charles J. Baldwin, son of Hezekiah, was born in Milford Sept. 30, 1812, and engaged in agriculture there. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist. He was a leading Democrat of the locality and was elected to various offices of the town. He married Eunice Baldwin, a native of Milford, and a daughter of Elnathan Baldwin, her descent being traced to Joseph, the pioneer. Her death occurred Feb. 25, 1876, at the age of sixty-one years and nine months. Our subject was the first in a family of four children, the others being: William H., who died aged seven years; Henry E., a farmer at the old homestead; and George E., now in the employ of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Company.

During boyhood C. Watson Baldwin attended public and private schools in his native town. As a young man he engaged in farming, but in 1880 he entered the employ of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., with whom he has continued. In politics he is a Republican, but he was formerly prominent as a Democrat, and was elected on that ticket to different offices including those of assessor, member of the board of relief, and member of the board of education, in which he served twelve years.

On Jan. 1, 1861, Mr. Baldwin married Miss Mary A. Clute, of Bridgeport, who was born in

Schenectady, N. Y., the daughter of Frederick and Helen Clute. Her parents were both natives of Schenectady, but in later years resided in Bridgeport. She died Aug. 21, 1889, leaving one daughter, Helen W., born Feb. 22, 1863, who was married to William H. Hubbard, of Greenwich, and has one daughter, Hazel W., born Sept. 28, 1885. Socially the Baldwin family is prominent, and Mr. Baldwin is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being identified with Ansantawae Lodge, No. 89. Both he and his wife were members of the Congregational Church, in which he continues to take an active interest.

ANTONIO LAZZARI, a prominent Italian citizen of Branford, whose home is in Stony Creek, was born in Milan, Italy, March 1, 1852, son of Francisco and Caroline (Macke) Lazzari. His paternal grandfather was Joseph Lazzari, and his maternal grandfather was George Macke.

Antonio Lazzari was reared to manhood in Milan and vicinity, where he received a common-school education. When he became a young man he began for himself by serving an apprenticeship of three years at watchmaking, and this was his occupation for seven years after he had learned the trade. The first year he received twenty cents a day; the second and third years his income had increased to sixty cents per day; and during the last four years he worked at the trade in his native land he earned a daily stipend of one dollar and twenty-five cents a day. In 1880 Mr. Lazzari came to America, landing at Castle Garden Jan. 28th, and going at once to Bay View, Mass., where he worked at his trade and in a quarry, during the season, for two years. Mr. Lazzari made his first important business venture after this, opening a jewelry, candy and cigar store in Boston. There he remained three years, and then removed to Bragville, Mass., where he had charge of a boarding house five years for the stone-quarry firm of Norcross Brothers. In 1890 Mr. Lazzari was employed by the same firm at Stony Creek, where he has had a boarding house and has served as watchman for their plant.

Mr. Lazzari was married, in 1877, to Caroline, daughter of John and Antoinette (Colomba) Ambrosoli, of Milan, Italy. This union has been blessed with twelve children, five of whom are now living: Amelia V., who is now Mrs. Alexander Banca; Lena A.; Annie K.; Delena A.; and Victor A.

Mr. Lazzari has been successful in his line, and has accumulated a very handsome competency. He and all his family are members of the Catholic Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served as constable of Branford seven years. His career is interesting, as showing what has been demonstrated over and over again, the possibilities of this country for the bright and capable ones who, shut out

from honor and fame by old world conditions, see here a chance to accomplish something substantial for themselves and their children.

WILLIAM H. MORRIS, a prominent resident of Ansonia, was born May 25, 1840, in County Dublin, Ireland, a son of William and Mary A. (Blackburn) Morris.

The family is of English origin, and William Morris, our subject's grandfather, was born in England, but made his permanent home in Ireland. The great-grandfather, who was also named William, was a man of means and a lifelong resident of England. William H. Morris, our subject's father, was born in Ireland, and remained at the old home until he reached the age of nineteen years. During the Revolution of 1798 he was captured and compelled to serve twenty-one years in the English navy, but his health broke down and he was discharged. Later he was a captain in the coast guard service, and his death occurred in County Dublin, at the age of sixty-six. His wife, who was also a native of Ireland, died aged thirty-six. Both were devout members of the Catholic Church, in which their children were reared. Of their large family, six are still living, as follows: Michael; Isabella, widow of Stephen Murphy, of Seymour; Eliza, who married Christopher Kelley, of Ansonia; Peressa, of Atlanta, Ga.; Rebecca; and William H., of this sketch.

William H. Morris was but eight years old when he came to America, and after a short stay in New York the family resided for a time in New Haven, Seymour and Woodbridge, but later returned to Seymour. During the four years at Woodbridge Mr. Morris attended the public schools, but after his return to Seymour he found work in the auger shop and a few years later, in 1861, he went to Hartford, where he spent three years in the Colt revolver factory. The next two years were spent in the armory at Yonkers, N. Y., and for six months he was employed in the Winchester armory at Bridgeport. For four years he was with Sargents, of New Haven, but in 1869 he located in Ansonia, being first employed as a piper by Wallace & Sons. On leaving them in 1880, he engaged in the grocery business, so continuing until April, 1885, when he sold out to George McCabe, and retired from business. In January, 1896, he again entered business life, opening a gents' furnishing store at 23 High street, and in addition to a large and well selected stock of goods in that line, he carries a stock of fancy goods. His career has been successful, and he owns a block of real estate, a large amusement hall, three residences, a grocery store next door, and the store in which he is at present located.

In 1863 Mr. Morris married Miss Jane Maloney, a native of Ireland. Socially he and his wife are much esteemed, and he is a member of Ansonia Lodge, No. 24, Knights of Pythias, in

which he has frequently served as an official; he was, also, a charter member of the Lodge of Elks located in Derby, Conn. On questions relating to religion he takes a liberal view; and while he inclines to the Democratic party in politics, he votes independently on occasion. At times he has taken an active interest in military affairs, and for five years he was private in Company C, 2nd Regiment Conn. National Guards.

ELIJAH JAMES HOUGH was born in Wallingford, New Haven county, July 28, 1829, a son of James and Mary Tyler (Rice) Hough.

James Hough was born in 1799, and died April 25, 1855. He was married March 17, 1823, to Mary Tyler Rice, who was born in Wallingford in 1799, daughter of Nehemiah Rice, a lifelong farmer, who occupied a part of the farm where our subject now lives. Mr. Hough was a Whig and in his later days a Republican. A member of the Congregational Church, he was much devoted to the Society, and earnestly interested in its welfare. To James Hough and his wife came the following children: Ellen, born Feb. 1, 1825, married Ellison Smith, a farmer of Northford, Conn.; Mary R., born March 28, 1827, died May 17, 1831; Elijah James was born July 28, 1829; Mary E., born March 13, 1832, married Walstein Smith, of North Haven (their daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Ewing, was supposed to have been one of the victims of the uprising in China in 1900, but has since returned); Sarah E., born Nov. 21, 1834, married the late Philander W. Hall, of Wallingford; Nehemiah R., born Jan. 24, 1837, died June 4, 1865, at Vicksburg, Miss., from disease contracted in the army; Henry T., born April 28, 1841, died June 25, 1865, at Newbern, N. C., where he was serving as a member of the 15th Conn. V. I.

Elijah James Hough received his early education under the teachers of the public schools of his native community, supplementing their instruction with a year at the Wallingford Academy. Leaving school, he found employment in the factory of Charles Parker, where he remained about three years. At the death of his father he returned to the farm and assumed its management. He now has 175 acres of good land, in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Hough is devoted to his work, and takes pride in the evidences of the touch of a practiced hand which every acre of his presents. At the present time he has fine peach orchards growing, covering thirty-five acres, and containing 4,375 trees in fruit-bearing condition. His peaches are largely sold in Springfield and Boston, and the business is proving very remunerative.

Mr. Hough has served on the board of selectmen, to which he was first elected in 1887, and for five years has been a member of the board of relief. He is one of the best-known and most enterprising farmers in New Haven county, and is most highly respected in the community. An enlightened and pa-

triotic citizen, he is a Democrat, because he is sure that the best interests of the country lie in the old path wherein Jefferson and Jackson walked. Mr. Hough is connected with the Baptist Church, and is one of its most generous supporters. Interested in school matters, he has willingly served as a member of the school board for several terms. He is a charter member of the Wallingford Grange, and one of its most faithful workers, for about ten years serving as treasurer, but he declined a re-election in 1897.

On Oct. 4, 1856, Mr. Hough married Miss Ruth Blakeslee, who was born Oct. 31, 1836, daughter of Silas and Esther (Buel) Blakeslee, of Wallingford. To this union have been born the following children: (1) Jennie Blakeslee, born Jan. 15, 1864, married George D. Hall, a farmer of Wallingford, in 1885, and is the mother of Lewis Cook, born March 27, 1888; Almon Blakeslee, born Nov. 27, 1891; and Mabel Hough, born March 7, 1898. (2) Hattie Blakeslee, born Oct. 22, 1868, married James Norris Barnes, of Wallingford, Jan. 16, 1889, and is the mother of four children—Norman Hough, born Nov. 18, 1891; James Penniwell, born Dec. 6, 1893; Blakeslee Hough, born July 14, 1895; and Russell Elijah Hough, born Jan. 18, 1901. (3) George Elijah, born Oct. 3, 1873, is interested in the farm with his father. He married Nov. 1, 1894, Miss Jennie Day Paddock, who was born Nov. 1, 1873, at Wallingford, daughter of Joel H. and Delphine (Hall) Paddock. They have one child, Ruth Della, born March 12, 1897.

Silas Blakeslee, father of Mrs. Hough, was born in Wallingford Sept. 13, 1808, son of John Webb and Ruth (Ives) Blakeslee. On Jan. 17, 1832, he married Esther Buel, who was born Nov. 20, 1808, daughter of Robert and Betsey (Peck) Buel. They made their home on the old Blakeslee homestead in Wallingford, and there they both died, he on June 6, 1893, and his wife on April 17, 1889. Their remains were interred in "In Memoriam" cemetery. Children, as follows, came to them: (1) Lois, born Jan. 24, 1833, married Oct. 14, 1860, Seth J. Hall, who was born Sept. 4, 1829, in Middletown, Westfield Society, a son of Sylvester and Rosetta (Johnson) Hall; they removed to Meriden, Conn., in January, 1861. On Dec. 21, 1851, Lois Blakeslee (now Mrs. Hall) was baptized by Rev. Charles Keyser, and united with the Baptist Church in Wallingford. (2) Ruth is Mrs. Elijah James Hough. (3) John Webb, born Oct. 22, 1840, married Oct. 22, 1861, Emerett Atwater, of Cheshire, born Dec. 5, 1840. They resided on the Blakeslee homestead until the fall of 1900, when they removed to the borough of Wallingford. (4) James Ellis, born Feb. 13, 1843, died July 17, 1847.

CHARLES R. HOWARD (deceased) was for many years one of Derby's leading merchants. He was a great-grandson of Josiah Howard, who was born in Ipswich, Mass., Jan. 3, 1758, and died in



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Amherst, N. H., Feb. 6, 1833. He married Mary Stanley, who was born Nov. 25, 1769, in Beverly, Mass. Their son, Henry Howard, was born in Amherst April 24, 1788, and died there April 15, 1871. He was a farmer. In 1809 he married Polly Odell, who was born Oct. 13, 1789, and survived her husband until Nov. 6, 1875. They were the parents of twelve children: George, Henry, Mary, Herbert, Rodney, Mary Jane, Calvin, Abigail, Maria, Susannah, Edward and Edward S.

Rodney Howard, father of the late Charles R. Howard, was also a farmer. He was born March 20, 1817, in Amherst, and married Nancy Jane Parker, a native of the same town, born there in February, 1825. Her father and grandfather were both named Isaac, and were members of an old English family which settled in Massachusetts before the Revolutionary war. Her mother's maiden name was Nancy Dowse. To Rodney Howard and his wife were born two children, Charles R. and Ada, the younger dying at the age of two years. Both parents are yet living.

Charles R. Howard was educated at the Appleton Academy, Mount Vernon, and the Normal School at Milford, N. H. After graduating from the last named institution, in 1870, he entered a dry-goods store in Milford as clerk, and when he was twenty-two years old embarked in the same line of trade for himself, having formed a partnership with a Mr. Gray under the firm name of Gray & Howard. At the end of four years the firm disposed of its business and dissolved, Mr. Howard going West with the intention of engaging in business in that section. Ill health, however, obliged him to return to the East, and for some time he was engaged in no active business. In 1884 he settled at Birmingham, now called Derby, Conn., and with George E. Barber as a partner again began business as a dry-goods merchant, the firm being Howard & Barber. The business prospered steadily, and the partnership continued until Mr. Howard's death, which occurred June 17, 1898. The premises occupied embraced two large stores, and the establishment is the largest in its line in the locality.

On Nov. 27, 1873, Mr. Howard married Miss Emma F. Wallingford. They had no children. He was a Republican in politics, and fraternally was a member of the I. O. O. F., having connected himself with the lodge of that order in Milford. Religiously he united with the Congregational Church of Derby. Mrs. Howard survives him, living in a comfortable home on Elizabeth street, in the city of Derby, whose appointments speak of the ease and culture, as well as the native refinement of the occupant. She is a daughter of Rufus N. and Susan (Farley) Wallingford, who had four children: Eliza Ann, who died when three years old; Charles R., who is married, and lives in Old Town, Maine; Emma F. (Mrs. Howard); Horace A., who married Josephine Coffrey,

and has two children, Howard and Mariam. The father, who was a wholesale merchant in Boston, died Aug. 24, 1900.

CHARLES S. CHAPMAN was born in Waterbury, New Haven county, Oct. 6, 1856, son of George P. Chapman, who was born in Warwick, R. I., March 30, 1830, and died Nov. 4, 1900, at his home in Bridgeport, Conn. Sherman Chapman, the grandfather of Charles S., was a farmer and a blacksmith at Tolland, Conn., where he served the public as a justice of the peace for many years. He was a son of Ezra Chapman, a farmer, who served with distinction in the Revolutionary war, and died in the service.

Sherman Chapman, grandfather of Charles S., married Miss Sarah Leonard, of Coventry, Conn., and located in Rhode Island. They reared a family of three children, George P., Ezra L. and Sarah. Ezra L. was a farmer in early life, and later became a blacksmith. Sarah is the widow of George A. Morse, a Methodist minister.

George P. Chapman, father of Charles S., was engaged as a blacksmith in New Haven and Waterbury. In 1855 he married Jane E. Brown, who died in 1885. She was born in New Milford, Pa., daughter of Charles M. Brown, a millwright, who was a native of Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman were the parents of three children: Charles S., our subject; George M., an electrician at Waterbury; and Frederick E., who also lives at Waterbury. George P. Chapman was a Republican, and was a conspicuous man in local matters. He was a member of the school board two terms, a councilman three years, and president of the board two years. While he lived in Bridgeport he served in the city council two terms, and is well remembered in that city as a public spirited and progressive man.

Charles S. Chapman was six years of age when his parents moved to Hartford, Conn., where his father was employed in Sharp's armory. After living there some time they moved to Torrington, Conn. Erie, Pa., was his home for a time, and he last attended school at Troy, N. Y. The parents moved from Troy to Albany, and there Charles S. entered a machine shop and worked a year or more. In 1877 they came to Waterbury, Charles S. accompanying them, and here he has resided to the present time. He obtained the position of bookkeeper in the office of the Carrington Manufacturing Co., and for five years was with that firm, in the spring of 1882 entering the service of the Waterbury Watch Co., as bookkeeper; he has risen step by step in positions of honor and trust until he is now cashier of that famous institution.

Mr. Chapman and Miss Carrie E. Trowbridge were married Oct. 24, 1884. Mrs. Chapman was born in Roxbury, Conn., daughter of William E. Trowbridge, a native of that town; her mother, Nancy (Meramble), also came from Roxbury. To

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have been born two children, Howard E. and Marjorie H. Mr. Chapman has always been a Republican, and has been called to many responsible and honorable positions in public life. In 1885 he served as a member of the Waterbury city council, and in 1892, 1893 and 1894 was a member of the center school district finance committee. He is now a member of the board of education for the city of Waterbury, and takes an active part in the promotion of school matters. Socially he is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, of Townsend Lodge, No. 89, I. O. O. F., and of Toantic Tribe, No. 22, I. O. R. M. He is very actively identified with the Methodist Church, having been a member for many years, and being one of the trustees at the present time. For fifteen years previous to 1898 he was superintendent of the Sunday-school, and for twelve years was treasurer of the Connecticut Sunday-school Association.

EDWARD JOHNSON CHITTENDEN, a progressive farmer and popular resident of the town of Guilford, was born there, on the Chittenden homestead, Jan. 5, 1858, son of Henry D. Chittenden, and comes of a family long and favorably known in that section.

Sergt. John Chittenden (son of William, one of the first settlers of Guilford) was married Dec. 12, 1665, to Hannah Fletcher, daughter of John Fletcher, of Milford, and died in Guilford in April, 1716, aged seventy-three years. Children: John, born Oct. 17, 1666, married Sarah Clay; Elizabeth, born Jan. 26, 1670, married Thomas Cruttenden; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Gideon, born Sept. 23, 1678, died in 1679; Abel, born May 14, 1681, married Deborah Seranton; Lydia, born March 30, 1684, married William Hall.

Joseph Chittenden, born March 26, 1672, died in Guilford Sept. 11, 1727. In 1692 he married Mary Kimberly, who was born in April, 1671, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Kimberly, of New Haven, and died Jan. 14, 1742. Children: Deborah, born Jan. 28, 1693, married John Spinning; Patience, born Jan. 19, 1696, married John Hubbard; Gideon, born Feb. 3, 1698, married Abigail Bishop; Daniel, born March 15, 1700, married Abigail Downs; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Thankful, born Jan. 27, 1704, married Thomas Bartlett.

Joseph Chittenden, born Jan. 25, 1702, died April 7, 1794, and is buried in Guilford. He was a cooper by trade. On Nov. 14, 1726, he married Patience Stone, born Nov. 12, 1703, daughter of Benajah and Hannah (DeWolt) Stone, of Guilford. She died Nov. 6, 1797, and in April, 1770, he married Ann Hall, born Nov. 13, 1724, daughter of Ithamar and Judith (Seward) Hall. She died Oct. 13, 1791, and is also buried in Guilford. Children, all by first marriage: Joseph, born Nov. 4, 1727, married Sarah Norton; Nathan, sketch of

whom follows; Lucy, born Oct. 18, 1736, married Melzar Fowler; Ambrose, born Dec. 29, 1744, married Zillah Hall.

Nathan Chittenden, born July 20, 1730, died June 6, 1819. On Sept. 23, 1756, he married Ruth Norton (daughter of John and Mary (Morgan) Norton), born in December, 1736, died Aug. 12, 1814. Children: Nathan, sketch of whom follows; Billie, born July 8, 1760, was drowned Jan. 18, 1784; Joel, born Feb. 7, 1766, died March 20, 1766; Ruth, born April 9, 1767, died March 26, 1775; Huldah, born Feb. 24, 1773, died Jan. 6, 1776.

Nathan Chittenden, born Oct. 19, 1757, in Guilford, died there Jan. 19, 1848, at the ripe age of ninety years. His first wife, Sybil (Johnson), died July 25, 1821, and he subsequently married Lucy Hall Johnson, who was born June 20, 1772, and died Oct. 23, 1851. Children, all by first marriage: Ruth, born in 1781, married Andrew Norton; Justus Johnson, sketch of whom follows; Nancy, born Sept. 26, 1784, died Oct. 18, 1788; Amelia, born Feb. 22, 1787, died June 20, 1801; Nancy, born Feb. 27, 1789, died Sept. 9, 1810; Billie, born April 27, 1791, married Eunice Fowler.

Justus Johnson Chittenden, born June 12, 1782, in Guilford, was a lifelong farmer of that town, and died there Aug. 8, 1805. He married Lucretia Cruttenden, who was born July 2, 1784, in East Guilford, daughter of Joseph and Lucretia (Everts) Cruttenden, and died May 24, 1857. Children: Amelia, born July 4, 1805, married William Starr; Clarissa was born June 5, 1808; Denison, sketch of whom follows; Nancy Lucretia, born March 19, 1813, married Bildad Bishop; Sarah, born May 26, 1817, married Stephen Spencer.

Denison Chittenden, born Sept. 16, 1810, engaged in farming all his life, making his home in Guilford, where he died Dec. 29, 1899. On Sept. 29, 1831, he married Annette A. Coan, who was born Dec. 25, 1811, daughter of Davis and Catherine (Fowler) Coan, and died Jan. 11, 1897. They had children: Catherine Fowler, born Dec. 2, 1833, died Aug. 10, 1837; Henry Denison, sketch of whom follows; and Sarah Lucretia, born July 23, 1839, died June 18, 1860.

Henry D. Chittenden, father of the gentleman whose name introduces this article, was born Dec. 28, 1835, on the Chittenden homestead, where he has passed his entire life, successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is one of the reliable citizens of his town, where he is well known, and as a prosperous farmer has considerable influence for good in his locality, though he has never taken any particular part in the public life of the community. He is a Republican in political faith. On July 1, 1856, Mr. Chittenden married Miss Mary Jane Dowd, who was born Oct. 22, 1838, daughter of Alfred G. and Harriet (Seranton) Dowd, and two children have blessed their union: Edward Johnson, sketch of whom follows; and John Seranton,

born July 15, 1860, who died March 30, 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Chittenden are good Christian people, and highly esteemed by their neighbors and many friends.

Edward Johnson Chittenden attended the schools near his home in Guilford, and later the high school. From boyhood he has been actively engaged in farm work, and he and his father now carry on the old homestead in partnership, giving considerable attention to stock raising in addition to general farming. Our subject has kept up the reputation of his family for industry and sobriety, and he is regarded as one of the intelligent, progressive farmers of his town. On Feb. 4, 1891, Mr. Chittenden married Mrs. Emily Louise (Wilcox) Landon, a native of Guilford, widow of Samuel Wilmot Landon. One child has come to them, Harry D., born Sept. 2, 1892. Fraternally Mr. Chittenden holds membership in St. Alban's Lodge, No. 38, F. & A. M., Guilford, of which he is now serving as secretary. In religion he is a member of the First Congregational Church. Like his father, he is a Republican in political sentiment, but not active in party affairs.

WILCOX. This family, to which Mrs. Edward J. Chittenden belongs, is one of the oldest in Connecticut. William Wilcox, the first of whom we have record, was a resident of Stratford, Conn. His son Obadiah had a son Joseph, who was born in 1694 in East Guilford (now the town of Madison), and spent his life there, dying July 15, 1770. He married Hannah Goodale, by whom he had children: Timothy, born May 7, 1724, married Emma Pierson, and died Dec. 28, 1781; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Elizabeth, born Sept. 17, 1728, married Jedediah Case; Jemel, was born Jan. 12, 1731; Hannah, born Sept. 15, 1733, married Eli Graves, and died June 8, 1805.

Joseph Wilcox, born in East Guilford, May 27, 1726, died there April 7, 1786. On Sept. 17, 1754, he married Sarah Munger, who was born Feb. 10, 1729, and died in 1782. In 1784 he married Prudence Dudley, who died April 14, 1804. Children, all by first marriage: Mabel, born May 23, 1755, married Christopher Foster; Abel, born in 1760, died while serving in the Revolutionary war; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Sarah, born June 14, 1773, died Nov. 27, 1863.

Joseph Wilcox, born in 1763 in East Guilford, died there Nov. 2, 1826. He married Olive Dowd, born Jan. 3, 1757, died Nov. 9, 1835, and they had children: Alvia married Abraham Cadwell, and died in 1864; Anna married William Scranton, and died in 1869; Prudence, born in 1783, married John F. Mays, and died Feb. 23, 1872; Abel, sketch of whom follows; Zenas was born in October, 1791; Roxanna married Joel Post.

Abel Wilcox, born Feb. 12, 1788, in the town of Madison, died there Dec. 26, 1841. On Nov. 21, 1814, he married Anna Field, born April 6, 1787, died Sept. 15, 1861. Children: Joseph Ben-

jamin, born Sept. 19, 1815, married Ruth Elizabeth Scranton; Timothy Field, born March 27, 1817, married L. Almira Foster; Hiram Selden, born Feb. 12, 1819, married F. Marilla Dowd; Henry Beal, born Feb. 1, 1821, married Lucretia Woodruff; Alfred Nelson, sketch of whom follows; John Elliot, born June 29, 1825, died Dec. 13, 1886; Ann Elizabeth was born Feb. 28, 1828; Mansford August, born May 15, 1830, married Nancy S. Smith; Sarah Matilda, born June 5, 1832, married Alphonso Snow and died April 25, 1871.

Alfred Nelson Wilcox, father of Mrs. Chittenden, was born May 14, 1823, and is one of the honored old residents of Guilford. He followed the trade of carpenter and builder in New Haven, Fair Haven and Guilford during his active years, and besides making a good living for himself and family established a high reputation as an industrious, honest man, gaining the respect of all who knew him. He is now living retired, and in feeble health. On Nov. 5, 1845, Mr. Wilcox married Caroline A. Munger, who was born April 25, 1826, and they had children as follows: Caroline M., born Feb. 24, 1847, is the wife of Eli T. Dudley; Alice Elizabeth, born Aug. 26, 1853, married George W. Carter; Emily Louise, born June 25, 1859, is the wife of Edward J. Chittenden, whose name opens this sketch.

SAMUEL WILMOT LANDON belonged to an old family of Long Island, and was a descendant of Nathaniel Landon, one of the first settlers in the vicinity of Southold. Judge Samuel Landon, son of Nathaniel, born in 1699 in Southold, died there June 11, 1782. David Landon, son of Samuel, was born Oct. 30, 1743, in Southold, and finally settled in Guilford, Conn., where he ended his days Sept. 14, 1796. On Oct. 18, 1763, he married Rebecca Ruggles, born Aug. 30, 1743, who died in June, 1823, and they had children: Jonathan was born Oct. 19, 1764; Samuel, born Oct. 17, 1765, died Aug. 23, 1793; David, born July 31, 176—, died Oct. 27, 1788; John, sketch of whom follows; Rebecca, born Oct. 11, 1773, died Oct. 27, 1773; William, born Dec. 9, 1774, died Jan. 18, 1830; Nathaniel Ruggles, born March 16, 1781, died in September, 1781; Nathaniel Ruggles (2), born June 28, 1784, died in December, 1857; George, born Aug. 10, 1787, died Oct. 8, 1866 (married Ruth Hart); four other sons died young.

John Landon, born Aug. 16, 1771, in Guilford, died March 27, 1826. He married Mrs. Sally Atwater, who died July 15, 1851, and they had two children: Samuel W., sketch of whom follows; and Sally, born April 9, 1798, who married W. Nelson Wheeler, and died July 16, 1850.

Samuel W. Landon, born Dec. 4, 1795, in Guilford, died there Dec. 17, 1886. His first wife was Eliza Stone, his second Beulah Huston, and he had children: Charles Wilmot, sketch of whom follows; Mary, born May 1, 1823, married John Graves, and died Dec. 8, 1861; John Elisha, born

Nov. 15, 1827, married Alice Cahill; Samuel, born April 17, 1831, died Nov. 18, 1854; Hugh, born Dec. 14, 1834, married Charlotte Tucker, and died in December, 1884.

Charles Wilmot Landon, born July 17, 1819, died July 19, 1877. On Nov. 5, 1844, he married Mary E. Benton, born Aug. 31, 1819, and they had children: Irene Elizabeth, born Sept. 6, 1845, died May 15, 1867; Franklin H., born Aug. 27, 1848, married Florence Isabel Whitmore; Charles Benton, born Feb. 21, 1851, married Helen Brockett; John Stone, born Oct. 6, 1853, married Edwin A. Clark; Ann Mary, born June 3, 1856, died May 15, 1857; Samuel Wilmot, born June 19, 1859, is mentioned below.

Samuel Wilmot Landon received his education in the district schools and high school of Guilford, and commenced active life as clerk in the store of Edward Griswold, in Guilford, remaining with him until 1883. He then embarked in the grocery and provision business in partnership with George S. Davis, the firm name being Landon & Davis, continuing same until his death, Oct. 13, 1890. His remains lie in the West cemetery. Socially he was a member of St. Alban's Lodge, F. & A. M., Guilford, and the Order of the Eastern Star; religiously he was a member of the First Congregational Church, and his political affiliation was with the Democratic party.

On Oct. 5, 1881, Mr. Landon married Miss Emily Louise Wilcox, a native of New Haven county, and a daughter of Alfred N. Wilcox. Two children were born to this union, Pearl Wilcox and Burton Hill, the former of whom is attending school; the latter is at home.

JOHN FRANCIS HAYES, M. D., son of Michael and Mary Ryan Hayes, was born in Waterbury, Conn., Jan. 17, 1857, and comes of good Irish ancestry, of which he has always been proud.

His father was born in Stonepark, Glen of Aherlow, County Tipperary, and his mother in Galbaly, County Limerick. They were among the early Irish settlers coming to Waterbury in 1846-48, and were noted for their honesty and industry, and for their frugal and temperate habits. The Doctor spent his boyhood days in Waterbury, where he was educated in the grammar and high schools, and also in what was known as the Waterbury English and Classical School, where many of the leading men of the city of Waterbury at the present time, obtained their education. His father had destined him to be a grocer, but the young man's ideas did not run in that direction, and he entered the Medical Department of the University of New York, in September, 1877, from which he graduated two years later (1879), receiving the degree of M. D., *cum laude*, when twenty-two years of age. Soon after graduating he successfully passed a competitive examination which gave him a choice of service and a position as resident physician and surgeon of the Mt. Sinai Hos-

pital, New York. He remained there fourteen months, and then went abroad and entered the Rotunda Lying-in-Hospital, Dublin, Ireland, one of the largest institutions of the kind in the world. He completed the course of study prescribed there in eight months and received the degree of Licentiate in Midwifery. At Dublin he also took a special course at St. Mark's Hospital in diseases of the Eye and Ear. The year Dr. Hayes spent in Ireland is one of the "red letter" years in his life, as he had longed to visit the birth places of his parents and ancestors, and was gratified with the genial courtesy and the kindly reception he met, wherever he turned in that country. From Dublin he went to Edinburgh, and entered the Royal Infirmary where he further devoted his time to general medicine and surgery, and diseases of the Eye and Ear under Prof. Bell and Drs. Robinson and Walker. After three months in the old Scotch capital, Dr. Hayes went to London and entered St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he had special opportunities for clinical study; and he was also a student at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, where over 25,000 patients are received annually, and here the doctor spent about three months. Returning to Waterbury he began his medical career in July, 1881, when he opened an office in the Brown block, No. 22 East Main street, and from the beginning, his success has been pronounced. To-day he enjoys a large general practice, and has by far the largest practice in midwifery of any physician in the city, and no physician has a higher or more honorable standing in the city of his birth.

On Jan. 20, 1885, Dr. Hayes married Mary A. Conran, a daughter of Patrick Conran, of Naugatuck, Conn. Six children were born to them, all but one of whom are now living: Michael Conran, Julia Purcell, John Ryan, Louis Vincent, Joseph (who died when three days old), and Francis Irving. Michael and Julia are in the Waterbury high school taking the college course; John in the eighth grade, Crosby Grammar; Louis in the fourth, and Francis in the first primary. In politics, Dr. Hayes has always been a staunch Democrat, and is noted for being frank, positive, ardent and outspoken in his views, and loyal to his friends, and is generally regarded as one of the ablest leaders of his party. He has taken more than ordinary interest in educational matters, and with a desire to raise the standard of education in our schools, but more especially in the high school, that it might take a place second to none among the high schools of Connecticut, he sought a place on the Board of Education, and was elected in 1889, and has served the public in this capacity with but a single break, up to the present time. He has served as chairman of all the committees, and on Jan. 2, 1900, was elected chairman of the Board by a unanimous vote. As a member of the board his report for the year 1894 regarding the condition of the schools is a model document, and an intelligent and strong plea for a more thor-



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ough study of English in the high school. As a result of his labors the course in English to-day is four years instead of two, which prevailed at that time. It is a document which does credit to his pen, and produced a profound impression at the time it was issued. He has been untiring in his efforts to promote the public good, and is the father of the free text book system in Waterbury, which was introduced in this city in 1894. He also strongly advocated and succeeded in establishing a training school for teachers in this city, which to-day is being successfully conducted. Dr. Hayes has repeatedly been offered other political honors, but has always declined. He belongs to a number of fraternal societies of which he is examining physician, such as the United Workmen, New England Order of Protection, Knights of Columbus, and Foresters of America. As might be expected from a gentleman of his high professional standing, Dr. Hayes belongs to the city, county, and State medical societies, and the American Medical Association, and is regarded as a gentleman in every way, a credit to the noble calling in which he is engaged. At a meeting of the American-Irish Historical Society held in New York in January, 1899, Dr. Hayes was elected one of the vice-presidents for Connecticut. Dr. Hayes has made many public addresses, and is regarded as one of the most prominent representatives of the Irish race in Waterbury. He and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, parish of the Immaculate Conception.

MRS. SARAH HULDA GORHAM, who is successfully engaged in dressmaking business in New Haven, belongs to an old and honored family of New Haven county. Her paternal grandfather, Reuben Doolittle, was a life-long resident of the town of Hamden and lived to an advanced age, but his wife, who bore the maiden name of Rhoda Wooding, died when comparatively young. Their children were Alfred, deceased; Alma, deceased wife of Enos Perkins; Isaac, deceased; Amy, who died unmarried; Willis, who died Jan. 24, 1901, in his ninety-first year; Seymour, deceased; Wealthy, deceased wife of Alfred Cooper; Lucius and Bennett, both deceased; Hulda, deceased wife of Beecher Johnson; and Lauren, father of our subject.

Lauren Doolittle was born in Hamden, Conn., June 19, 1820, grew to manhood in his native town, and on starting out in life for himself chose the occupation of farming. He died in Woodbridge, Nov. 1, 1895. His life was such as to gain him the confidence and high regard of all with whom he came in contact in business or social circles, and in his death the community realized that it had lost a valued and useful citizen.

On May 18, 1848, in Woodbridge, Mr. Doolittle married Miss Ann Eliza Parker, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Samuel H. Elliott, a Congregational minister. Her father, Ebenezer Philo Parker, was born in Bethany, Conn., Oct. 3,

1790, and was left an orphan at the age of six years. Owing to ill treatment by his step-father, he ran away from home when only eight years old, and, as will readily be seen, his advantages for securing an education were extremely limited, but nevertheless he became a man of considerable knowledge, owing to his practice of observation and reading in mature years. He was a farmer and carpenter by occupation, was captain of a company of militia, and a man of considerable prominence in his community. His political support was given the men and measures of the Democratic party. He was married in Woodbridge, in 1821, to Hulda Sperry, a daughter of Jared and Esther (Sanford) Sperry, and a descendant of Richard Sperry, who housed and fed the Regicides. She was born in Woodbridge, July 21, 1794, and died Feb. 16, 1867, while her husband died Aug. 12, 1867. In their family were only two children: Esther, born April 24, 1822, married Lucius Doolittle, of Woodbridge, a brother of our subject's father, and died Nov. 13, 1882. Ann Eliza, born Sept. 20, 1827, married Lauren Doolittle, and died Jan. 30, 1901, a most estimable lady and possessed of a remarkable memory.

Mrs. Gorham, born in Woodbridge, Oct. 30, 1850, married Francis L. Gorham, and is the oldest in a family of six children, the others being as follows: Frank Lauren, born Nov. 2, 1852, married Harriet Beecher, and they have one daughter, Eva Anna, born Feb. 6, 1883; Grace Darling, born Aug. 31, 1855, is a resident of Hamden; Herbert Edson, born Feb. 2, 1859, married Kate Hotchkiss, of Bethany; George Reuben, born July 28, 1860, married Ida Hotchkiss; and Willard Philo, born Aug. 12, 1867, married Alta Rilla Austin, of Woodbridge, and they have one daughter, Mabel Edna, born May 11, 1897. The members of this family are quite prominent in the communities where they reside, and their circle of friends and acquaintances is extensive.

BYRON LUTHER MORSE is entitled to distinction as one of the most progressive and enterprising business men of Prospect, New Haven county. Upon the business activity of a community depends its prosperity, and the men who are now recognized as leading citizens are those who are at the head of important and extensive business enterprises. Mr. Morse is a man of broad capabilities, who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

Mr. Morse was born June 9, 1859, in the town where he still makes his home, and is a worthy representative of one of the old and prominent families of Connecticut. His father, Harry Morse, was born in Prospect Centre in 1815, a son of Lent Morse, a well-known citizen of that town. The father received a district-school education, and throughout his active business life engaged in agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he located on

the Thomas farm, and there successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1859, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis from the effect of which he never recovered, though he lived twenty years afterward. He died June 13, 1879, and his remains were interred in Prospect cemetery. He was a supporter first of the Whig and later of the Republican party, and was liberal in his religious views. Wherever known he was held in high regard. He married Miss Sarah Ann Gillette, who was born in Prospect in 1824, a daughter of Garrett and Nancy (Platt) Gillette, and granddaughter of Benjamin Gillette and Benjamin Platt, a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Morse is still living with our subject upon the old homestead. She is a sincere Christian woman. Byron L. Morse is fifth in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: George, deceased; John, a blacksmith, who married Gertrude Clark; Harriet, wife of Friend Sanford; Walter, a resident of Waterbury, who married Jane Boden; Mary, wife of Edward Ford, of New London; and Alice, wife of William Boden, of Waterbury.

In the district schools of his native town Byron L. Morse obtained a good practical education, and upon the home farm he early gained an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. On account of his father's illness he took charge of the farm at an early age, and in its operation has met with marked success. It comprises 150 acres of valuable land, much of which is devoted to fruit, and in connection with general farming, stock raising and dairying he is extensively engaged in fruit culture; he buys and ships large quantities of apples annually and is also interested in the wood business. As a business man he is energetic, progressive and notably reliable, and the success that he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own well-directed efforts. Since attaining his majority he has been a staunch advocate of Republican principles, and in 1889 represented his town in the State Legislature. He is a prominent member of Prospect Grange, and served as treasurer thereof for three years.

JOHN MAXWELL MCKENZIE, civil engineer and surveyor of Wallingford, for some years a popular and efficient member of the board of selectmen, was born in Yalesville, New Haven Co., Conn., Oct. 15, 1855, and comes of sturdy Scottish ancestry. William McKenzie, the father of John M., was born in Murravshire, son of William and Margaret (Squire) McKenzie, who had three children: Margaret, who died unmarried; Alexander, a railroad contractor; and William, the father of John M. The father of these, a stonemason by trade, spent his life in his native country, where he died at a good old age. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

William McKenzie, our subject's father, learned the stone mason's trade under his father's instruction. Wishing a wider field for his work, when

nineteen years of age he left his native country on a sailing vessel bound for New York. He first found employment on government fortification work at Newport and Boston harbors, and later, in company with his brother Alexander, he engaged in the business of railroad contracting. In 1840 he came to Yalesville, where he located, and many of the large railroad structures on the Hartford Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, notably the Skew arch bridge over the New Haven & Hartford turnpike, about one-half mile above the village of Yalesville, are monuments of his thoroughness and skill. He also erected St. Paul's Episcopal church, in Wallingford. The remainder of his life was spent in Yalesville, where he died in 1872. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and a Republican in politics. William McKenzie was twice married, his first wife being a daughter of Andrus Hall, of Wallingford, and the mother of the following children: William, a storekeeper, who lives at Tracy; Mary, who married Andrew J. Brown; James, who resides in Yalesville; and Margaret, who died at the age of sixteen years. Mr. McKenzie married for his second wife Temperance Hall, a daughter of Adnah and Elizabeth (Scott) Hall. To this union were born four children: Theodore, a civil engineer of Southington; Homer, deceased; John Maxwell; and George C., of Yalesville. Mrs. McKenzie was a school teacher before her marriage, is a lady of culture and refinement, and has a strong poetic faculty. She is an earnest advocate and worker for the cause of temperance.

John Maxwell McKenzie attended the public schools of Yalesville, Mr. French's select school at New Haven, and also studied at Amenia, N. Y., where he took up civil engineering and surveying. He has been engaged on many public works throughout the State, among them the Southington, Naugatuck and Wallingford water works, Meriden sewage disposal, and the State highways in the towns of Wallingford, Southington and Rocky Hill, as well as numerous railway projects. He has also spent several years in the West, in the location and construction of railroads for the Burlington system, in the States of Nebraska, Dakota and Wyoming. Mr. McKenzie has been engineer for the borough of Wallingford for a number of years, and is still filling that position. Many important municipal improvements have been carried out under his supervision. He is well known and highly respected throughout the town. For four terms he was elected second selectman of Wallingford, and is still filling that office. As committee of the Third school district he takes a deep interest in educational and other matters pertaining to the welfare of his native village. Our subject belongs to the Baptist Church, and in politics is a Republican.

In 1893 Mr. McKenzie was married, in Southington, to Miss Louise Schlayer, a daughter of George and Caroline Schlayer, natives of Germany,

and residents of Southington, where their daughter Louise was born. They have three children, Marguerite, Maxwell and Aleyone. Mrs. McKenzie has many friends and is very popular and efficient in church and social matters.

The Halls, from whom Mr. McKenzie descends in the maternal line, are an old family of Wallingford. Jonathan Hall, son of Thomas and Grace Hall, and grandson of the first John Hall, was born in Wallingford July 25, 1672. On May 22, 1703, he married Dinah Andrews, who died at the age of seventy-nine years. He was eighty at the time of his death. Of their ten children, Benjamin Hall, born on the farm Oct. 20, 1725, was married Dec. 27, 1752, to Mary Ives. They had three children: Benjamin, born Sept. 25, 1752, who died young; Eliab, born Feb. 17, 1755; and Benjamin (2), born Nov. 3, 1755. Benjamin and Phebe Hall were married April 28, 1757. They settled in Plymouth, Conn., and to this union came a numerous family: Mary, born Jan. 27, 1758; Andrew, born Aug. 15, 1759; Mary (2), born Aug. 6, 1761; Phebe, born Aug. 20, 1763; Linus, born Sept. 25, 1765; David and Jonathan, twins, born Nov. 17, 1767; Erastus, born Feb. 12, 1770; Adnah, born May 8, 1772; Solomon, born in 1774; Eliab, born Dec. 11, 1776 (settled in North Killingworth); Grace Denison, born May 5, 1778; Asaph, born Oct. 1, 1781.

Adnah Hall, a member of the above family, spent his entire life in Wallingford, where he was engaged in farming, and died June 17, 1838. He married Elizabeth Scott, who died in 1840. To them were born children as follows: (1) Volutia, born March 29, 1811; (2) Wilfred, born July 25, 1815; (3) Temperance, born May 24, 1817 (married William McKenzie); (4) Harvey S., born Sept. 7, 1819; and (5) Ezekiel, born Jan. 23, 1822.

RICHARD BRADLEY, contractor and builder of Branford, a progressive and prosperous citizen, is a native of that place, born at the family homestead in West Main street June 30, 1850.

Timothy and Sarah (Goodsell) Bradley, his paternal great-grandparents, lived in the house in Branford now occupied by Seth Thomas Bradley. Their son, Timothy Bradley, grandfather of Richard, was a farmer, sailor and vessel owner, for many years coasting along the Atlantic shores, and making his home in Branford. He married Irene Gordon, daughter of Alexander and Irene Gordon, of Branford, and children as follows were born to them: James; Timothy; Irene, Mrs. William Bryan; Nancy, who was thrice married, to, respectively, Sylvester Harrison, Henry Linsley and William Bryan; Lydia, who was twice married, first to Allen Pardee, and second to Benjamin Linsley; Sally, Mrs. James Waddell; Mary, Mrs. Elias Linsley; Major Seth; and Gurdon.

Gurdon Bradley, father of Richard, was born in Branford Sept. 27, 1810, and as will be seen above was the youngest in his father's family. He began

life as a farmer, also owned a vessel and followed the coast for three winters, in addition to which he for many years conducted a saw and grist mill, and took contracts for the building of cellars, removing of buildings, etc.; for upward of twenty years he was also engaged in the ice business. On Jan. 29, 1843, he married Anna Maria, daughter of Samuel and Esther (Tyler) Spinks, of Branford, and to this union were born fourteen children, as follows: Ebenezer T. (deceased) was a molder by trade; he married Hannah Stedman, and had two sons, Harry and Robert. One son died in infancy. Esther M., Mrs. Sherman Holcomb, had two children, Anna and Harry C. Bessie, Mrs. Charles N. Holcomb, had one child, Fannie. Willis married Isabel Lane, and had three children, Maria, Helen and one deceased. Richard is our subject. Eliza A., Mrs. Charles E. Bunnell, had two children, Walter H. and Bessie. Albert C. is deceased. A. Gurdon is deceased. F. Cline married Mary Jane Foote, and has two children, Eugenia and Roberta. Charles S. married Sarah Kerr, and had two children, Fern and Gurdon. John H. married Emma Hall. Lee A. and Robert L. are deceased.

Richard Bradley, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared on the homestead, and received a common-school education, afterward learning the trade of carpenter. About the year 1874 he commenced business as a contractor and builder, and has since followed that occupation with well-merited success. Mr. Bradley is a director and trustee in the Branford Savings Bank. Besides his fine home he owns several houses in Branford, and also a cottage at Haycock Point, on the Sound.

On April 30, 1873, Mr. Bradley married Mary C. Smith, daughter of Leonard and Harriet E. (Smith) Smith, of Branford, and three children have been born to them, viz.: Frank S., Harriet E. and Charles Richard, the last named deceased. Frank S. married Nettie S. Page, of Branford, and has two children, Francis and Richard. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are members of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and in 1882-83 he served as first selectman of Branford. He is now chief of the Branford Fire Department.

HENRY M. BRADLEY, a prosperous florist and vegetable grower of Derby, is a son of Lewis Bradley and grandson of Lewis Bradley, both of whom were born in New Haven county. Both were farmers.

Lewis Bradley, the grandfather, was a resident of Westville, where he married and died. He had a family of seven children: Chauncey, Isaac, Elias, Lewis, Ann, Wealthy and Lydia, all of whom have passed away, as have also the parents. Chauncey settled at Seymour, where he became an extensive owner of real estate, and died a substantial citizen. Elias was a machinist. Isaac was a blacksmith, and made his home in Westville. Ann married Prof. Eaton, of Yale College. Wealthy and

Lydia passed their lives in Westville, where they died.

Lewis Bradley, fourth son of Lewis, and father of Henry M., was born in Westville, and reared upon his father's farm. Removing to Orange, he there purchased 200 acres of land and engaged in general farming and the raising of stock, besides carrying on the meat business. He was a Republican, and actively interested in politics. He was a strong Abolitionist, an ardent and vigorous friend of temperance, and frequently and cogently denounced the liquor traffic from the platform. In religious faith he was an earnest and consistent member of the Congregational Church, and he was a liberal contributor to church work. Mr. Bradley died in 1872, his widow in 1889. He married Charlotte, daughter of Miles Smith, of Milford, and a direct descendant of John Stone, of Guilford; Rev. Mr. Hooker, the founder of Hartford; Gov. William Leete; and John Downs, a gallant officer of the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley had seven children who reached maturity, three dying young. Of the two daughters, the elder, Anna L., is unmarried, and resides in New Haven. Lewis S. is a traveling salesman, and lives in New Haven. Emily L. died in August, 1875. Elias E. lived in Milford, where he held the offices of town agent, selectman and judge; he and his wife perished in the Peck's mill bridge disaster, Aug. 6, 1899. Henry M. is our subject. Otis B. succeeded A. N. Allen & Co. in the wholesale butter business, in New Haven; he is a resident of Derby. Charles E. is a bookkeeper for his brother.

Henry M. Bradley was born in Orange Nov. 24, 1847. He attended the public schools, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-three he became a conductor on the Derby railroad, and continued to fill that position for four years and three months. He then opened a bird fancier's establishment in New Haven, which he conducted for a year, and in 1876 he removed to Derby, where he has made his home up to the present time. For seven years he devoted himself to the cultivation and sale of vegetables, and in 1883 he added to this business the propagation of and dealing in flowers. From that time to the present he has followed this vocation, in which he has met with marked success, employing six men throughout the entire year. He is a man of prominence in the community and commands universal respect alike because of his business ability and his high moral character. Starting in life without money or influence to aid him to rise, he has climbed step by step from the position of railroad employe to that of a prosperous, well-to-do business man through his own honest effort and unwearied industry. The success of such a man may well be a source of pardonable self-congratulation, as well as a cause for legitimate pride on the part of his children. Mr. Bradley is a Republican in politics, and while not a professed member of any religious

body is an attendant upon the Congregational Church, to the support of which he is a liberal contributor.

On Dec. 31, 1868, Mr. Bradley married Miss Maggie Croffut, who was born in Birmingham, a daughter of David K. Croffut, of Redding, Fairfield county. Her mother, Harriet M. (Treat), was a lineal descendant of Robert Treat, at one time governor of Connecticut. The Croffuts are of Welsh extraction, Mrs. Bradley's great-grandfather having come from Wales to America at an early day. Her great-grandfather on the paternal side was named Samuel, and her grandfather Eri. The latter was born in Redding, and was a manufacturer of combs. Mrs. Bradley was one of two daughters; her sister Louise became the wife of Elbee Treat, a farmer of Orange, who died in 1899. David K. Croffut died Jan. 17, 1899, at the age of eighty-eight, his wife passing away Nov. 19, 1896. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, a Republican, a strong temperance man, and a radical Abolitionist.

Five children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley: Charles C., born Nov. 3, 1869, who died Dec. 19, 1878; Matie Bell, born April 13, 1879, who died Oct. 13, 1880; Henry M., Jr., born Nov. 24, 1882; Charlotte, born Dec. 7, 1883; and Lewis H., born April 11, 1889.

ORRIN HALL (deceased), for many years a highly esteemed and honored citizen of Wolcott, belonged to one of the earliest families of New Haven county. The first of the name to come to America was John Hall, a native of England, who located in New Haven as early as 1639, and about 1670 removed to Wallingford, where he died in 1676, at the age of seventy-one years. He married Jane Woolen, and to them were born seven children, namely: John, who was baptized Aug. 9, 1646, at New Haven; Sarah, who was baptized at the same place, on the same date; Richard, born July 11, 1645; Samuel, born May 21, 1646, who died March 5, 1725; Thomas, born March 25, 1649; Jonathan, born April 5, 1651; and David, born March 8, 1652, who died July 17, 1727.

John Hall (2), son of the progenitor of this family in the New World, was married Dec. 6, 1660, to Mary Parker, a daughter of Edward Parker, of New Haven, and they located in Wallingford with the first planters, in 1670. There he died Sept. 2, 1721, aged eighty-six years, his wife passing away Sept. 22, 1725. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, born Aug. 11, 1670; Daniel, born July 26, 1672, who was married March 15, 1693, to Thankful Lyman; Mary, born June 23, 1675; Nathaniel, born Feb. 8, 1677; John, born March 14, 1681, who married Elizabeth Royce; Lydia, born Jan. 21, 1683; Samuel, born Dec. 24, 1686, who died Nov. 1, 1689; Esther, born Aug. 30, 1693; and Caleb, born Sept. 14, 1697.

Nathaniel Hall, son of John (2), spent his en-



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tire life in Wallingford, dying there Aug. 16, 1757. In May, 1699, he married Elizabeth Curtis, who died Sept. 30, 1735, and he was married Sept. 15, 1736, to Lydia Johnson. His children were: Amos, born Jan. 24, 1700, who married Ruth Royce; Margaretta, born Dec. 21, 1701, who died Oct. 30, 1707; Caleb, born Jan. 3, 1703, who died May 11, 1766; Moses, born June 6, 1706, who died Feb. 15, 1765; Mary, born Oct. 30, 1707; Nathaniel, born April 17, 1711, who died Dec. 18, 1727; James, born April 23, 1713; Elizabeth, born Sept. 22, 1715; Desire, born June 19, 1719; and Heman, born Oct. 17, 1720.

Heman Hall was born in Wallingford, but spent the greater part of his life in Wolcott, where he owned land and engaged in farming. He was known as Lieut. Hall, winning his title by service in the militia. He was highly respected by the entire community in which he lived. He died in 1769, and was buried in the Wolcott Center cemetery. His widow, Elizabeth, married a Mr. Lee, died in 1804, and was also laid to rest in the Wolcott Center cemetery. Four children were born to Heman and Elizabeth Hall, namely: Curtis, in 1746; Heman, in 1750; Phebe, wife of Deacon Joseph Atkin; and Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Byington, Jr.

Capt. Heman Hall, son of Lieut. Heman, was born in Wallingford in 1750, and moved with his parents to Wolcott, where he engaged in farming throughout life, passing his later days in that part of the town known as Woodtick. He was quite a prominent and influential man in his community, and was captain of the train band, the 9th Company, 15th Connecticut Militia. He died in June, 1795, and his remains were interred in the family burying-ground. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rebecca Finch, was born in 1746, and died Jan. 3, 1805. Their children were: Sally, who died young; Rebecca, who married Osee Bronson, and moved to New York State; Heman, who is mentioned below; Levi, who was baptized Sept. 18, 1778; Sally, baptized April 30, 1780; Ursula, baptized Aug. 18, 1782, who married Noah Walker, of Saybrook, Conn.; Sarah, born in 1780, who married a Mr. Willing, and died July 19, 1860; and Lizzie E., who married Daniel Byington.

Heman Hall, son of Capt. Heman Hall, was born on the old homestead in Wolcott in 1775, and made his home in Woodtick, where he died Feb. 4, 1848. He was commissioned sergeant in the militia at Farmington in 1797. He married Lydia Hitchcock, who was born in Southington Aug. 4, 1777, a daughter of David Hitchcock, and died Feb. 9, 1856. Of their children, Orrin, subject of this sketch, was the eldest; Ephraim, born Sept. 5, 1799, was the next in order of birth; Polly, born Aug. 17, 1801, was married Jan. 1, 1822, to William Plumb; Lydia, born June 21, 1804, was married June 24, 1823, to William Frost, and lived in East Farms, Waterbury; Rebecca F., born in Au-

gust, 1808, was married May 31, 1829, to William H. Payne, and settled in Waterbury; and Roxanna, born April 1, 1816, was married Sept. 30, 1838, to Laurin L. Stevens, and died Dec. 11, 1867.

Deacon Orrin Hall, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Woodtick, town of Wolcott, Oct. 11, 1797, and grew to manhood upon the home farm, receiving his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. For several years he worked at the carpenter's and joiner's trade, but later devoted his entire time and attention to the operation of the old homestead, upon which he continued to make his home until called from this life, Oct. 10, 1881. His remains were interred in the old Wolcott cemetery. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and he always took a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. He was a devout member of the Congregational Church, in which he served as deacon; was a champion of every movement designed to promote the general welfare; a supporter of every enterprise for the public good; and materially aided in the advancement of all social, industrial and moral interests.

Mr. Hall married Miss Nancy Miner, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Upton) Miner, the former a soldier in the Revolutionary army. Mrs. Hall was born July 12, 1798, and died Feb. 9, 1873. To Deacon Hall and his wife came two children: (1) Heman W., born June 11, 1824, died Nov. 5, 1867. He married Betsey Ann Sperry, daughter of Joseph N. Sperry, and they had three children—Sarah Ursula, born April 17, 1847, was married Oct. 20, 1866, to Charles M. Potter, and resides in North Guilford; Ransom B., born July 12, 1852, is deceased (he is mentioned elsewhere); and Hattie L., born Jan. 10, 1863, is the wife of L. E. Hallock. Mrs. Heman W. Hall died Jan. 25, 1863, aged thirty-six years. (2) Harriet Julina, the only daughter of our subject, born Nov. 6, 1834, resides on the old homestead, where she tenderly cared for her parents during their declining years. She is a lady of culture and refinement.

JAMES H. KENNEY, proprietor of one of the leading meat markets of Naugatuck, New Haven county, was born in Hartford, Conn., Sept. 18, 1856. His father, John Kenney, was a native of County Westmeath, Ireland, and a son of Michael Kenney, a farmer, who spent his last days in Iowa. The latter had a family of four children, namely: John, father of our subject; James, a carpenter of Lytle City, Iowa; Patrick, a carpenter, who died in New Haven, Conn.; and Kate, wife of Luke Fields, a gardener.

John Kenney, father of James H., was twelve years of age when he crossed the Atlantic. He first located in Iowa, but after the death of his father came to Hartford, Conn., where he made his home for some years. He was a boot fitter, and ran the first wax-end machine at that place. In early man-

hood he wedded Mary Adamson, who was also born in Ireland, but came to the New World when quite young. Children as follows were born to them: James H., our subject; Mary, wife of Richard Ganley, of Waterbury; John, a mechanic of New York; Frank, a carriage painter of Bridgeport, Conn.; Joseph, who is clerking in the meat market of our subject; and Elizabeth, a resident of New Haven. The father died in that city in 1896, the mother in August, 1895. Both were devout members of the Roman Catholic Church, and he was a Democrat in politics.

The subject of this review was a child of four years when the family removed from Hartford to New Haven, where he grew to manhood and was educated. He began his business career as clerk in the grocery and meat market of Peter McHugh, of that city, with whom he remained seven years, and on Jan. 4, 1877, came to Naugatuck, where he spent three years with Father Fagan. Returning to New Haven, he was engaged in the meat and grocery business there for some time, but in 1884 he again came to Naugatuck, where he worked for the Carrington Co. one year. Subsequently he was employed in a meat market at Union City, and in 1891 opened a market of his own, which he has since carried on, meeting with marked success in the undertaking.

On June 14, 1882, Mr. Kenney married Miss Agnes Campion, a native of Naugatuck, and a daughter of William and Catherine Campion, who were of Irish extraction. They have a family of five children: James, William, Raymond, Edmund and Harold. Mr. Kenney and his family are members of St. Francis Catholic Church, and he is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, the A. O. H. of A., and the Knights of the Maccabees. He gives his unwavering support to the Democratic party and its principles, and is a recognized leader in public affairs in his community. He is now serving his fourth year as a member of the board of burgesses of Naugatuck, and is also a member of the board of relief.

MARCUS WILLARD MINOR, a thorough and skillful farmer who is now carrying on his chosen occupation with marked success in Cheshire, is a native of New Haven county, born in Waterbury July 29, 1853, and is a worthy representative of one of the prominent early families of the town of Wolcott, this county.

Marcus Minor, his paternal grandfather, was born in Wolcott in 1794, a son of Joseph Minor, from Lyme, Conn. He married Harriet Hotchkiss. He engaged in farming in his native town, and there his wife died, but his death occurred in Bristol, in 1871. They had three children: Marshall, father of Marcus Willard; a twin of Marshall who died in infancy; and Maria, wife of Willard Downs, who died in Wolcott.

Marshall Minor was born in 1825 in the town

of Wolcott, where he was reared and educated, and where, throughout his active business life, he engaged in farming. In politics he was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He wedded Miss Mary Downs, who was born in Waterbury in 1827, and died in 1862, and he died in his native town in 1866. In their family were four children, namely: Marcus Willard; George, a resident of Bristol, Conn.; Cornelia, wife of Bartlett Evans, of Bristol; and Henrietta, wife of Hubbard Frederick, of Bristol.

The early life of our subject was passed in Wolcott, Westville and Waterbury, and for nine years after starting out in life for himself he conducted a meat market in Meriden, Conn. In 1888 he came to Cheshire, where he now owns a well-improved and valuable farm of eighty-six acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, and which he successfully operates. Like his father, he is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party and its principles, and in 1896 he was elected third selectman on his party ticket.

In January, 1875, in Waterbury, Mr. Minor was married to Miss Margaret Rogers, a native of Cornwall, Conn., and a daughter of Frank and Susan Rogers, early settlers of Connecticut, who died on the farm in Cheshire where their daughter now resides. To this union have been born five children: Frank, a resident of Waterbury; Mary A., wife of Arthur R. Barnes, of New York; Stella; Earl; and Elsie.

EDGAR THOMAS CLARK, a prominent resident of Milford, is a member of a well-known pioneer family which is now numerously represented in that section, being a descendant of George Clark, who came from England in 1639, and became one of the first settlers of Milford.

Elisha Clark, our subject's great-grandfather, resided in the town of Milford, at Woodmont, and died May 30, 1840, aged eighty-six years. Thomas Clark, his son, was also a native of Woodmont, born July 8, 1786, and died Dec. 15, 1854, aged sixty-eight years. On Jan. 2, 1812, he married Eunice Mallett, a native of Bridgeport, who died Oct. 1, 1867, aged eighty-one years. They made their home upon a farm in Woodmont, and seven children came to them, as follows: Lewis E., born April 4, 1813, was a painter by trade, and died in Woodmont June 29, 1846; Lanson B., born June 19, 1815, became a Methodist minister, and died March 5, 1866; Sarah A., born Dec. 30, 1817, married John P. Hubbard, a farmer of the town of Orange, and died Oct. 20, 1899, in Waterbury; Avis M., born Feb. 18, 1820, married Jonas Buckingham, a shoemaker of Milford, and died Oct. 13, 1883, aged sixty-three years; Nehemiah T., our subject's father, is mentioned below; Harriet A., born July 3, 1825, married Willis A. Law, a retired merchant of New Haven; and Mary E., born June 11, 1829, died Oct. 7, 1830.

Nehemiah T. Clark was born on the old homestead in Woodmont May 4, 1823, and died July 22, 1899. In early manhood he engaged in farming there, but he also conducted a factory for many years, making carriage spokes and hubs. He was an excellent citizen, was a Republican in politics, and a Congregationalist in religious faith. On Dec. 23, 1858, he married Abigail P. Baldwin, daughter of Samuel D. and Susan A. (Peck) Baldwin, of Milford. She died March 12, 1891, leaving three children, of whom (1) Edgar Thomas, our subject, is the eldest. (2) Annie B., born Dec. 25, 1860, married George A. Elmer, then of Milford, and now a resident of Stamford, Conn. (3) Bertha A., born Sept. 26, 1868, is at home.

Edgar T. Clark was born Dec. 14, 1859, in Woodmont, where he grew to manhood, the schools of the town affording him a practical education. He never learned a trade, and on June 12, 1882, he went to Milford to work in the shipping department of the straw factory, where he remained eight years. For some time afterward he was occupied with the care of his father's property, and for four years he conducted a grocery and bakery, but at present he merely looks after his rents and investments. He takes a loyal interest in all that concerns his town, and has for twelve years been a member of the Milford fire department, the local Grange, the Royal Arcanum, and the I. O. O. F. On Nov. 6, 1900, he was elected on the Republican ticket as representative of Milford for two years, and for years he has served as chairman of the board of assessors.

On Aug. 2, 1888, Mr. Clark married Anna L. Botsford, daughter of Treat Botsford, of Milford. She died Dec. 7, 1888, and on Oct. 30, 1895, he married Miss Charlotte M. Clark, of Orange, Conn., daughter of Henry M. Clark, of that town, and his wife, Ida Merwin, a native of New Preston, Conn. Mr. Clark is a member of the First Congregational Church, is a member of the First Ecclesiastical Society, and has been treasurer of same for the past six years.

EDWARD B. BRADLEY, a conductor on the New York & New Haven railroad, now residing at No. 100 Cliff street, Ansonia, was born March 20, 1845, in Newtown, this State, where the family had long been established. There his father, James W. Bradley, and his grandfather, Abijah Bradley, were born. The latter was in his early life a chair manufacturer, and in his later years a farmer. He reached the great age of ninety-one years.

James W. Bradley was reared on the farm, and in his early life learned the trade of chairmaking. For a number of years he was the proprietor and manager of a lunch counter and eating house in Newtown, and then moved to Derby, to take a position as stage driver between that city and Bridgeport. He was later given a run between Woodbury and the Derby docks. He had a stage from

Woodbury to Seymour, in connection with the Naugatuck railroad. Selling this stage route, he bought a farm in Southbury, which he cultivated for seven years and then sold, going into a hotel at Seymour, which he conducted for a time. He then again became a farmer for a time, and afterward had a restaurant in New Haven, which he disposed of to take the "Madison House," and later the "Tontine Hotel," both in New Haven. For twenty-five years he was proprietor and manager of the "Tontine," where he died at the age of seventy-six years. He built up that hostelry until it became one of the leading hotels of the State; it has been patronized by many thousand people. James W. Bradley married Abigail Somers, who was born in Newtown. She became the mother of five sons, three of whom are still living: James Monroe, now in Muskegon, Mich.; Albert H., retired, and living in New Haven; and Edward B. Mrs. Bradley died in 1890, at the age of seventy-five. Both parents belonged to the First Methodist Church, and were highly respected people in their day.

Edward B. Bradley spent the earlier years of his life under the parental roof, and obtained his education in the public schools of the city. When he was eighteen years of age he left home and secured a position as driver on a stage running between Seymour and New Haven. Very shortly he bought this run, giving his note of \$1,500 to his father. This enterprise proved highly successful, and the young man spent seven years on the line. Mr. Bradley ran the first train on schedule time on the New Haven & Derby railroad, Aug. 9, 1871. There was not a platform along the line. Our subject was new at the business; not a ticket was sold, and he took all cash fares. He had a hard time, but he persevered, and is now known as one of the tried and capable conductors in the State. During the years that have intervened Mr. Bradley has witnessed a wonderful transformation, not only in the road, but in the region through which he passes. The road has become one of the best in New England, and the cities have greatly prospered. When Mr. Bradley began in this line two trains a day were sufficient for all the needs of the business. Now he goes over the line six times a day, and there are twelve other trains. He has seen but one wreck, and never has had a charge of any kind preferred against him. His record as a trainman is clean, and his showing as a man and citizen is equally good. Mr. Bradley lived in Seymour until 1881, when he moved to Ansonia.

Mr. Bradley was married, Nov. 29, 1866, to Celestia A. Steele, daughter of John B. and Emeline (Stewart) Steele, of Seymour, who had two children, Mrs. Bradley being now the only survivor. Her mother died in 1881, at the age of sixty-two years, and her father at the age of forty years. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have one child, Emma, who married L. F. Anschutz, and is the mother of three

children, Edward Bradley, Louise F. and Lora May.

Mr. Bradley is a Republican in politics. He is a member of George Washington Lodge, F. & A. M.; Mount Vernon Chapter; New Haven Commandery, Knights Templar; Mechanics Lodge, No. 73, I. O. O. F., at Seymour; and is a charter member of the local division of the Order of Railway Conductors. He and his wife attend the First Congregational Church of Ansonia. Mr. Bradley has been remarkably successful throughout life, and stands to-day on an enviable plane, where his talents, business ability and upright and manly character alike command the respect and confidence of the public.

DAVID SMITH, a man highly esteemed for his many good qualities, was a direct descendant of George Smith, one of the first settlers of New Haven. He was born in West Haven Feb. 10, 1798, and died in that township at the age of seventy years. Left fatherless at an early age, he was reared by an uncle, and acquired such education as the district schools afforded. He became a carpenter by trade, and followed that calling in the South, but later returned to his old home in West Haven, where his declining years were spent. He built the house now occupied by Mrs. Beardsley, on the site of the first West Haven parsonage. In all affairs of the town he took an active part, and was ever in the van in any move that would advance the moral or material welfare of this community. Of the strictest integrity himself, he looked to find the same honesty of purpose in others, and his presence, with its fearlessness for the right, inspired what was best in his associates.

On Aug. 10, 1854, Mr. Smith married Susan Prudden, who was born in Orange, this county, Aug. 25, 1819, a daughter of Samuel Prudden, and a direct descendant of Rev. Peter Prudden, the first pastor of the church at Milford. Of this union was born Sept. 13, 1855, a son, David Prudden, who died Feb. 13, 1871. On Oct. 6, 1874, Mrs. Smith married Dr. Lucius N. Beardsley, whose life record may be found elsewhere in this volume.

Rev. Peter Prudden was a prominent preacher in England before emigrating to America. He came to Connecticut from Boston with the New Haven Colony and afterward led a branch colony to Milford. He married Joanna Boyse, daughter of an English clergyman. Rev. Peter Prudden was a college graduate, and a man of much natural ability. He was greatly esteemed as a peacemaker and as a wise counselor not only in his own community, but throughout the entire colony of New Haven. Of him Cotton Mather says, "his death was felt by the colony as the fall of a pillar, which made the whole fabric to shake."

Samuel Prudden, Mr. Beardsley's father, was the son of Samuel Prudden, of North Milford, now

called Orange, and Anna Clark, a representative of another pioneer family of Milford. He was a successful teacher as well as an intelligent and enterprising farmer. Like others of his family he was identified with the Congregational Church. His wife, Susanna Smith, was the daughter of Captain Gould Smith, and through her mother was a descendant of Rev. Thomas Hooker.

Since Dr. Beardsley's death Mrs. Beardsley has resided in the home erected by Mr. Smith, as above stated, and is wearing her eighty-two years of a well-spent life with all the grace and dignity of a noble woman. Among her benefactions may be mentioned a tablet in the Milford Church, inscribed to the memory of its first pastor, Rev. Peter Prudden.

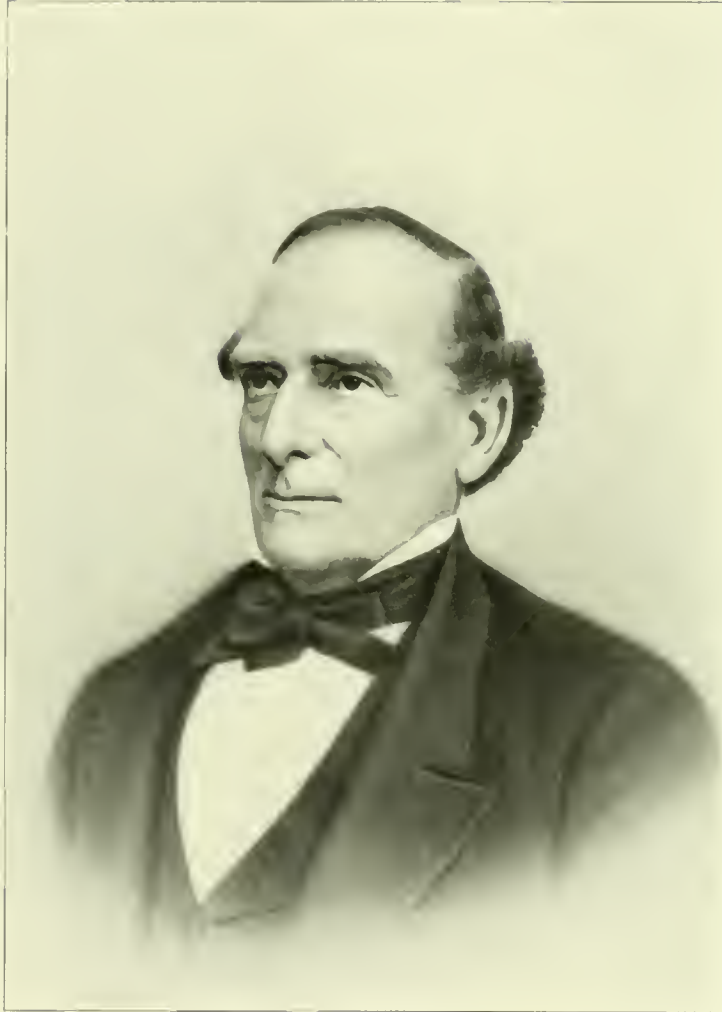
EDWARD T. ROOT was born in Waterbury Feb. 12, 1840, and his lifelong career in that city has been honorable and upright. George Root, his father, was born in 1796 in New York City, where he died at the age of ninety years.

Reuben Root, the father of George, was born in Southington, Conn., and died in New York. He was of English extraction. He worked in New York as a ship carpenter during the war of the Revolution. He married Hannah George, and they had two children: George, the father of Edward T.; and Amos, who lived in New York, where he was a merchant, and died when quite young.

George Root, the father of Edward T., spent the first twenty-one years of his life in the city of New York, where he acquired his education, and where he learned the trade of cabinetmaker. When a boy he helped to make the coffin of Robert Fulton. In Waterbury he followed his trade as long as he was able to work, living there about seventy years. He married Temperance Bronson, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of Samuel Bronson, and a granddaughter of Major Samuel Bronson, a soldier of the Revolution. George Root and his wife were the parents of three children, Jane A., Edward T. and Henry B. Jane married Samuel Pemberton, of Newark, N. J. George Root was a Whig, and in his later life a Republican. For many generations back the Roots were identified with the Congregational Church.

Edward T. Root spent his boyhood days in Waterbury, where he was reared. He attended the public schools until he reached the age of sixteen, when he became a clerk in the postoffice, holding that position for a year. For a time he also clerked, boy fashion, in his father's store, and in 1859 entered the insurance office of Hall & Smith. After a time Mr. Hall retired, and Mr. Smith continued the business alone for some years. About 1885 the firm became Smith & Root, and in 1896 the firm of Root & Boyd was formed. They write all kinds of insurance, and have a fine list of clients.

In 1868 Mr. Root married Miss Julia M. Rogers, of Chester, Vt., daughter of Isaac Rogers.



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Mrs. Root died in 1886, and the only child of this union, Frederick H., died in January, 1895. In 1888 Mr. Root married Miss Caroline B. Blake, daughter of Dr. A. S. Blake, of Waterbury. Mr. Root is a Republican, and has been councilman, town assessor and representative of his town in the State Legislature. Fraternally he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and is a charter member of Continental Lodge, No. 70, F. & A. M., organized in 1862; he has been a member since 1862 of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F. As a member of the Waterbury Club he comes into contact with the best and leading men of the city, and in these circles his standing is unquestioned. With his family he attends Trinity Episcopal Church.

Mr. Root enlisted in the Union army in 1862, in Company A, 23d Conn. V. I., and was mustered out at New Haven the following year. He was taken prisoner and paroled, so that his experience of active warfare was limited.

HERBERT LOUIS BENTON, a farmer and dairyman in Guilford, was born April 16, 1843, and is a native of that town. The first of the name in Guilford was Edward Benton, a native of England, who died in Guilford in 1680. His wife, Anna, died in 1671. They had the following children: Edward; Daniel; Andrew, who married Elizabeth Rolfe; Hannah, who married Robert Ackerly; Mary, who married Samuel Thorp; John, who died young; Tabbitha, who married Simon Simpson; Elizabeth; Sarah, who married Thomas Wright; and Zachens.

Daniel Benton, the second child in the family of Edward, was born in 1638, and died June 10, 1672. He was a farmer and land owner, and belonged to the church. A man of character and standing, he ranked well in his day. He married Rachel Goodrich, who died in 1685, and they were the parents of four children: Joanna, who married John Turner; Ebenezer, mentioned below; Beltzah; and Rebecca, who married Joseph Halsey.

Ebenezer Benton was born in October, 1663, in Guilford, where his entire life was spent, engaged in farming. He was a prominent citizen, especially in church matters. He died on his farm June 22, 1758, and was buried in Guilford. His wife, Abigail, was born March 6, 1670, and died April 13, 1753; she was buried in the Guilford cemetery. They were married June 14, 1694, and their children were: Daniel; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Buell; Ebenezer, who married Esther Crittenden; Abigail, who married Ebenezer Crittenden; and Caleb, who married Sarah Stone.

Deacon Daniel Benton was born in Guilford June 1, 1695, and was a deacon of the Congregational Church. He died Aug. 25, 1756. In 1728 he married Elizabeth Stone, who was born Oct. 6, 1706, died in 1753, and was buried in Guilford. For his second wife he married Mrs. Sarah Seward, who died March 12, 1762. His family consisted of

the following children: Sarah; Daniel; Eli; Samuel; Jared, who married Elizabeth Collins; Silas, who married Abigail Lindsley; Nathan, who married Rachel Chittenden; Ann, who married Philip Mann; Elizabeth, who married Rufus Graves; Daniel James; and one that died in infancy.

Silas Benton, who was born July 25, 1739, was engaged in farming throughout life, and died March 19, 1828. On June 6, 1768, he married Abigail Lindsley, who was born in 1743, in Branford, and died in 1811. About the close of the year 1811 he married for his second wife Widow Lois Plant. He had the following children: Abigail; Daniel, who married Fannie Eliot; Joseph; Isaac, who married Sarah Robinson; Dan Lindsley; Julin; and Silas.

Dan Lindsley Benton, the grandfather of Herbert L. Benton, was born in 1780, and was a lifelong farmer. He was a well-known citizen and a member of the church. He died June 18, 1859, and was buried in the West cemetery. On March 11, 1805, he married Betsy Seward, who was born in 1788, and died Aug. 20, 1865. They had the following children: David Merrick; Betsy Ann, who married Eli Parmelee; Dan Lindsley; Harriet, who married Samuel Davis; Clarissa, who married Nelson Hotchkiss; Lydia, who married Henry Rankin; Mary Elizabeth, who married Charles Landon; Ella Maria, who married Charles M. Stone; Richard Henry, who married Charlotte E. Pareus; John, who married Catherine L. Kelsey; Martha Seward, who married Deacon Edwin O. Davis, of Guilford; and David Merrick (2), who married Frances S. Smith.

Dan Lindsley Benton, father of Herbert L., was born March 5, 1810, on the Guilford farm, where he received a good common-school education, and was reared to farming, which was his life business. He owned a large tract of land at Sachem's Head, on which he made extensive improvements. In politics he was a Democrat. He died in 1894, and was buried in the West cemetery in Guilford. In 1833 he married Martha M. Norton, who was born Nov. 20, 1811, and died June 12, 1835. They were the parents of one child, Darwin M. For his second wife Mr. Benton was married, May 30, 1841, to Elizabeth Blakeslee, who was born June 29, 1818, in Northford, and is still living. To this union were born three children: Herbert Louis; Charles Lindsley, who resides on the homestead; and Edward W., also making his home on the homestead.

Herbert Louis Benton was born on the homestead April 16, 1845, attended the district school and Guilford Academy, and remained on the farm until after his marriage, when he began farming on the place where he is now located. Mr. Benton has also been a carpenter and a boatbuilder. He is a hard worker, and is much respected for his industry. In religious connection he is a member of the Episcopal Church, where he officiates as a vestryman. His political affiliation is with the Democratic

party; he has never sought an office. Mr. Benton was married, in Guilford, June 11, 1885, to Miss Fannie M. Eliot, daughter of Louis R. and Fannie (Griswold) Eliot, both of whom are deceased, and is the father of two children: Eliot H., born Sept. 10, 1889; and Ruth E., born Oct. 15, 1892.

ELIAS W. DAVIS, M. D., Seymour, is a native of Massachusetts, born in Paxton in 1855, a grandson of Deacon David Davis, also born in Paxton, who married Patty Howe in 1780 or 1785, and had a family of ten children. He was a captain of a militia company formed after the Revolutionary war, which corps he drilled to such perfection that it became known as one of the crack companies of that day. Up to the time of his death he was a deacon of the Congregational Church.

David G. Davis, father of our subject, is the youngest of the ten children born to Deacon David Davis, and at the present time is living in Worcester, Mass., at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. He was engaged in farming, also in the manufacture of boots and shoes and was prominent in business enterprises till within a few years ago. For twenty-five years he was a selectman, and at one time represented his town in the State Legislature of Massachusetts. He married Sarah Gilbert Earle, of Paxton, Mass., and through her the family is traced to old English ancestry, though the first Davis ancestor was a Welshman. Five children were born of this union, all yet living, viz.: William P., Eliza A., David, Elias W. and Gilbert G. Of these, William P. is a physician in Reading, Mass.; Eliza A. married John Davis Hudson, a cabinetmaker of Mason City, Ill., and died in 1900; David, a boot manufacturer in Wilkesbarre, Penn., married Mary Sherman; Gilbert G., who carries on a printing and blank-book manufacturing business in Worcester, Mass., married Minnie Warren, of Worcester.

Elias W. Davis, the subject proper of this sketch, lived in Paxton Hills, Mass., until he was fifteen years of age, receiving his primary education at the district schools, after which he prepared for Yale College at the Leicester and Worcester (Mass.) Academies, graduating in the class of 1880. He then returned home and because of poor health took up farming. In 1889, having in the meantime married, he moved with his family to New Haven, where he commenced the study of medicine in Yale Medical College, graduating in June, 1892, from the Medical School, after which he commenced the practice of his profession in Seymour, Conn., where he is meeting with eminent success.

On Nov. 5, 1883, Dr. Elias W. Davis married Eliza H. Dodd, a native of Paxton, Mass., and a descendant of the celebrated Bigelow family of that State. Two children, both daughters, have been born to this union: Florence Marion, 1893; and Gertrude Elizabeth, 1895. The parents are members of the Congregational Church. Socially the Doctor is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge,

No. 47, F. & A. M., and with Evening Star Chapter, No. 45, of Seymour. He is medical examiner for the town of Seymour, and one of the medical directors of the State Masonic Home at Wallingford, Conn. As a physician there is none more prominent or popular in the county. In his office stands an old-fashioned desk that has been handed down in the family for some one hundred forty years, a work of art which at once suggests the time honored saying: "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

FREDERICK W. HUBBELL, one of the valiant defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and the present efficient superintendent of the Oxford town farm, has made his own way in the world without the aid of influence or wealth, and has arisen to a position of prominence through his own well-directed efforts, his native genius and acquired ability being the stepping-stones on which he has mounted. He was born in Oxford March 24, 1844, a son of Everett and Jane E. (Sperry) Hubbell, natives of the same place. In their family were nine children, eight sons and one daughter, namely: Samuel; John Henry; Frederick W.; Wales, deceased; Lewis; George; Charles and Henry W., both deceased; and Elizabeth, deceased.

Frederick W. Hubbell was born and reared on a farm, and received his education in the common schools. At the tender age of seven years he began earning his own livelihood by working for his board and clothes for Capt. Hull, with whom he remained seven years, and then worked as a farm hand for others until he entered the service of his country during the Civil war. On June 7, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company B, 20th Conn. V. I.; was mustered into the United States service at New Haven; from there was ordered to Washington, D. C.; and later to Alexandria, Va. His first engagement was at Chancellorsville, and the second at Cassville, where he was wounded in the left side by a minie ball; however, he was never absent from duty one day. Later he participated in the battles of Gettysburg and Savannah, and the siege of Atlanta. After leaving the last named city he was detailed as a scout, and while on a scouting expedition near Columbia, Va., was captured, but soon afterward he and two companions escaped, and he was finally exchanged. Shortly after this Mr. Hubbell received a furlough and returned home, and while here Lee surrendered, thus putting an end to the war. Since then he has made his home in Oxford with the exception of two years spent at Naugatuck, Conn. In 1882 he was appointed superintendent of the Oxford town farm, and has most capably and satisfactorily filled that position ever since. He also owns and operates a fine farm of ninety acres in the same town, and in all his undertakings has met with most excellent success.

In 1865 Mr. Hubbell was united in marriage with Miss Alice E. Gates, of Simsbury, Conn., and

to them have been born three children: Burton E.; Arthur D.; and one who died in infancy. Fraternally Mr. Hubbell is a member of Upson Post, No. 40, G. A. R., of Seymour; and politically is identified with the Republican party. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to public office, and he has served as constable thirty years and deputy sheriff for five years, filling the latter position at the present time.

WILLIAM H. EVANS, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a highly esteemed citizen of Woodbridge, was born in Middletown, Middlesex Co., Conn., April 5, 1840, a son of Chauncey and Clarissa (Maynard) Evans, also natives of that place, where they made their home throughout life. The father was engaged in farming near Middletown, now Cromwell, and there died at the age of sixty years. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Mr. Maynard, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and died in 1837. Our subject had an older sister, Delia, who died young, and a half-brother, Bissell Starks, who was a soldier of the Civil war and was numbered among the missing.

Mr. Evans' advantages for securing an education were limited to a brief period in the common schools, for after his sixth year he was dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood. In 1862 he enlisted in the 24th Conn. V. I.,—a regiment composed of Middletown volunteers. Though he enlisted for only nine months, he was in the service thirteen, and during that period took part in some of the fiercest engagements of the war. During the siege of Fort Hudson he was in the rifle pits twenty-five consecutive days, and was so exhausted from exposure that he had to be carried out on a stretcher. He well remembers the landing of Dewey and his companions from their ill-fated ship after it had been fired by the forts along the river. From days of marching and fighting, and nights of exposure in rains and dews, Mr. Evans has never recovered, though he was able to work for many years, but for the last two years he has been compelled to give up his employment.

Soon after returning from the South he moved to New Haven and secured employment on the street railway, running on the Fair Haven route for one year, and for nearly three years on the West Haven route. He was afterward employed by J. Woodruff (now deceased), revenue collector for this district, from whom he has a letter of praise for faithful service. For the following twenty-six years he was with the West Haven Buckle Co., or until May, 1897, when he was forced to retire on account of ill health, and rented property in Woodbridge, where he is now living a quiet life, engaging in market gardening in a small way. He has real estate and two houses in West Haven which he rents.

In Middletown Mr. Evans was married, in 1860, to Susan Hampton, who died leaving three children, namely: George, born July 21, 1861, is now

a wealthy and influential man of the State of Washington, where he is extensively engaged in the lumber business; Clarence, born Dec. 25, 1865, is in the theatrical business; and Lilly, born Oct. 27, 1867, is the wife of James Henry, of New Haven. In 1882 Mr. Evans was again married, his second union being with Martha Crosby, by whom he has one daughter, Mabel, born Nov. 5, 1888. Mr. Evans attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is an honored member of Admiral Foote Post, No. 17, G. A. R., of New Haven, with which he has been connected since 1885. He affiliates with the Republican party, and in the past took a somewhat active part in politics, though he never aspired for public favors. As a citizen, friend and neighbor he is true to every duty and justly merits the esteem in which he is held.

LOTHAR ALEXANDER MORTIMER, BARON von GRAVE, was born at Birresborn, near Gerolstein, Prussia, Sept. 1, 1858, son of Friedrich Wilhelm Mortimer, Baron von Grave, who was born Oct. 18, 1824, and died Oct. 9, 1896. The latter married Friederica Rosalia Knaff, who was born April 15, 1833, and is still living, making her home with her son Lothar. The father was a distinguished officer in his prime, and held the rank of captain in the Prussian army. To him and his wife were born: Lothar A. M., the subject proper of these lines. Anna Louisa Cathinka, Baroness von Grave, born Aug. 6, 1862, died Dec. 11, 1896; she married Eugene Pezoldt, of Saxony, Germany. Elsa Rosalie Alfredine, Baroness von Grave, born June 4, 1875, married Alberto Jonas, the pianist and director of the Michigan Conservatory of Music, at Detroit, Mich.; she is a gifted musician, has pursued her studies under the instruction of the most eminent professors of music in Europe, and has made several highly successful tours of foreign countries, winning golden encomiums everywhere.

Carl Friederich Gustaph, Baron von Grave, the grandfather of Lothar, was born Feb. 22, 1792, and died April 29, 1876. He was a well-known and highly honored general in the Prussian Cavalry. He married Maria Hyacintha Anna Rietz, born in 1806, who died May 10, 1872. The great-grandfather of Lothar was Johann Hieronymus, Baron von Grave, who was born Aug. 18, 1734, and died May 16, 1798. He was secretary of war under the Prussian government. Frederica Louise Christiane, Baroness von Hoffstedt, his wife, was born Oct. 14, 1766, and died April 1, 1847. N. Baron von Grave, his father, was counselor and supreme judge of the Duchy of Bremen. He was born in 1680, and died in 1752. He married the Baroness von Eberhorn.

Documents are in existence which mention the von Graves as knights fighting under Thassilo, of Bavaria, in the ninth century, later during the Crusades. They settled in different parts of the

country, and held high offices at court. Joachim II. Nestor and his successor, in their fight against the rebellious nobility in 1537, destroyed their castles "Weissenfels" and "Nimmersatt," but their descendants were allowed by the King of Prussia to return to their ancestral holdings in 1701.

On April 30, 1890, Lothar von Grave married Mrs. Gabrielle (D'Alton) Sweet, who was born July 4, 1803, and died July 13, 1893. They adopted one son, Frederick Sweet, who was born June 1, 1884, in New York, and had one daughter, Elsa Rosalia Valeska Ethel, who was born Nov. 23, 1891, at Ballardvale, Mass., where she died June 12, 1892. Mr. von Grave was married, Dec. 11, 1895, to Miss Deborah Waldo, at Mount Vernon, N. Y., who was born in Hudson, N. Y., daughter of Henry and Sarah (Heath) Waldo. Their home is regarded as one of the most artistic, and as well as one of the most highly cultured centers of refined society in the State. It is situated in Academy street, in Wallingford, and is the old home of Col. A. H. Dutton, from whose daughter, Miss Emily Dutton, it was purchased. On this ground many years ago stood the first school in Connecticut, called the "Academy." In February, 1897, the place was named "Ellguth," after the old estate of Mr. von Grave's family, "Gross Ellguth," in Prussian Silesia, containing 1,624 acres, and now in the possession of his cousin, Major Hugo von Grave. The Wallingford property was in the possession of the Dutton family from 1664 until its recent sale.

Mrs. von Grave is descended from Deacon Cornelius Waldo, the emigrant ancestor of the Waldo family, who came from England, and settled in Ipswich, Mass. He removed in 1657 to Chelmsford. Mrs. von Grave is also a direct descendant of William Swain, who came to Watertown, Mass., in 1635, and was one of a commission sent to superintend the rising colony of Connecticut. Mr. von Grave is president of the Alderidge Art Company, of Wallingford, and holds the same position in the Wallingford Camera Club. He is vice-president of the Wallingford Golf Club, in which recreation he and his wife are enthusiasts.

Mr. von Grave has had an eventful and varied history. Born in Germany, he was educated in the Latin and Military schools. With the present Emperor, William II, he attended the university at Bonn, taking a special course in the history of art, archeology and history. In due time, entering the Prussian army as a cadet, he was promoted to lieutenant, and by permission of the Emperor, William I, took part in the Turko-Austrian war. Coming home wounded, he retired from the service, and devoted his entire time to a systematic study of the fine arts, devoting special attention to art, archeology and history. Graduating from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts at Munich, where he had for teachers Profs. Lindenschmidt, Piloty, and Kaulbach, Hans Makart, from Vienna, and Piglheim, from Paris, he studied the specimens of ancient and

medieval art through Germany, Russia, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Turkey, Greece, Asia Minor and Egypt, where he engaged in the excavation of the Sakkareh pyramid. Returning to Munich, he opened a studio, and his first picture, "The Hunting Scene," purchased by Prince Regent Luitpold, of Bavaria, now adorns the private Royal Gallery. Coming to this country on a visit, Mr. von Grave was so impressed with its possibilities that he decided to remain here. Locating first in New York, he opened a studio in the Knickerbocker building, where his time was fully occupied in making original drawings for the well-known firm of J. Ottman, in the Puck building. Later he turned his attention to architecture, carrying off several prizes for designs for public buildings. He soon found himself wrapped up in industrial art, and was called upon constantly for designs for silver, bronzes, ceramics and interior decorations. Becoming head designer for the Craighead & Kintz Co., he went to Massachusetts to superintend work in that line. When the head of that company retired Mr. von Grave accepted the offer of his present position, from H. L. Judd & Co., at their Wallingford factory, where he has charge of the art department, an excellent force of modelers, chasers, pattern-makers and casters, altogether about fifteen people under his direction.

Mr. von Grave is a member of Compass Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Ivy Lodge, K. P., where he is aide-de-camp on the brigadier general's staff, with the rank of major in the uniformed rank of the K. P. His splendid education, extensive travels and high social connections on both sides of the Atlantic render Mr. von Grave one of the most cosmopolitan of men, while his liberal ideas and generous disposition win for him the steadfast friendship and devotion of those who have tasted the hospitality of his cosy and artistic home.

BERKELEY S. HOTCHKISS, a retired grocery merchant of Waterbury, was born in Prospect, New Haven county, Sept. 21, 1826, and descends from one of New England's very old Colonial families, which may be traced to England, as follows:

David Miles Hotchkiss, father of Berkeley S., was also born in Prospect; Esquire Frederick, father of David, was born in Waterbury (now Prospect), and was a son of David, the elder, who was born in Waterbury, a son of Deacon Gideon, who served in the Revolutionary war; Deacon Stephen, father of Gideon, was an early settler of Cheshire, Conn., and was a son of Ensign Joshua, whose father, Samuel Hotchkiss, came from England, and founded the family in New Haven in 1641.

Esquire Frederick Hotchkiss, grandfather of Berkeley S., was a farmer by vocation. He married Rhoda Hopkins, daughter of Esquire John Hopkins, and they reared a family of four chil-



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dren, viz.: Marilla, who married Libeus Sanford, a farmer of Broome county, N. Y.; Julia, who married Jonah Woodruff, of Waterbury, and went to Broome county, N. Y., where she passed the remainder of her days; David Miles, father of Berkeley S.; and Clarissa, who married Elisha Hall, a farmer of Broome county, N. Y. Esquire Frederick Hotchkiss was the first initiated member of Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M.

Hon. David Miles Hotchkiss was reared to manhood in Prospect, where he engaged in farming and became an influential citizen. He married Zeruah Stevens, of Naugatuck, daughter of Martin Stevens, a blacksmith, and they became the parents of eight children: (1) Emily (deceased) married B. B. Brown, of Broome county, N. Y., and had two sons, of whom Frederick Hotchkiss is now a prominent merchant of New Haven, Conn.; and Clarence H. is with Hall, Simpson & Co., of Wallingford. (2) Laura married A. Sidney Plumb, a farmer of Prospect, son of Major Orrin Plumb, of Wolcott; both Mr. and Mrs. Plumb are now deceased. (3) Hervey Dwight was a prominent manufacturer, and lived and died in Meriden, where his son Frederick is now a prosperous wholesale merchant. (4) Henry K., known as Major Hotchkiss, lived in Bristol, and died in Ansonia; his son, William H., is a member of the firm of J. N. Adam & Co., prominent merchants of Buffalo, N. Y. (5) Frederick died when a young man, in Virginia. (6) Berkeley S., sixth in the order of birth, is the subject of this sketch. (7) Edward is an insurance agent in Binghamton, N. Y. (8) Richard was a merchant in Atlantic City, N. J., where he died. After the death of his first wife David M. Hotchkiss married Mrs. Hannah (Doolittle) Bristol, of Cheshire, and by this union had two children: Julia E., who married Frederick A. Sanford, formerly of Windsor, N. Y., but now of Westfield, Mass.; and David B., who resides on the old homestead in Prospect. Hon. David Miles Hotchkiss was first a Whig in politics, and then became an avowed Abolitionist. He filled a number of local offices, had the town set off and named Prospect in 1827, represented it many times in the State Legislature, and was recognized as the most progressive and prominent resident of the place. He passed away in the faith of the Congregational Church, at the ripe old age of eighty-one years.

Berkeley S. Hotchkiss grew to manhood on the farm in Prospect, and began life for himself by teaching school in Cheshire in the winters several years, and he also for a year and a half taught its center public school winter and summer. He then formed a partnership with Howard C. Ives and engaged in the grocery business, in which they prospered, continuing thus for two years. In 1861 Mr. Hotchkiss sought the broader field of Waterbury, and opened up in the same line of trade, which he most successfully followed for twenty-three

years, when he retired on a competence—the fruit of his careful consideration of the needs of the public and of his strict integrity in all transactions.

On April 12, 1851, Mr. Hotchkiss was happily joined in marriage, by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, with Miss Catherine A. Harper, of Binghamton, who was born in Windsor, Broome Co., N. Y., daughter of George and Sally (Butler) Harper. Three children have blessed this union: Lillian May, born Nov. 10, 1854, graduated from Vassar College in the class of 1877, and died Oct. 2, 1898; she united with the Second Congregational Church May 3, 1868. Sara Catherine, born March 1, 1860, married F. A. Drexel, of Detroit, Mich. William Berkeley, born Feb. 9, 1867, is a member of the firm of Hotchkiss & Templeton, hardware merchants in Waterbury. In politics Mr. Hotchkiss is a staunch Republican. In religious belief he and his family are Congregationalists, and in social circles none stand higher in Waterbury.

George Harper, father of Mrs. Hotchkiss, was born March 1, 1793, in Windsor, N. Y., a son of Judge George Harper, and died Nov. 8, 1859. By occupation he was a farmer. On June 18, 1818, he married Sally Butler, who was born Dec. 10, 1802, in Deposit, Delaware Co., N. Y., daughter of Samuel Butler, a representative of the Butlers of Braintree, England, one of whom settled in Cambridge, Mass., in 1632. Several male members of the Butler family located in Michigan and attained considerable prominence. Mrs. Sally (Butler) Harper died June 14, 1878. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. George Harper were the following children: Ruth, Butler, Catherine A., Edgar, William, Henry, John L. (a prominent banker of Detroit, Mich.) and Mary (who married G. D. Crane, a prominent resident of Cheshire, Connecticut).

MARION A. MORRIS holds a position as a high-class mechanic that at once reflects honor upon his character, and shows the worth of the man. In the full prime of his manly powers, he commands the confidence of those whose interests he so well conserves, and has long held the respect and good will of the community.

Mr. Morris was born in the town of Waterbury, Conn., June 3, 1852, a son of William F. Morris, a native of Litchfield, Conn., where he first saw the light Feb. 22, 1828. The grandfather of Marion A. was John N. Morris, who was a son of Sheldon and Polly (Chatfield) Morris. John N. was a cooper by trade, and died in Bridgeport. William F. Morris grew up in Litchfield, and married Miss Elizabeth A. Scott, a native of Watertown, Conn. The young couple settled in Oakville, Conn., where he was a foreman in the American Mills. They were the parents of three children: Marion A., Etta L. and Addie F. Etta L. married William E. Crane, who is the mechanical engineer of the New England Engineering Co., of Waterbury. Addie F. is unmarried, and is book-

keeper for the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co. William F. Morris died June 8, 1872, and his widow is still living. They were both Episcopalians. Politically he was a Republican.

Marion A. Morris spent his boyhood and youth in Waterbury, and received his education in the local schools. When the time came for the young man to make his own way he entered the Waterbury Suspender Co., and was at work in their factory some two years. The period of his employment with Maltby, Hopson & Brooks, manufacturers, covered six years. For three months Mr. Morris worked in Harris-on's machine shop, at New Haven, and fourteen months with the Excelsior Needle Co. At the expiration of this time he came back to Waterbury, and was with the American Mills Co. one year; with the Oakville Pin Co. eight months; and was then employed seven years by the Plume & Atwood Co. Mr. Morris then entered the employ of the Seovill Manufacturing Co., and for the past nineteen years he has been in their factory, now holding a position as foreman, and he is one of their most trusted employes.

Mr. Morris was married, Oct. 20, 1881, to Miss Sarah J. Dodds, a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of William and Harriet Dodds, both natives of Scotland. William Dodds came to Waterbury when about twenty-five years old, and married here; he was engineer for the Holmes, Booth & Haydens Co., and for the Plume & Atwood Co. about forty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Dodds are the parents of two children: Harriet E., who married Edgar S. Buckingham, of Shelton, Conn., and died Jan. 4, 1897; and Sarah J. Mrs. Dodds died Feb. 3, 1899, and at present Mr. Dodds is retired from active business labors. Mr. Morris and his wife have two children: William D., who died in infancy; and Harriet D. Politically Mr. Morris is a Republican; and fraternally is a Mason, having his membership in Federal Lodge, No. 17, A. F. & A. M. He also belongs to various protective orders, such as the A. O. U. W., the R. A., and the Woodmen of the World. The Morris family are all affiliated with the Episcopal Church, with which our subject and his wife are closely associated.

FREDERICK K. PERRY, who is now successfully engaged in the job printing business in Naugatuck, was born in Sandisfield, Mass., in 1847, a son of E. G. and Martha (White) Perry, the former born in Oneida county, N. Y., the latter near Winsted, Litchfield Co., Conn., and both are now deceased. The father was engaged in business both in New York and this State as a contractor and builder, which pursuit his father also followed. They were active members of the Congregational Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. Their children were Jennett, now deceased; Edwin R., who became a farmer in Iowa, and served as a soldier in the Civil war, but is now deceased; Philo B., who engaged in mercantile business in

Texas, and on the outbreak of the Civil war espoused the Confederate cause, and died in 1865, from disease contracted in the army; Frederick K.; Lavinia W., who married George W. Ball, of Chicopee, Mass., and died in Westfield, Mass. (Mr. Ball has since married and now lives in Chicago, Ill.); and Philinda M., who is now Mrs. Edwin B. Alfred, of Harwinton, Connecticut.

Frederick K. Perry attended school in Winchester, Conn., until sixteen years of age, and then entered the Winsted *Herald* office as an apprentice to the printer's trade, remaining there about three years. Going to Hartford, he worked on various papers in that city for four years, and was later for seven years a compositor on the Springfield *Republican* at Springfield, Mass. At the end of that time he went to Waterbury, Conn., where after working on different newspapers he spent two years in a job office. He continued to work at his trade for others until 1891, when he purchased the business of which he has since had control, and is now doing a large job and general printing business. He also conducted a paper called the *Advocate* for some time, its object being to advocate the principles of single tax. For years he has made a thorough and careful study of that subject, and has written many able articles and also lectured on the same. His arguments are logical and convincing, and he has become a recognized leader among the advocates of the single tax in his section of the State. In politics he is independent, and in his fraternal relations is a member of the Grange and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Perry has been twice married, his first wife being Sarah M. Lane, of Winsted, who died leaving two children: Leslie E., a telegraph operator; and Philo B., who is with his father in business. For his second wife Mr. Perry married Jessie Davis, by whom he has a son, Harold R.

JARED P. KING, an energetic and enterprising contractor and builder of Waterbury, is one of the workers of that busy city who stands out conspicuously by reason of his thorough work and substantial construction. What he does, stays; and he is in every sense a straightforward and reliable man.

Mr. King was born Sept. 13, 1848, in Springfield, Bradford Co., Pa., in which locality Edward King, his father, was a farmer. Edward King married Anna Phillips, whose parents came from England, and who died Sept. 24, 1853. Five children came to them: Violetta, born Aug. 23, 1844; Loiza, born Oct. 15, 1846; Jared P., born Sept. 13, 1848; one child, born in 1850, who died in infancy; and Lewis E., born March 26, 1853. Both the daughters reached maturity. One married, but did not live many years afterward. The other died when a young lady. Lewis was working at his trade—printing—in New York when his health gave way, and he went South, where he died in 1899.

He and his wife lived in New Jersey with her parents, and they all preceded him to the grave. Edward King, the father, married again, and had several children by his second wife. He went West a number of years ago.

Jared P. King was bound out to an aunt when he was about five years old, and was taken from his home to Stamford, Conn., where he lived until he was ten years of age. In 1858 his aunt, who had married, moved to Waterbury, and here Jared P. finished his education, and began his life work. He learned the trade of carpenter under the instruction of A. C. Peck, and went to work for the Waterbury Coal & Lumber Co., in their sash and blind factory, remaining with them some nine years. Mr. King found employment on leaving that firm with the People's Coal & Ice Co., where he remained about one year. For three years he was with the Mathew & Willard Manufacturing Co., and then began business for himself as a contractor and builder. Mr. King is still working on a modest scale, but what he has done is of the very best character, and the general public is coming to know that no better work can be secured in the city than what Mr. King has to offer.

On May 10, 1870, Mr. King married Miss Sarah J. Platt, daughter of Alfred LeGrand Platt. A history of the Platt family appears elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. King are the parents of two children: Lilian A., who was born June 10, 1872, and died the same year; and Rupert V., who was born Oct. 17, 1882, and is still living.

Mr. King is a Republican on general political issues, but in local affairs seeks the best men for the various positions. He is a Knight Templar, and his connection with the Masonic fraternity dates from 1876. Two years before that date he united with the Odd Fellows, and is a member of Townsend Lodge. He is also associated with several of the smaller societies. With his family he attends the Baptist Church.

HARVEY BEAUMONT, one of the old and popular residents of the town of Wallingford, is a man whose high character merits the esteem in which he is held. A son of John and Ann (Tyler) Beaumont, he was born on the Beaumont homestead, May 5, 1840, and acquired his education in the neighboring district school. Harvey Beaumont remained on the family homestead, assisting his father in his farming operations, until he reached the age of forty years. In 1880 he bought a farm of seventy acres of Elijah Hungerford, and since that time has been engaged in its cultivation. While he is classed as a general farmer, he is working more and more into fruit culture. Since purchasing his place he has made many substantial and attractive improvements, building a house, barns and other structures necessary to the economical and profitable transaction of his business.

Mr. Beaumont was a soldier in the Civil war;

and donned the Union blue in 1862, when he enlisted as a member of Company B, 27th Conn. V. I., and spent nine months in the service. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and was honorably discharged and mustered out at New Haven.

Mr. Beaumont has been twice married, Melissa Foster becoming his wife in 1881. Born at East River, Madison, Conn., she was a daughter of Alanson Foster, and died Dec. 10, 1882. Julia (Mix) Bailey, his second wife, was born in Wallingford, and was a daughter of Elihu and Polly (Hull) Mix, and the widow of Henry Bailey, of Durham. One child, Edmund Mix, born in June, 1890, has blessed this union. Mr. Beaumont is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for office. A pioneer in the culture of tobacco, he has been very successful in that line. Domestic in his habits and quiet in his tastes, he is liberal in his church views and upright in all his business dealings.

HON. CLIFFORD J. ATWATER, attorney and counselor at law, is one of the prominent and worthy citizens of Seymour. We will confine ourselves to a brief sketch of his life, leaving it to the readers individually to supply the spirit of court-cousness, integrity and uprightness which has ever characterized his dealings with his fellow men.

Clifford J. Atwater was born in Collinsville, Conn., Nov. 8, 1858. He is of English descent, and his ancestors were among the early settlers of New Haven, in 1635. James Atwater, his father, was also born in Collinsville, and his grandfather, Stephen H. Atwater, was born in Russell, Mass., a son of Benjamin Atwater, of that town. Stephen H. Atwater was a farmer, and pursued that vocation in Collinsville, to which town he removed when a young man, there residing until his death, at the age of seventy-eight years. He married Azubah Barber, who was born in Canton, and lived to be eighty years of age. Two children were born of this marriage, James, the father of our subject, being the only son. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen H. Atwater were members of the Congregational Church in Collinsville.

James Atwater was reared on a farm, and received his education in the Connecticut schools. He took charge of the farm in Collinsville, and, at the age of seventy-seven years, still resides in that town. He married Mary G. Stewart, one of the eight children of James Stewart, a farmer of Blandford, Mass., who resided in that town until his death. Two children were born of this union, namely: Clifford J., our subject; and Clayton W., a prosperous nurseryman, residing in Collinsville. Mr. and Mrs. James Atwater are members of the Congregational Church, and beloved by their friends and neighbors.

Clifford J. Atwater spent his early years on the farm, was educated in the Connecticut schools, and is a graduate of the Collinsville high school. At

twenty years of age he began teaching, and later entered Bates College, at Lewiston, Maine, where he remained until he graduated from the academic course, in 1883. He then studied law with W. W. Bidwell, of Collinsville, satisfactorily passed his examination, and was admitted to the Bar in Hartford in 1885, after which he took a short trip to South Dakota. Returning to the East, he opened an office in November, 1885, in Seymour, where he has since followed his profession. He is the only lawyer there, and commands a fine general practice, coming in contact with all the older practitioners in the lower end of the valley, and practicing in all the courts.

In politics Mr. Atwater is a Republican, and he has been a member of the Republican committee for several years. He has satisfactorily served the people in various capacities for a number of years. In 1886 he was elected tax collector, and was re-elected to succeed himself each year from 1888 to 1900, inclusive, his services covering a period of fourteen years; he has also been justice of the peace since 1887, the same length of time. In 1898 he was nominated and elected to the Legislature, to serve two years. Mr. Atwater is a member of Morning Star Lodge, F. & A. M., in which he has passed all the chairs, and now is a past master of the lodge; he is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Redmen; and of Mechanics Lodge, I. O. O. F.

In 1890 Mr. Atwater was united in marriage with Miss Jennie C. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Taylor, of Seymour, who were born in England, as were also their children. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had removed to Seymour a number of years previous, and Mr. Taylor (now deceased) successfully conducted a store which is now owned by his widow. Their son, Ernest H., is a draughtsman with the Coe Brass Co., of Ansonia. He and Jennie C., Mrs. Atwater, were the only children of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Atwater are devout and active members of the Seymour Congregational Church, and for the past twelve years he has been treasurer of that church and society. He has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for a number of years, and renders valuable service to both church and Sunday-school.

FREDERICK NEWTON BRADLEY is a prominent manufacturer and citizen of Derby, where he was born June 10, 1835. He comes of an old Connecticut family. His first American progenitor, William Bradley, came to this country from England about 1637, and settled in Saybrook. Some of William's descendants settled in West Haven, where they became owners of a large tract of land.

Tracing down the family lineage to more recent times, the genealogist reaches the name of Enos Bradley, the great-grandfather of Frederick N.,

a farmer, who lived and died in Derby. His son, Abijah Bradley, was also born there. He was a blacksmith by trade, and a citizen of prominence, being commissioned a captain in the State militia, as is shown by documentary evidence in the possession of his grandson. He married Polly Bassett, and they became the parents of eight children: David (father of Frederick N.), Ira, Henry, Abijah, Charles, George, Edward and Maria. Ira and Henry were woolen manufacturers in South Britain; Ira died Sept. 10, 1900. Abijah was a grocer in New Haven. Charles was a farmer in Seymour. George was at first an augermaker, and later a woodworker. Edward was a carpenter and builder in Derby. Maria married Dan Finn, a prosperous farmer of Milford.

David Bradley was born and reared in Derby. He learned the trade of a joiner, and was esteemed one of the most skillful workmen of his time. He formed a partnership with Agur Gilbert, in connection with whom he established a sash and blind factory, on the stream—Two Mile brook—which forms the boundary line between the towns of Orange and Derby. They began in a modest way, their first structure covering an area of but 20 by 30 feet, and being only two stories high. Theirs, however, was the only factory of its kind outside of New Haven, and the second to be erected in the county. It is no cause for surprise, therefore, that their business prospered and grew. Gradually the plant was enlarged as the development of business demanded, until it reached its present extensive proportions. In politics David Bradley was originally an "Old-line" Whig, and later a Republican. He married Susan C., daughter of Elias Clark, a farmer of Oxford, and they had two children, Frederick N., our subject, and Sarah Francis. Mr. Bradley died May 29, 1885; his widow survived until June 1, 1899, reaching the venerable age of ninety years. She traced her descent back to Thomas Hooker.

Frederick N. Bradley received his early education at the Derby common schools and the Birmingham high school. At the age of eighteen he entered his father's sash and blind factory, with a view of becoming thoroughly familiar with all the details of the business, mechanical as well as commercial. He has succeeded his father in its management and control, and under his judicious conduct of affairs the business has suffered no impairment. Mr. Bradley, however, has a natural fondness for the soil, and besides being a manufacturer is a successful farmer. Originally he cultivated fifteen acres, but his holdings have since been enlarged to twenty-five acres. In one respect his life may be said to present somewhat of an anomaly: he has been an active politician and a consistent Christian. He is an ardent Republican and a zealous worker in the cause of his party, having organized various clubs and in other ways promoted Republican success. He is held in high



Frederick N. Bradley

esteem in Derby, and is now for the fourth time representing the Third ward of the city in the city board of aldermen, his present term commencing Oct. 1, 1901. He has also held a high place in the counsels of the Congregational Church, and has served on the committee of the Society of the First Church for fourteen years.

In May, 1873, Mr. Bradley married Miss Louise G. Hooper, a daughter of Henry A. and Caroline Hooper, of Ansonia. No children have been born to them.

It is of interest to note, incidentally, that Mr. Bradley was a schoolmate and boyhood "chum" of Gen. Wheeler, the dashing Confederate cavalry leader and at present distinguished major general in the United States army.

HENRY ELSWORTH BALDWIN, a leading agriculturist of the town of Milford, was born Sept. 3, 1847, at his present homestead, son of Charles J. Baldwin.

The Baldwins are of pioneer stock, members of the family having settled in Hadley, Mass., at an early day, and our subject is a descendant of Joseph Baldwin, who was born in Milford in 1640. Joshua Baldwin, our subject's great-grandfather, was a resident of Milford, and among the inscriptions in an old Bible is the following: "Joshua Baldwin, His Bible, God give him grace therein to look: Bought November the 3, 1756, on Wednesday. I was born December 14th, in the year 1726, on Wednesday morning. My honored mother, Elizabeth Baldwin, departed this life November the 20 day about 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and in the year 1753; which was the fifty second year of her age." A pair of Joshua's shoes, used in his infancy, are now in the possession of George E. Baldwin, of Milford.

Hezekiah Baldwin, our subject's grandfather, married Mary Ann Hine, and settled on the present homestead. He had ten children, as follows: Hezekiah, who was a farmer all his life; Charles J., our subject's father; Elijah, a farmer in Milford; Mary, who married Joseph Beard, a farmer of Milford; Betsey, who married William Stowe, a farmer of Milford; Abby, who married Lewis Smith, a farmer in Milford; Martha, who married Rogers Beard, a carpenter in Milford; Sally, who married Charles Beardsley, a farmer in Stratford; Anna, who married Addison Beard, a farmer; and Catherine, who married Nathan C. Tomlinson, of Milford.

Charles J. Baldwin, the father of our subject, was born in Milford Sept. 30, 1812, and passed his life in the town, locating at the present homestead after his marriage. He died March 21, 1891. He married Eunice Baldwin, who was born May 22, 1814, daughter of Elnathan Baldwin, a farmer in Milford, and died Feb. 25, 1876. They had four children: Charles Watson, born April 9, 1840, resides in Milford; William H., born April 7, 1846,

died March 19, 1851; Henry Elsworth is mentioned below; George Edwin, born Sept. 16, 1851, is employed by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co.

Henry Elsworth Baldwin was educated in the district schools near his home, and in a private school in Milford village, and has been engaged in general farming since early manhood. His farm presents a most attractive appearance, the buildings being tasteful and commodious, and everything about the place suggesting business-like management. In politics he is a Republican, and socially he is identified with the I. O. O. F. at Milford.

On Nov. 18, 1875, Mr. Baldwin married Miss Georgiana Lewis, who was born in Bridgeport Oct. 1, 1851, daughter of Edwin Lewis, and granddaughter of Everett and Julia A. (Knapp) Lewis. The line of descent in the Knapp family has been traced through several generations. Mrs. Julia A. (Knapp) Lewis, who was born March 30, 1806, and died Dec. 3, 1867, was a daughter of Ephraim Knapp, born Nov. 25, 1779, and his wife, Sarah E., born April 17, 1782, died Sept. 29, 1847. Edwin Lewis, who was a tailor and cutter by trade, was born in Stratford, Conn., in 1830, and died July 4, 1857. His wife, Emily Stow, was born in Milford Aug. 6, 1830, daughter of Capt. Elisha Hopkins Stow, and died Oct. 25, 1878. Capt. Stow, born Jan. 9, 1798, son of Capt. Samuel Stow, followed the sea, as did his father, and died July 12, 1879. He married Susan Davidson, who was born Sept. 29, 1802, and died Jan. 20, 1879; she was the daughter of Richard Treat and Mary Stow Davidson.

CHARLES SHUBEL BRADLEY, farmer, ice dealer, etc., of Branford, one of the most popular citizens of that locality, is native there, having been born at the Bradley homestead on Cherry Hill April 3, 1858.

Timothy and Sarah (Goodsell) Bradley, his paternal great-grandparents, lived in the house in Branford now occupied by Seth Thomas Bradley. Their son, Timothy Bradley, grandfather of Charles S., was a farmer, sailor and vessel owner, for many years coasting along the Atlantic shores. He made his home in Branford. He married Irene Gordon, daughter of Alexander and Irene Gordon, of Branford, and children as follows were born to them: James; Irene, Mrs. William Bryan; Nancy, who was thrice married, her husbands being, respectively, Sylvester Harrison, Henry Linsley and William Bryan; Lydia, who was twice married, first to Alden Pardee, and second to Benjamin Linsley; Sally, Mrs. James Waddell; Mary, Mrs. Elias Linsley; Major Seth; and Gurdon.

Gurdon Bradley, father of Charles S., was born in Branford Sept. 27, 1810, and as will be seen was the youngest of the family. He began life as a farmer, also owned a vessel and followed the coast for three winters, in addition to which for many

years he conducted a saw and grist mill, and took contracts for the building of cellars, removing of buildings, etc., while for upward of twenty years he was engaged in the ice business. On July 29, 1843, he married Anna Maria, daughter of Samuel and Esther (Tyler) Spinks, of Branford, and to this union were born fourteen children, as follows: Ebenezer T., deceased; a son that died in infancy; Esther M., Mrs. Sherman Holcomb; Betsy, Mrs. Charles N. Holcomb; Willis; Richard; Eliza A., Mrs. Charles E. Bunnell; Albert C., deceased; A. Gurdon, deceased; F. Cline; Charles S.; John H.; Lee A., deceased; and Robert L., deceased.

Charles S. Bradley, our subject, was educated in the public schools of Branford, and commenced his business career as a farmer. Since 1882 he has, in connection with his agricultural pursuits, been extensively engaged in the ice business. He has met with the prosperity his care and attention deserve, and is looked upon as one of the county's substantial citizens.

On Oct. 6, 1888, Mr. Bradley married Sarah Kerr, daughter of Richard and Christiana (Kerr) Kerr, of Branford, and they have two children, Fern and Gurdon. The family attend the services of the Episcopal Church. Socially our subject is affiliated with the K. of P., Woodland Lodge, No. 39, and the Woodmen of the World, Sycamore Camp, No. 5. In politics he is a Democrat. In 1896 he was elected a representative to the State Legislature, and was honored with re-election in 1898. In 1899 he was elected selectman of Branford.

CHARLES J. PIERPONT, city water inspector of Waterbury, was born Feb. 9, 1847, in the town of Waterbury, on a farm, son of Charles J. Pierpont, Sr., who is mentioned elsewhere.

Charles J. Pierpont passed his youth on the home farm, attending the district school in winter until sixteen years of age; he subsequently attended school in Cheshire, and later the Waterbury high school, and taught three years prior to reaching his majority. At the age of twenty he managed a farm in the town of Watertown for one season, and then went to live on the farm with his grandparents, in the town of Waterbury, for four years. For the next fourteen years he had charge of the outside department of Holmes, Booth & Hayden's extensive concern, and then became bookkeeper and timekeeper for Floyd B. Smith, contractor and builder, with whom he remained four years. Since then, for the past ten years, he has filled the office of city water inspector.

On Feb. 23, 1873, Mr. Pierpont married Miss Juliet M. Bolster, a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Col. Levi and Mercia (Warner) Bolster. She was a public-school teacher at the time of her marriage. Col. Levi Bolster was born in South Paris, Maine, and his wife in Waterbury, Conn. She was a direct descendant of Rev. John

Southmayd, of Waterbury. The Bolsters were of Welsh extraction, and many of the family were deacons in the Presbyterian Church. Isaac Bolster, father of Col. Levi, married Hannah Cushman. The Cushmans were among the earliest of the Puritans to arrive at Plymouth settlement.

In politics Mr. Pierpont is a Democrat, and does his full share in promoting the interests of his party. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. and Mrs. Pierpont and their child, Anna, are members of the Episcopal Church, in the affairs of which they are all active and deeply interested.

ERNST HERRMANN, keeper of the lighthouse on Faulkner's Island, is a native of Germany, born Dec. 31, 1853, in Nieder Seifersdorf.

Aaron Chrenfried Herrmann, his father, is also a native of that place, where he still resides, engaged in farming. He married Mary Bartel, of the same town, and five children were born to them: Ernst, our subject; Louisa, widow of Ernest Hamann; Carl, living at the old home; Paulina, Mrs. Schmidt; and William, residing at the old home, who is a game-keeper. The family are all members of the Lutheran Church.

Ernst Herrmann acquired a good education in the schools of his native land, meanwhile assisting his father on the farm until fourteen years of age. For the next three years he was engaged as apprentice at blacksmithing, following with one year's apprenticeship to the machinist's trade. In 1872, believing that his ambition and enterprise would find wider scope in America, he came to this country, going first to Liverpool, where he embarked on the steamer "England," bound for New York. He found employment at blacksmithing and locksmithing, receiving \$8 per week for his services, and was thus engaged until 1875, when he returned to Germany on a short visit to his parents. On his return to New York he embarked in the dry-goods business, in partnership with a Mr. Mirschel, and continued in that line, in New York and on Long Island, until 1878, when he removed to Northport, L. I. There he engaged in blacksmithing on his own account for one year, and the following year worked for Stelling & Co., at Lloyd's Neck, L. I., thence returning to Northport, where for about ten years he was employed at his trade by a Mr. Delamater. In 1889, under President Harrison, he received the appointment of assistant keeper of the lighthouse at Eton's Neck, a position he held for fifteen months, at the end of that time receiving appointment to his present position, in which he has since been continuously retained. He succeeded Capt. Jones. Mr. Herrmann has given general satisfaction in the discharge of his duties, and personally he has, by his genial disposition and obliging manner, won the friendship and good-will of all with whom he has come in contact. Visitors to the island are always cordially received.

On Feb. 22, 1883, Mr. Herrmann married, at Eaton's Neck, L. I., Miss Tillie J. Mason, who was born at that place, only child of Richard and Mary (Wilson) Mason, natives of Ireland, who are still living at Eaton's Neck. They are members of the Episcopal Church. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Herrmann: Frederick Mason, Aug. 11, 1886; and Herbert William, July 26, 1889. Both are attending school in Guilford. In political sentiment our subject is a Republican. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church, Mrs. Herrmann holding membership in the Third Congregational Church of Guilford. She is an intelligent woman, and has proved an able helpmeet to her husband, whose progressiveness and public spirit entitle him to rank among the substantial, valuable citizens of his adopted place.

HENRY BRISTOL CURTISS, one of the leading citizens of Cheshire, whose time and attention are devoted to market gardening and fruit growing, was born in that town, Aug. 26, 1846, a son of Orrin and Sally (Bristol) Curtiss, both of English descent, and natives of New Haven county.

John C. Curtiss, father of Orrin Curtiss, was born in Meriden, this county, a son of John C. Curtiss, Sr., a native of England, and an early settler of Meriden, where he followed farming throughout life. In early manhood young John went to Yalesville, and later removed to Wallingford, where he died in 1846. By occupation he was a farmer. His children were as follows: John C. (3); Mary, wife of John Hitchcock; Orrin, mentioned below; William; and Harvey.

Orrin Curtiss, son of John C., was born in Wallingford in 1800, and was reared and educated in his native town. Throughout his active life he engaged in farming in Cheshire, where he owned a good farm, and where he died Sept. 24, 1881. He married Sally Bristol, who was born in Cheshire in 1803, and died Feb. 23, 1879. She was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Parker) Bristol, who were both born in Wallingford, but who spent the greater part of their lives as farming people in Cheshire; the father died Feb. 13, 1814, and the mother in October, 1847. To Orrin Curtiss and his wife were born the following children: Jerusha, now Mrs. William Parker, of Wallingford; Elizabeth, who died in Cheshire in May, 1849; Cornelia, wife of Edwin Parker, who died in Wallingford; Julia, deceased wife of James T. Harry, of Cheshire; James J., a resident of Meriden; William O., of Wallingford; Henry B.; Edgar A., who died in Middletown, Conn.; and Jane, wife of James Johnson, of Cheshire.

Henry B. Curtiss is indebted to the schools of Cheshire for his educational privileges, and since starting out in life for himself has engaged in farming and gardening in that town, now owning what is known as the Jinney Hill farm. At one time he also worked in shops at Meriden, but now gives his

entire time to agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of fruit growing and market gardening. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man and thoroughly understands the occupation he has chosen as a life work.

In 1887, in Cheshire, Mr. Curtiss was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Birkley, who died in March, 1899, and in June, 1899, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Katie Eliza Williams, a native of Cheshire, and a daughter of Thomas Williams, was born in Relubbus, Cornwall, England, and had been in America only three years when he died, Sept. 16, 1869, aged thirty-one years. Mrs. Curtiss was born in the home where she now lives, and where her father died. Lucy A. (Rice) Williams, mother of Mrs. Curtiss, is now the wife of William King, and resides in Cheshire; she is a native of the town, daughter of Amos and Lucy (Beach) Rice, natives of Vermont and Connecticut respectively.

RICHARD TENNANT, than whom Scotland has not contributed to this country a more reliable and upright man, was born in West Linton, Scotland, Dec. 31, 1844, and received a broad and thorough education along mechanical lines in his own country before ever setting foot on American soil. Robert Tennant, his father, never came to this country, but lived and died near West Linton, where he was born, and where all his life he followed farming, which was the occupation of the Tennants for many generations back.

Richard Tennant spent his boyhood and youth on the Scottish homestead, and availed himself of the opportunities of education presented by the local schools. After attaining his majority he went to Glasgow and served three years as an apprentice to the machinist's trade, at the Neilson Locomotive Works. Howden & Co., marine engineers, had the young man in their employ for two years, and he was then with the London-Glasgow Engineering Co. one year. By this time Mr. Tennant had become an experienced and thoroughly efficient machinist, and his services were in demand. King & Co., a celebrated engineering house, counted him among their ablest employees. Only the desire to come to this country, where many of his compatriots had already reaped a rich reward for their courage and enterprise, induced him to break away from this firm. In 1871 Mr. Tennant came to the United States, and located in Paterson, N. J., where he was in the employ of the Rogers Locomotive Works until the close of the year 1873, and in the following spring he came to Connecticut, working for three months in Ansonia, and then for a year in Seymour, with the Swan Bit Co. Mr. Tennant then returned to Ansonia and engaged with Wallace & Sons until January, 1888, in which month he came to Waterbury to take a position with the Scovill Manufacturing Co., where he is still at work. For a year Mr. Tennant was master me-

chanic for the Aluminum Brass & Bronze Co., at Bridgeport, and with that exception has been with the Scovill Co. since coming to Waterbury.

On June 27, 1867, Mr. Tennant married Miss Helen B. Duncan, who was born in Perth, Scotland, a daughter of Stewart Duncan, a merchant of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Tennant are the parents of four children: Mary D., Robert, George B., and Agnes A. George graduated with the class of 1900 from the Academic Department of Yale College. In political faith Mr. Tennant is a Republican. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and of the Congregational Church.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY, a well-known citizen of Ansonia, now living in retirement, is a worthy representative of the Irish race, from which so many of the leading business men of the day are descended. He was born April 9, 1828, in Dublin, Ireland, son of Thomas Kelley, and grandson of Thomas Kelley. Thomas Kelley, the father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in Ireland Aug. 15, 1832, aged forty years, and his wife, Julia (Dane), a native of Dublin, died in Rhode Island at the age of seventy. This worthy couple had but one child, our subject.

Mr. Kelley was only four years old when his father died, and at the age of twenty he came to America with his young wife, leaving Dublin Nov. 22, 1848, a week after their marriage. The voyage was made on a sailing vessel, and it was not until Jan. 27, 1849, that they landed in New York. On March 27 our subject entered the employ of Gen. Clark Wooster, in the axe factory at Humphreysville, New Haven Co., Conn., where he remained about fifteen years. He then spent two years and three months in Collinsville, and later was employed in Colt's Armory, in Hartford. He was one of those chosen to carry Col. Colt to his grave. For a time he worked in the Colburn axe factory at Ansonia, remaining until the firm went out of business, and after a short period with Wallace & Sons he spent ten years in the clock shop. The next seven years were spent with Wallace & Sons, and in 1884 he retired, limiting his business interests to the care of his real estate, his investments in that line being numerous. His first purchase was the Colburn house on High street, and later he built his present residence, at No. 6 Franklin street, and the house adjoining, while at various times he has bought houses and stores in the town. Politically he is a Democrat, and he and his family are members of the Catholic Church at Ansonia.

On Nov. 17, 1848, Mr. Kelley married Miss Eliza Morriss, daughter of Capt. William Morriss and granddaughter of William Morriss, a lifelong resident of Ireland. Her father, who died aged sixty-six years, was taken to sea during the rebellion of 1798, and after spending twenty-one years on board a man-of-war became captain of a coast guard. Her mother, Mrs. Mary A. (Blackburn)

Morriss, who died aged thirty-eight, was one of the fourteen children of James and Mary Ann (Wall) Blackburn, the former of whom was a well-known resident of Dublin in his day, being an extensive land owner and builder; for many years he was janitor of the Temple there. Mr. Blackburn died in 1832, aged sixty years. Capt. William Morriss and his wife had thirteen children, and their sons were prominent shipbuilders. Of this family are mentioned Isabella (deceased), who married Steven Murphy; Eliza, Mrs. Kelley; Rebecca; Theresa, who married Michael Kenny (deceased); William; and Michael, who went to Australia in 1845. The parents were devout members of the Catholic Church, and the children were reared in that faith.

Ten children have brightened our subject's home, nine of whom are living: (1) Mary A. married William McCarthy, a plumber in Ansonia, and has had eleven children, of whom are living William, Mary, Freddie, Sadie, Christopher, Johnny, Albert, Lizzie, Rebecca and Agnes. Of these, William married and has one son, Frederick, so that our subject is a great-grandfather. (2) Julia married Thomas Scallion, a machinist, and has one child, Belle. (3) Lizzie married James Beasley, of Rome, N. Y., and has three children, William, James and Charlotte. (4) William, a prominent physician in Flint, Mich., married Ella Graham, of New York, now deceased. (5) Thomas is married and resides in Bridgeport. (6) Christopher, Jr., is professor of Surgery and Clinical Surgery in the Grand Rapids Medical College, Grand Rapids, Mich. (7) Charles, a machinist, in Ansonia, married Miss Annie McGee, and has six children, Bessie, May, Charley, Christopher, William and Winnifred. (8) Frederick M. is a bookkeeper in Grand Rapids, Mich. (9) Rebecca resides at home.

LUCIUS NICHOLS BEARDSLEY, M. D. (deceased), was one of the most honored medical practitioners of this section, and was in active practice for forty years.

Dr. Beardsley was born Oct. 8, 1814, in Monroe, Fairfield Co., Conn., and was of English descent. His father, Agur Beardsley, was a native of Huntington, Conn., born June 12, 1791, and became a farmer by occupation, much of his life having been spent in Monroe. He died Nov. 18, 1872, at Easton, Conn., aged eighty-one years and five months. For many years he was a deacon in the Congregational Church of Monroe. His wife, Lucinda Nichols, was born Sept. 8, 1794, in Trumbull, Conn., and died in Bridgeport, Sept. 8, 1864.

Dr. Beardsley was reared in Monroe, and as a young man taught school for some time. At twenty-three he was graduated from Yale Medical College, and began practice in Milford, where he continued till his health failed, and he died in West Haven Nov. 22, 1880. He had treated three generations, and was regarded as a father by many



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to whom his wise and kindly counsel had brought relief at some critical moment. His advice was often sought by his fellow practitioners, and when he finally retired at the earnest solicitation of his wife he was obliged to leave town in order to secure complete rest. For the last few years of his life he went to the Southern states, or the Bahama Islands in winter, and found in their milder climate some relief from the lung trouble which conquered him at last. His influence in local politics was marked, as he was one of the staunch Republicans of the town, and for many years he was postmaster in Milford. In religious work he also took great interest as a member of the Plymouth Church, of Milford.

Dr. Beardsley married (first) Miss Betsey Ann Coley, who was born in New York City May 30, 1815, and died in Milford Nov. 24, 1869. She was the daughter of Ebenezer and Amelia (Sanford) Coley, who were married Oct. 10, 1810. Her father, who was a school teacher in New York, was born in Redding, Fairfield Co., Conn., May 17, 1781, and died April 5, 1816. By the Doctor's first marriage he had two sons and one daughter: Maria Elizabeth, born May 25, 1842, died of scarlet fever March 10, 1847; George Lucius, born at Milford May 12, 1848, is now practicing medicine in Derby; and William Edgar, born at Milford Nov. 6, 1850, is a physician in Brooklyn, N. Y. For his second wife Dr. Beardsley married at West Haven, Oct. 6, 1874, Mrs. Susan (Prudden) Smith, whose record is given elsewhere in this volume in the sketch of Mrs. David Smith, of West Haven.

SIDNEY BARKER SMITH, a highly respected citizen and successful market gardener of East Haven, was born in North Haven, this county, Aug. 20, 1844, and is a son of Charles and Sarah (Atwater) Smith, natives of North Haven and Hamden, New Haven county, respectively.

Sidney Smith, our subject's paternal grandfather, was born in North Haven, and was a cooper by trade. He was married to Ruth Parker, and they had four children: Henry, Horace, Sidney and Charles. The maternal grandfather of Sidney B. Smith was Stephen Atwater, a native of Hamden, and by occupation a market gardener. He married Sarah Barker. Charles Smith, who is mentioned above, is a farmer and resides in North Haven, where he has been very successful in his business, and is now quite well-to-do. His family consisted of three children: Sidney Barker; Stephen A.; and Elizabeth, who is now Mrs. Walter Bailey.

Sidney Barker Smith remained on the North Haven homestead until he reached the age of sixteen, meantime receiving a very fair common school education. In 1860 he went to live with his grandfather at Hamden, to learn the practical work of market gardening, remaining with him seven years.

For the last two years of that time he was a partner with his grandfather, and when that gentleman died he continued the business alone for twelve years. In 1884 he removed to East Haven, to the farm he now occupies, which he purchased in 1882, and where he has done a most successful business in market gardening. He has made all the improvements on the property, buildings and barns, and to-day owns one of the choicest places of the kind in this part of the State.

Mr. Smith was married April 4, 1867, to Charlotte J., daughter of Henry I. and Maryette (Smith) Bradley, of East Haven. By this union there is one son, Charles S., who married Carrie Louise, daughter of Frank W. and Jessie (Hollis) Willoughby, of East Haven, and has one son, Charles Bates, born Nov. 25, 1900.

Mr. Smith is one of East Haven's leading and progressive citizens, extremely industrious and inflexibly honest. He is a Democrat, and has served as selectman of the town.

GEORGE T. CLARK, a thorough and skillful farmer, and a wide-awake, energetic business man of Beacon Falls, is a native of New Haven county, born in the town of Bethany, Nov. 11, 1859, and is a worthy representative of one of its old and highly esteemed families.

Sheldon Clark, his paternal grandfather, was born in what is now Oxford, this county, Oct. 19, 1794, and died April 18, 1874. He married Miss Anna Frech, a native of Bethany, and they located upon a farm in that town, where they reared their family of four children, namely: David, born Sept. 28, 1819, was a farmer of Beacon Falls, where he died Feb. 1, 1877; Stiles, born March 16, 1821, was also a farmer by occupation, and died March 7, 1873; Eliza Ann, born Sept. 21, 1823, died Nov. 13, 1851, unmarried; Charles F., father of our subject, was the youngest of the family.

Charles F. Clark was born in Bethany, July 8, 1829, and was reared on the home farm. In early life he followed the teacher's profession and conducted a select school in Bethany, but later engaged in farming. He was a Republican in politics, and held some local offices. He died in September, 1880, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Perkins, and was a native of Litchfield, Conn., died in August, 1882. Of the two children born to them our subject was the younger. Sheldon, born Sept. 21, 1855, followed farming in Beacon Falls, and died Oct. 19, 1887. Religiously the parents were Episcopalians.

When only two years of age George T. Clark was taken by his parents to the town of Beacon Falls, where he was reared upon a farm. He pursued his early studies in the public schools, and continued his education at a select school in the town of Redding, Fairfield Co., Conn. After leaving school he returned to the farm, and has since devoted the greater part of his time and attention to

agricultural pursuits. He owns a well-improved and valuable place of 150 acres in the village of Beacon Falls, and in connection with its operation is also engaged in the milk and ice business, and does teaming to some extent. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and notably reliable, and generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

On March 24, 1886, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Reffelt, who was born in South Coventry, Conn., June 8, 1860, a daughter of Frederick Reffelt, who was of German birth, and was foreman of a woolen shop. To this union five children have come, namely: Frank T., born Jan. 9, 1887; Eva L., Sept. 14, 1892; George R., July 18, 1894; Ethel M., Feb. 20, 1896; and Rosetta L., June 9, 1900. Mr. Clark and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the Grange. The Republican party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles. He has served his fellow citizens on the school board and as school visitor, and is now a member of the board of selectmen. In all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust reposed in him, and he merits and receives the high regard of the entire community in which he lives.

WILLIAM BARRON, a prominent farmer and notable citizen of the town of Branford, whose honorable and useful career well entitles him to mention among the successful men of his community, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, April 4, 1844, a son of James and Mary (Reed) Barron.

James Barron was born and bred a farmer, following that occupation all his life. He lived in Aberdeen, where he died in 1886. His widow, Mrs. Mary (Reed) Barron, is still living (1901), and has reached the venerable age of eighty-four years. The children born to them were: Jane, the wife of James Mitchell; William; George; Mary, who married John Mason; David; John; and Mariette, who married Robert Armstrong.

William Barron was reared in Scotland, where he had his education in the excellent public schools of his native community. In 1869 he turned his face towards the United States—that land of promise to so many of his compatriots—and, crossing the ocean, located in the town of Branford, where he has since been successfully engaged in farming. Mr. Barron has always retained a warm spot for his old home, and during his residence of thirty-one years in Branford, has made three visits to his native land.

In 1878 Mr. Barron was married to Georgiana, a daughter of John Mallroy, of New Haven, and has become the father of four children by this union: Mary J.; John W.; Georgiana A.; and Agnes E. Mrs. Georgiana Barron died in 1894, and the following year Mr. Barron was married to Mrs. Catherine Ball, of New Haven. She is a lady of more than the usual accomplishments, and is a de-

voted home maker. Mr. Barron is a member of the Congregational Church, and his life of honesty, integrity, industry and neighborly kindness brings no discredit to his religious associations. In politics Mr. Barron is a Republican, and socially he is connected with Woodlawn Lodge, No. 39, K. of P., where his manly qualities and genial disposition command respect and retain friendship.

ELNATHAN A. CURTISS, a leading merchant of Ansonia, is a representative of one of the oldest families of Southbury, New Haven county, where he was born Feb. 19, 1859.

Simeon Curtiss, his great-grandfather, was a native of that town, and passed his life there. Reuben Curtiss, our subject's grandfather, who was also born there, became prominent as an educator, and for many years conducted a large school at Southbury known as the Buck Hill Seminary, where he fitted pupils for business or college. He owned a large farm, took an active part in local affairs, and was identified with religious work as a member of the Congregational Church. For forty years he served as deacon, and every Sunday he collected his Sunday-school classes and took them to church in a wagon which held thirty people. He died at the age of eighty-seven, and his wife, Minerva (McEwen), a native of Oxford, died aged fifty-three. They had three children, none of whom are now living.

Wales H. Curtiss, our subject's father, was born and reared at the old homestead in Southbury, and received a district-school education. He followed farming upon a portion of the homestead, and was regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the town. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious faith he was a Congregationalist. His death occurred in 1886, when he was aged fifty-nine. He married Miss Mary Hammill, a native of Brooklyn, E. D., who is still living at the old homestead. Of their eleven children ten survive: William conducts the homestead; James M. is deceased; Sarah M. married Cornelius M. Hard, of Southbury; Charles H. resides in Naugatuck; Elnathan A. is the next in order of birth; Arthur E. resides in Naugatuck; Miss Jessie H., a teacher, is at home; Miss Isabella is also a teacher; Miss Estella, twin of Isabella, is a trained nurse; Bertha married Charles Benjamin, of Bristol, Conn.; and Nellie C. married C. Ellison, a station agent in Ohio.

Our subject's education was begun in the common schools of his native town, and at the age of ten years he left home to work for a neighboring farmer. At sixteen he engaged in the milk business in Seymour, where he had a wagon route for three years, and he then spent three years in Waterbury as bookkeeper for J. E. Gaylord, and one year in Naugatuck as clerk in the grocery and meat market of Tolles & Bennett. In 1884 he went to Ansonia, and after five years with J. H. Steinman

formed a partnership with a brother and purchased a meat market, at his present stand, which they conducted together until 1891. In 1893 our subject sold the business, and six months later he bought the store of E. H. Wakelee. He carries a large stock of dry goods, notions, groceries and provisions (including a fine line of canned goods, jellies and preserves), drugs, cigars, bicycles and everything which one might expect to find in a metropolitan department store. The establishment boasts a complete modern set of fixtures, with computing scales and cash register. The upper story of the building is rented by a social organization known as the West Side Club, of which our subject is president. He also belongs to the Order of Red Men and the New England Order of Protection, and politically he is a staunch Republican, although he has declined to seek official honors. For some time he was a member of the Ansonia Board of Trade. While residing in Waterbury he took an active part in the work of the Second Congregational Church and Sunday-school; his wife is a member of the Methodist Church in Ansonia.

In 1888 Mr. Curtiss married Miss Annie Hassard, who is one of the six children of Thomas Hassard, now a well-known dealer in coal and wood on North Main street, Ansonia. Three children have brightened our subject's home: Mabel H., born April 15, 1889; Raymond H., born Oct. 27, 1893; and Chester G., born Jan. 26, 1898.

JOHN KIRSCHBAUM is a quiet and unobtrusive gentleman, who has little to say unless directly appealed to, but he is known as one of the most expert machinists and skilled workmen in Waterbury, where he has lived for many years. His genuine manhood and real worth have been long recognized and appreciated at their true value.

Mr. Kirschbaum was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 29, 1844. Michael Kirschbaum, his father, was a farmer and a shepherd, shipping sheep to all parts of Europe. Michael Kirschbaum, his father, was also a shepherd, and this was the business of the family for many generations. Michael Kirschbaum, the father of John, married Barbara Kromer, a native of the same community in which he was born, and where she was born in 1815. Michael Kromer, her father, was also a shepherd, which business this family has also followed for generations. Michael Kirschbaum died in 1890, when about seventy-nine years old, his wife in 1899. To them nine children were born: (1) Samuel died in Waterbury, where he had been employed in a brewery, and previously worked for Valentine Bohl about eight years; he was a man of remarkable strength. In the old country he had been trained to the work of a shepherd. (2) John is our subject. (3) Michael is a butcher in the city of New York. (4) Christian died at the age of three years. (5) William lives in Germany, and is a weaver. (6) Christian (2) died at the age of

three years. (7) Barbara is married and lives in Germany. (8) George is a toolmaker in Waterbury. (9) Carl is a surveyor in Germany.

John Kirschbaum received his early training in Germany, and lived on the paternal homestead until he was fifteen years of age, when he went into a machine shop to learn the trade. Here he remained five years, and was two years in a factory devoted to heavy machinery. In July, 1866, Mr. Kirschbaum came to New York City, and secured work in the piano factory of the Steinway Co. He spent two years in that city, and then went to Naugatuck, Conn., where he worked for a time in the Allerton Iron Works. In 1872, in company with Thomas Fitzsimons, Mr. Putnam and Mr. Blake, he formed the Novelty Manufacturing Co., and with the exception of ten months, which he spent in Newark, N. J., he has been continuously identified with that concern, of which he is a stockholder. In the fall of 1896 he made his first appearance in Waterbury, and for nearly two years was employed by the Steele & Johnson Manufacturing Co.

In 1869 Mr. Kirschbaum married Miss Elizabeth Brickel, who was born in the old country, and was brought to this country in her mother's arms. She died in 1885, and was the mother of seven children: Elizabeth, John, William, Lillian B., Carl, Joseph and Lewis. Miss Anna Brown, of Waterbury, a daughter of John Brown, became the second wife of John Kirschbaum, their marriage taking place in 1886. They are the parents of two children: Anna and Edward H. Mr. Kirschbaum has been a Republican from his arrival in the country. He takes an active part in the Concordia Singing Society, and is a member of the K. of P. and the New England Order of Protection. He is also active in the old German Harmony Society. He attends the Episcopal Church.

LEROY C. BEECHER, one of the most progressive, skillful and successful agriculturists of Woodbridge, belongs to a prominent old family of New Haven county. His great-grandfather, Enoch Beecher, was born in this county, and lived for a time on George street, New Haven, but the greater part of his life was spent in Woodbridge, where he owned at one time some 300 acres of land, and was also a merchant, having a general store near the center of the town.

Amos Beecher, the grandfather of our subject, was reared in Woodbridge. He inherited a considerable property, and followed farming extensively, but discontinued the store. He died at the age of eighty-five years. He was a member of an independent military company and was very active on "training day." In early manhood he married Abigail Baldwin, and to them were born children as follows: The eldest died in infancy; Charles N., father of our subject, was next in order of birth; Abigail married Charles Baldwin, of New Haven;

Monzo E. is a farmer of Woodbridge; George E. (deceased) was twice married, his second wife being Martha Baldwin, and resided in Woodbridge; Franklin A. married Augusta Doolittle, and died in Milford; Elizabeth is deceased; and Jane is the wife of Marcus M. Baldwin, of Woodbridge.

Charles N. Beecher, father of our subject, was born in Woodbridge, Nov. 26, 1821, and died Aug. 9, 1897. He was a lifelong farmer, and though not engaged in agricultural pursuits on a large scale was very successful, owing to the fact that he paid particular attention to small matters and aimed always to reach the best results, was always anxious to learn the methods of others in order to improve his own, and attended town fairs and horticultural gatherings for that purpose. He raised principally small fruits and vegetables. Owing to ill health he retired from active labor some years prior to his death, and the management of affairs fell upon our subject. In Mt. Carmel, New Haven county, the father was united in marriage with Miss Mary Angelina Warner, a native of that place, and a daughter of Zenith Warner. Our subject was their only child.

Leroy C. Beecher was born June 4, 1859, in the house where he now lives, and was educated in public and private schools, one of his teachers being William H. Warner, who is still a resident of Woodbridge. Our subject began to provide for himself as a school teacher and continued to follow that profession for five years, four in the Middle School of Woodbridge and one in Hamden. Since that time his energies have been devoted to agricultural pursuits with marked success.

On July 26, 1885, Mr. Beecher married Miss Gertrude A. Ladd, who was born in Straitsville, New Haven county, May 5, 1861, a daughter of Theodore S. and Sarah A. (Johnson) Ladd. They have no children of their own, but Mrs. Beecher's nephew lives with them and enjoys the same advantages as if he were their own child. They are active and prominent members of the Congregational Church of Woodbridge, in which his father collected the pew rents for sixteen years, and our subject is now a member of the society committee. The Republican party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has been a member of the Republican township committee for the past sixteen years, and has been delegate to several State conventions. He was also register of voters thirteen years and town auditor several terms, and is still filling the latter position. He is a member of the school board, of which he was secretary five years, and chairman an equal length of time. In 1890 and 1900 he took the census. Mr. Beecher is one of the most popular citizens of his community, and, as has already been said, he takes a very prominent and influential part in public affairs and local politics. The advancement of agricultural matters has also occupied a large share of his at-

tention and he is a correspondent of several papers, furnishing the crop reports to the Department of Agriculture. He and his wife are both members of Woodbridge Grange, No. 108, P. O. H., of which he was secretary for the first two years, and his wife was lecturer. They are also members of the New Haven County Pomona, No. 5, and of the State Grange, as well as of the New England Order of Protection, Charter Oak Lodge, No. 88, of New Haven.

MICHAEL FLAHERTY, one of the solid citizens of New Haven county, is essentially a self-educated and self-made man, and yet without that ever-present self-assertion so common among men who have been the architects of their own fortunes. Both by nationality and by lineage he comes of rugged, hardy stock, and his life has reflected credit alike upon his ancestry and the land of his birth.

Born in County Galway, Ireland, March 29, 1834, the son of a tenant farmer, it may be imagined that in the years of his boyhood Mr. Flaherty underwent many privations. Yet it can scarcely be doubted that this part of his life was for him a fruitful school of experience, in which he learned the rudiments of those qualities of industry, patience and fortitude which have characterized him throughout life. His parents, Hugh and Mary (Parraher) Flaherty, were both natives of County Galway, as were also his forefathers for many generations. He was one of a family of three children. His educational advantages were of the most meager sort, and at the age of fourteen, seeing how impossible the practice of "absenteeism" had made it for the hard-working Irish peasant to do more than earn a bare subsistence, he resolved to go into the world himself, breast its billows while yet a boy, and conquer success through his own resolute will. The tale of his struggles and triumphs is told below.

Leaving Galway, he went to Wolverhampton, England, where he found employment in an inferior capacity with Richard Dean & Son, then a well known firm of railroad builders and contractors. A green Irish lad, with nothing to aid him but a willingness to work and a firm resolve to do his best, it would not have been surprising had he found the road to advancement slow and toilsome. But he was animated by a courage that laughed at obstacles and a resolute purpose that could not be discouraged. For seventeen years he remained in the employ of Richard Dean & Son, rising from one position of trust to another. Yet he could see scant chance for further advancement, and little prospect for the fruition of his ambitious hopes. His announcement of his intention to emigrate was received with an outcry of dissent and protest on the part of his employers. Every effort was made to dissuade him; pound notes were stitched into his wearing apparel; and, when it was perceived that his determination was inflexible, a request to return



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was accompanied by a promise that the position which he was vacating would be open to him in that event. It was in June, 1866, that he set sail from English shores to seek a new home and better fortune in the land where so many of his fellow countrymen had become affluent, while not a few had risen to posts of high honor in the service of the State. After reaching America he first went to Girardville, Pa., where he entered the employ of James Connor, an extensive mine owner, as foreman. Here his previous experience stood him in good stead, and he soon became one of the most valued and trusted men about the mines. Yet he did not find his surroundings wholly to his liking, and after a short time he removed to Birmingham, Conn., where he first found work in the Alling mill, and later in and about the building of the dam across the Housatonic river, then in process of construction. An opportunity presenting itself to engage in the retail liquor business, Mr. Flaherty embraced it, and was at once made local agent for the Albany Brewing Co. and given control of all the territory lying within the Housatonic Valley. This agency he still holds, and the energetic, upright, business-like way in which he has discharged the duties of the trust has rendered the same a source of mutual profit to himself and the well-known corporation which he represents.

Mr. Flaherty is a man of rare native intelligence, sound business sense and tireless energy. Industry, perseverance and honesty have raised him from a contractor's employe to the position of a wealthy land owner and the heaviest individual tax payer in the locality in which he lives. His assessment is \$122,000 on Sheldon, Ansonia and Derby, the fifth highest on the tax list. Generally speaking, his policy has been to buy real estate and hold it, and time has abundantly justified his judgment. Yet, while watchfully caring for his own interests, he has never for a moment forgotten his obligations as a citizen. Broad-minded and public-spirited, he has ever been quick to recognize the fact that public and private interests, in the highest and truest sense, must go hand in hand, and advance or retrograde together. He has been intimately identified with the building up of Derby, and no history of that city would be complete which failed to chronicle his early struggles and ultimate success. In politics Mr. Flaherty is a Democrat. Yet, while acting with his party on National and State issues, in local elections he is able to rise above partisanship, holding the best interests of the community as higher than any mere claim of political managers to blind party fealty. His religious faith is that of his forefathers, and he is a most generous contributor to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

On Aug. 5, 1865, Mr. Flaherty was married, in England, to Margaret Garrity, who, like her husband, is a native of Ireland. Their union has been blessed with seven children: Mary married George H. Ennis, an attorney of Derby, and has four

children, George, Margaret, Madelina and Adrienne. William is deceased. Elizabeth is unmarried, and lives at home. Michael, Jr., is a graduate of Yale, and an attorney in Derby. Hugh F. is attending school at Mount St. Mary's College, Maryland. Margaret and John are deceased.

FRANK S. NICHOLS, a well-known grocer and prominent citizen of Millville, is a native of New Haven county, born in Naugatuck, Oct. 28, 1842, and is a representative of one of its old and highly respected families. Isaac Nichols, Sr., his grandfather, made his home throughout life in Naugatuck, and followed the occupation of farming. He married Esther Sperry, a native of Bethany, Conn., and to them were born thirteen children: Mary, Clara, Maria, Esther, Joseph, William, Jerome, Horace, Isaac, Nathan, Joel, Noys and George. The sons were either farmers or mechanics, and all made their home in this State.

Isaac Nichols, Jr., father of our subject, was born in Naugatuck, June 14, 1820, and in that town grew to manhood. Learning the joiner's and wheelwright's trades, he built many houses and water-wheels in early life, and later erected the store building now occupied by our subject, where he engaged in the grocery business for six or eight years. He served one year as a member of Company H, 23d Conn. V. I. He was a Republican in politics. Isaac Nichols wedded Mary E. Hotchkiss, of Prospect, Conn., a daughter of Avery Hotchkiss, who was a farmer by occupation. Mr. Nichols died in October, 1882, and his wife in 1888. In their family were five children, namely: Frank S., our subject; Frederick O., agent for the Armour Beef Co. at Troy, N. Y.; Charles B., a traveling salesman residing in Bridgeport, Conn.; Deetle A., who married George Myers, of Pennsylvania, and resides in Naugatuck, where he is a master mechanic; and Ida E., who married Henry Richards, and subsequently became the wife of Frederick Clark, of Naugatuck.

Our subject passed his boyhood and youth in his native town, and his education was received in its public schools. He was one of the boys in blue during the dark days of the Rebellion, serving three years as a member of Company K, 6th Conn. V. I., and taking part in thirteen pitched battles, besides many skirmishes. He enlisted Sept. 12, 1861 and was discharged at New Haven, Sept. 16, 1864. On his return to Naugatuck he worked for the Goodyear Glove Co. for six years, and then went to Titusville, Pa., where he spent two years in the oil regions. The following year he was employed at Miller Brothers cutlery establishment, in Meriden, Conn., and was next a member of the police force of that place for about two years. Resigning his position, he returned to Naugatuck, Sept. 10, 1877, and purchased the grocery store in Millville which he has since successfully conducted, receiving a liberal share of the public patronage.

On Sept. 12, 1866, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage with Miss Maria Camp, a native of Terryville, Conn., and a daughter of Jerome Camp, who was also born in that place. Our subject and his wife have two children: Lewis F., superintendent of the making department of the Goodyear Metallic Shoe Co.; and Emma J., wife of Walter Brown, a meat dealer of Naugatuck.

Mr. Nichols is a member of the Board of Trade and is quite prominent in business circles. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and has been called upon to serve as assessor of his town for five consecutive years and as a member of the board of charities three years. He attends the Episcopal Church, and is a prominent member of the following societies: P. C. Isbell Post, No. 43, G. A. R.; Shephard Lodge, No. 78, F. & A. M.; Allerton Chapter, No. 39, R. A. M.; Evergreen Chapter, No. 22, O. E. S.; Hancock Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F.; Columbia R. D. Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F.; Mattatuck Tribe, No. 25, I. O. R. M.; and Salem Lodge, No. 36, A. O. U. W.

JOSEPH W. ZWIEBEL, the well-known and popular proprietor of the Bellevue Lake summer resort of Waterbury, was born in Tapfheim, Bavaria, Germany, July 7, 1847, a son of John and Walburga (Koettel) Zwiebel, also natives of Bavaria, where they continued to make their home throughout life. Both were members of the Catholic Church, and the father was a brewer by occupation. In their family were nine children, namely: Josepha, who is living at the old home in Germany; Victoria, deceased; John, a resident of New England; George, of Germany; Joseph W., our subject; Anthony, of Germany; Ulrich, of Germany; John N., in London, England; and Kreszenz, at home in Germany.

Joseph W. Zwiebel received a good education in his native tongue, and in early life learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for several years. He was married in Bavaria to Miss Kreszenz Dirr, a native of the same county as her husband and a daughter of Joseph Dirr. She is a well-educated woman of good business ability. To Mr. and Mrs. Zwiebel were born seven children, as follows: Adolph, at home; Otto, Walburga and Eugen, who all died young; Grace and Otto (2), both at home; and Joseph, who died young.

In 1881 Mr. Zwiebel and his family emigrated to America, sailing from Antwerp, and landing in New York City. They first located in Torrington, Conn., where he worked at his trade. After spending two years and a half at that place, he came to Waterbury and found employment in Benedict & Burnham's factory, where he remained until 1893. Having saved some money, he purchased the grounds called Bellevue Lake Grove, and has since made extensive improvements upon the place. He has erected a dance hall, built pleasure boats, and added many other attractions, so that it is now one

of the most beautiful and popular summer resorts of the locality. In carrying on this place Mr. Zwiebel has met with most excellent success. He is of a genial disposition, courteous and obliging, and caters to the wants of his patrons. He is also industrious and possesses good business ability and sound judgment. In his political views he is liberal, and in religious faith he and his family are Catholics.

MARTIN BURKE, one of Branford's well-respected citizens, and foreman of the carpenter department of the Branford Lock Works, Branford, is a native of that city, born July 12, 1855, a son of John and Bridget (Gibbs) Burke, who were natives of County Galway, Ireland. In 1847 John Burke came to America, and here in Connecticut, was employed for a time as a laborer on the Shore Line railroad, and later found work as a polisher in the Lock Works at Branford, where he has since remained. He married Bridget Gibbs, and thirteen children were born to them, seven of whom grew to maturity: Mary (Mrs. William H. Farrell), Bridget (Mrs. Richard O'Neil), Martin, John (now deceased), Patrick, Michael, and Nellie (now deceased).

Martin Burke, whose name introduces these lines, received a limited education at the public schools of Branford, and at the age of fourteen entered the Branford Lock Works as a helper in the japanning room. Later he was promoted to the spindle room, and since 1882 has been foreman of the carpenter department.

Mr. Burke has been twice married, first time in 1880, to Joanna Welch, who was a daughter of John Welch, and died in 1881, leaving one son John P. In 1892 our subject wedded Kate Hurley, who has borne him six children: Ellen, Martin, Jr., Edward F., Thomas J., Mary and Catherine. The family attend services at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Branford; socially Mr. Burke is affiliated with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus; in politics he is a staunch Democrat, and he has been chairman of the Town Democratic Committee nine years, and through his push and energy the party has been victorious on many close elections. In municipal affairs he has served on the board of relief nine years, and as assessor four years. He was captain of the Yale & Towne fire department from its organization in 1898; and he organized the Branford fire department in September, 1899, becoming its chief, and served until January, 1901.

AMITY A. HOLSER, a dairy farmer and fruit grower of the East Farms section of the town of Wallingford, was born in New York City, Aug. 29, 1847. Ignate Holser, his father, was born in Baden, Germany, son of Anthony Holser, a farmer, whose entire life was spent in Baden.

Ignate Holser was educated in the German

schools, and learned the trade of shoemaking. While still young he came to this country, on a sailing vessel, and landed in New York, poor in everything save the strength and courage of youth. Finding employment at his trade, he worked as a journeyman for a time, and then started up a shop of his own, doing custom work. In 1874 he left New York and came to Wallingford, buying the farm on which his son Amity now resides. It contains 108 acres, and under his industrious labors was greatly improved. Here Mr. Holser died in 1894, and he was buried in Westfield, Mass. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Catholic Church. Ignate Holser was married in July, 1841, in the city of New York, to Miss Susan Wolff, a native of Worms, Germany, and daughter of John Wolff, a carpenter, who died in Chicago. Mrs. Holser is still living with her son, Amity A. To their union were born the following children: Onrine married John Snyder, of Westfield, Mass., and is now deceased; Amity A. is our subject; Martin is a resident of Northford, Conn.; Emma married John Welsh; Susan died young; Susan (2) died unmarried; two children died in infancy.

Amity A. Holser attended the public schools of the city of New York and Westfield, Mass. Learning the trade of a carpenter, he worked at same for nine years in New York, and then came to the farm to help his father. After the death of the latter the farm passed into his possession, and he has become deeply interested in dairying and in peach culture. A hard-working and industrious man, he has made many substantial improvements in the farm and its management, and has become quite prosperous. In politics he is independent, and believes in a business administration of local and general affairs. Domestic in his habits, he devotes himself to a tender and beautiful care for his mother in her old age. He has never married.

WILLIAM G. HARD, a prominent merchant and honored citizen of Naugatuck, was born in Watertown, Litchfield Co., Conn., August 31, 1858. He is a representative of old and highly respected families of Connecticut, his ancestors for over two hundred years having been residents of this State. On the paternal side he is a descendant in the eighth generation of James Hard, who settled in Derby about 1680, and married Elizabeth Tomlinson, daughter of William Tomlinson, in 1603. So far as is known no other progenitor by the name of Hard ever came to this country until after 1800. The descendants of James Hard are now legion; besides the hundreds in this State there are a great many in northern Vermont, and as is the case with the posterity of many of our early settlers, they are now scattered throughout the United States.

Andrew C. Hard, our subject's father, was also a native of Litchfield county, born July 3, 1828, and grew to manhood in Watertown. Before the

days of railroads he drove a stage from that place to New Haven, and is still engaged in the trucking business. His home is in Watertown. He married Miss Mary Ann Russell, who was born in Waterbury June 30, 1831, and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: Charles G., born Sept. 19, 1856, died Jan. 18, 1889; William G., our subject, is next in order of birth; Myron R., born Feb. 11, 1861, is a resident of Waterbury; Lottie B., born Sept. 14, 1867, is assistant postmaster at Watertown; Andrew M., born March 7, 1869, Russell H., born Dec. 15, 1870, and John M., born April 15, 1874, are all at home.

Chester Russell, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Waterbury, and a farmer by occupation. He died Dec. 5, 1841, at the early age of thirty-one years. His father Stephen Russell, was also a farmer and a resident of Waterbury. The latter married Sabria Hotchkiss, who was born July 19, 1773, a daughter of Amos and Abigail Hotchkiss; her father was the sixth son of Gideon Hotchkiss, a very prominent man of his time and a property owner in New Haven county, who was born in Prospect Dec. 5, 1716, and died Sept. 3, 1807. Gideon Hotchkiss was deacon of the church, and served as selectman and representative from the town of Prospect (then called Columbia) to the State Legislature. He was a soldier of the French and Indian war, and also aided the Colonies in achieving their independence as a soldier of the Revolution, and had several sons in the latter conflict. He was the father of nineteen children, by two marriages, his second wife being Mabel Stiles, a daughter of Isaac Stiles, of Southbury. To this union were born most of his children. At his death two hundred and sixty-five of his descendants were living around him in New Haven county. He was the seventh child of Stephen Hotchkiss, a native of New Haven, who was born Aug. 12, 1681, and married Elizabeth Sperry, daughter of John Sperry, of New Haven. Stephen Hotchkiss was an extensive farmer, and made his home in the parish of Cheshire, in the town of Wallingford. His father, Joshua Hotchkiss, was born in New Haven Sept. 16, 1651, and became a leading citizen of the place. He was a son of Samuel Hotchkiss, a native of Essex, England.

William G. Hard, whose name introduces this sketch, passed his boyhood and youth in Watertown, and received his education there. He began his business career as clerk in a general store at that place, working for his board and clothes, and during the seven years that were thus passed thoroughly mastered the business in all its details. In 1880 he went to Waterbury, where he clerked for two years, and then came to Naugatuck as head clerk for the E. H. Carrington Co., with which he was connected for five years. In 1886 he opened a general store of his own in Naugatuck, and now enjoys a large and lucrative trade.

On Aug. 24, 1881, Mr. Hard married Miss Eudora E. Holt, of Waterbury, a daughter of Nelson Holt, who was a soldier of the Civil war and died in one of the Southern prisons during that struggle. To this union have been born four children, namely: Frank N.; Eva M., who died Jan. 12, 1893; Irma E.; and Mildred H.

Politically Mr. Hard is independent, and socially is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Ancient Order of United Workmen; Knights of the Maccabees; Modern Woodmen of America; United Order of the Golden Cross; and Independent Order Foresters. In nearly all these societies he holds some responsible position of trust. He is a prominent member of the Congregational Church of Naugatuck, and is an active worker in the Christian Endeavor Society, in which he has held all the offices. He was president of the Watertown Union for some time, and was instrumental in organizing the society at that place. He was also one of the founders of the Young Men's Christian Association at that place; was a member of its board of directors; and has always taken an active interest in all church work. He is a busy man, yet he is ever ready to pause in the midst of his duties to listen to appeals and relieve the needy. He is wholly worthy the respect which is everywhere tendered him, for his name is a synonym with honorable dealing and with all that is elevating to the individual and beneficial to the city.

HARRY S. HOTCHKISS, late of Naugatuck, was one of the wealthiest and most popular citizens of that town. He was born in New Haven in November, 1845.

Mark Hotchkiss, his grandfather, was a prosperous farmer of New Haven county and a successful teacher. He married Polly Hotchkiss (no relative), and five children were born to them: George, Lucius E., Mary A., Grace and Rosette. Lucius E., the second son, was the father of Harry S. Hotchkiss, and was born in Prospect, Conn. He was a mason and contractor by occupation, conducting business first in New Haven and afterward in Naugatuck, where he died Jan. 6, 1877. He married Harriet Cooper, and they had two children: Mary, who died when four years old; and Harry S.

Harry S. Hotchkiss received his early education in the schools of his native town and at Hackettstown, N. J. He learned the trade of a mason from his father, and followed same, in connection with contracting, until his death, which occurred Feb. 1, 1899. He was successful beyond expectation, being naturally endowed with brains, pluck and perseverance, to which were joined steadfast industry and close attention. He was a man of kindly disposition and generous impulses, and noted for his probity. In his political creed Mr. Hotchkiss was a Republican. He served as town assessor, and also four years as selectman. He

was a thirty-second-degree Freemason and a member of the I. O. R. M.

Mr. Hotchkiss married, Feb. 16, 1872, Mrs. Maria R. (Beach) Seymour, who by her first husband had a daughter, Cora, now the wife of Harry A. Bennett, of New York, who is connected with the Title & Trust Guaranty Co. of that city. Mrs. Hotchkiss was born in Winchester, Conn., of which town her paternal grandfather, Caleb Beach, was an early settler, having removed there from Goshen, this State. He erected a log cabin there about 1740, and some time during the decade 1760-70 built the first frame house ever put up in the town. It is still standing, and one of its most notable features is its huge stone chimney, 12x7 feet at the base. Hezekiah Beach, son of Caleb, was the father of Mrs. Hotchkiss. He, too, was born in Winchester, where he married Caroline Clark, a daughter of Jude Clark, a farmer of Burlington, Conn. Mrs. Maria R. Hotchkiss was the fourth in the family of ten children born to Hezekiah and Caroline Beach, of whom three—Julius, Sarah J. and Charles—died in infancy or early childhood. Of those who reached mature years, George, Frank and Harry are farmers, the two first named in Winchester, and the latter in Naugatuck. Ellen married John Baker, a sash and door manufacturer of Pleasant Valley, Conn., and is now deceased. Samuel is a mechanic, and resides in Beacon Falls. Hezekiah Beach died in September, 1872, and his wife passed away in 1854. He was a man of influence and was sincerely beloved for his manly character and many virtues. In early manhood he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but in later years was a Second Adventist. In politics he was a Republican.

HORACE G. FOSDICK, a well-known and successful wholesale baker in Ansonia, was born in Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., March 24, 1859, son of Robbins Fosdick, who was born in the same place. George Fosdick, his father, was born in Wethersfield, Conn., and was a son of William Fosdick, a sea captain, who was also born in Wethersfield.

The Fosdicks settled early in New England, and an ancestor of the family purchased land in Charlestown as early as 1635. From that point he went to New London. Horace G. Fosdick is in the ninth generation of his family in this country. His grandfather served in the war of 1812. He was a saddler, and spent his life in Sandisfield, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. He married Rachel Parrot, who was born in Canaan, and her father was a Quaker from Pennsylvania, though she attended the Congregational Church with her husband. They had a large family. Mrs. Fosdick died at the age of eighty-two.

Robbins Fosdick, noted above as the father of Horace G., was reared in Sandisfield, where he received his education in the public schools. He



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learned the trade of harnessmaking, remained at home, and followed farming in connection with his trade. He resided in Sandisfield up to 1884, when he removed to Ansonia, Conn., and has since lived with his son Horace G. Mr. Fosdick took an active part in the "Know-Nothing" movement, and since that curious uprising in politics has been a Republican, reading widely and being well posted on all questions at issue. He married Lucinda Collins, who was born in Tyringham, Mass., a daughter of Chester Collins, a farmer at that place. They had five children, three of whom are still living: Anisinda married Alphonso Merrell, of Westfield, Mass.; Horace G. is the subject proper of these lines; George, who lives in Derby, is foreman of the rolling stock of the electric railway. The mother died in 1894, at the age of sixty-five years. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and is remembered as a good wife and mother. James Fosdick, a brother of Robbins, served in the Civil war.

Horace G. Fosdick spent his earlier years under the parental roof and was educated in the public schools. At the age of fourteen years he went to Derby, and drove team for a business man of that place; he attended school during the winter for five seasons. After this he spent one year in a grocery and meat market, and another year as clerk in a confectionery establishment. In 1880 he came to Ansonia and began business as a confectioner, continuing in this line for eighteen months, and selling out to Charles Blair. Mr. Fosdick was not long idle, and bought his present establishment from a Mr. Trumbour, who had done both a wholesale and retail business in a small way. Under the energetic management of Mr. Fosdick the business has steadily increased until now five wagons are in use, and as many bakers are employed. Mr. Fosdick undoubtedly commands the most extensive patronage of any man in his line in the city, and is known as one of the oldest business men there, having been engaged in his present place for more than twenty years. His customers, both wholesale and retail, are found in Seymour, Shelton and Derby, as well as Ansonia, and as he turns out the best of goods they are more than satisfied. Mr. Fosdick gives close personal attention to all the details of his business. In 1889 he purchased his present property, on which he has made many and expensive improvements. He also owns a small farm, where he keeps cows to provide the milk for his baking business. There are ten horses in his stables, and they receive the best of care; he has not lost a horse for sixteen years, and their fine appearance shows the touch of a kindly hand.

Mr. Fosdick was married, in 1887, to Miss Katy Vandercook, a daughter of William Vandercook, of Albany, N. Y., where she was born. Mrs. Fosdick is one of a family of four children. To her union with our subject have come five children: Horace G., Willard, Annie, Lottie and Charles H.

In political sentiment Mr. Fosdick is a Repub-

lican. He is regarded as one of the leading citizens of his community. He is a member of Naugatuck Lodge, I. O. O. F., with which he has been connected since he was twenty-one, was secretary of the lodge three terms, and for several years was an active worker in the Temple of Honor. In religious connection he unites with the Baptist Church, where he has served as trustee and secretary for three years.

EDWARD M. STANLEY, one of the many reliable and capable workmen of which the city of Waterbury boasts, was born Feb. 24, 1859, in Hopeville, town of Waterbury.

William Stanley, his father, was born in Birmingham, England, son of William Stanley, who came from Birmingham in 1829. The latter was the grandfather of William J., J. L. and Frederick E. Stanley, whose sketches appear elsewhere. William Stanley, father of Edward M., was brought to Waterbury by his parents when a lad of seven years, and died there Sept. 30, 1875. When a boy he entered the button shop of Mr. Benedict, and when old enough he learned the trade of brass rolling. Failing health drove him from the factory, and in 1848 he engaged in the carriage trimming business, catering to the trade. For some years he was engaged in business in New York City and Newark, N. J. In 1863 he came back to Waterbury and helped to form the Carrington Manufacturing Co., of which he was treasurer for some time. Then, disposing of his interest in that firm, he helped form the Matthews & Stanley Manufacturing Co., of which he was treasurer until his death. He was a devoted friend, and earnest in his advocacy of every good cause. He was well known in Masonic circles, and was recognized as a faithful worker in the First Methodist Church. For his first wife William Stanley married Phoebe Forrest, who died early in life. Betsey Miller, his second wife, was born in Ancram, Columbia Co., N. Y., daughter of Silas Miller, a farmer of that region, who spent his later life at Salisbury, Conn., where he died at the age of ninety years. William Stanley and his wife Betsey were the parents of three children: William, Perry and Edward M. William died April 11, 1857, at the age of three years, and Perry died Nov. 16, 1862, at the age of five years.

Edward M. Stanley spent his boyhood days in Hopeville, where he attended the local school. His higher education was obtained in the Waterbury high school and a private school at Riverside, where he spent three years. The young man began his life work in the shops of the Matthews & Willard Manufacturing Co., where he became a skilled burnisher and toolmaker, and where he worked for seven years. In 1889 he entered the factory of the Seovill Manufacturing Co., as a toolmaker, and has remained with that well-known firm to the present time.

On Nov. 1, 1893, Mr. Stanley married Miss Helen M. Moshier, who was born in Waterbury, March 15, 1870, a daughter of Augustus and Georgiana (Darling) Moshier. Her grandfather, Charles Mosier, changed his name to Moshier. He was of German extraction. In early life he was ordained an Episcopal minister, but in later years he followed the trade of a wheel-wright. He died Nov. 24, 1855. Augustus Moshier was born in the city of New York, Feb. 7, 1841, and died Jan. 27, 1900. He was a carpenter by trade, and carried on the business of contractor and builder. His wife was born in New York City, Dec. 25, 1850, and is still living. They had six children: Helen M. (Mrs. Stanley), Charles A., Sarah A., Georgiana, Susan A. and Edith M. Charles A. is a machinist with the Scovill Manufacturing Co. Sarah A. married George W. Morse, of Cheshire, Conn. Georgiana married Edwin A. Jessell, of Waterbury. Susan and Edith are still in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley are the parents of two children: Margaret M., born Sept. 26, 1899, died Oct. 3, 1899; William M. was born June 24, 1901. Mr. Stanley is a Republican politically. He belongs to Townsend Lodge, No. 89, I. O. O. F., Comstock Lodge, No. 13, K. of P., and to Mizpah Colony, No. 163, United Order of Pilgrim Fathers. He attends St. John's Episcopal Church.

JOHN PATRICK CALLAHAN, assistant superintendent of the Branford Lock Works, Branford, is a native of Connecticut, born June 30, 1856, in New Haven.

John P. Callahan, son of John Callaghan (for so he spelled his name), was born in County Cork, Ireland, and about the year 1845 came to this country, landing at New York, where for a time he was master workman at the carriage-spring making trade. He made carriage springs that were exhibited at the "Great Exhibition" (World's Exposition) held in London, England, at the "Crystal Palace," in 1851. He married Ellen Collins in New York City, then removed from there to Newark, N. J., and thence, about the year 1850, to New Haven, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1868. His children who grew to maturity were: Ellen, Mother Basilia, of St. Patrick's Academy, Chicago, Ill.; Mary, Mother Philomena, of St. Bernard's Convent, Nashville, Tenn.; John Patrick; and William J.

John P. Callahan, our subject, was reared in his native city, New Haven, and received his education in part at the public and parochial schools; after commencing work he attended night school. In 1868, when but twelve years old, he began work in the lock works of Mallory, Wheeler & Co., New Haven, and in course of time learned the trade of lock fitter, remaining in their employ ten years. In 1879 he removed to Branford, where he has since been engaged with the Branford Lock Works.

On Jan. 7, 1880, Mr. Callahan was united in

marriage with Alice T. Carney, daughter of James and Margaret (Cusick) Carney, of Branford, formerly of Ireland, and six children, all yet living, have been born to them: Margaret, B. T., John L., James P., William Vincent and Gerald. The entire family are members of the Catholic Church. Socially Mr. Callahan is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and one of the organizers of Eldred Council, No. 10, of Branford, of which he is financial secretary; is also a member of the N. E. O. of P., and of the Y. & T. Mutual Benefit Society; and a member of the Branford Agriculture and Horticultural Society, of which he is secretary. He has held various public positions, having served as grand juror, auditor and tax collector, and at present he represents Branford in the State Legislature; he is clerk of the committee on Manual and Roll.

The Callaghans (for such is the usual spelling of the name) are prominent people in Ireland. Patrick Callaghan, an uncle of our subject, is a large land owner in County Cork, and enjoys the distinction of never having had trouble with his tenants, something unusual on the "ould sod." One of his sons is a bishop in the Catholic Church in Ireland, and altogether the family enjoy high standing.

AUSTIN B. PIERPONT, proprietor of a thriving meat market, milk depot, etc., in the city of Waterbury, was born in that town Feb. 11, 1849, on the same farm on which his father, Charles J. Pierpont, was born.

Ezra Pierpont, great-grandfather of our subject, was also in all probability born in the town of Waterbury. He was a farmer, served in the war of the Revolution, and was quite prominent in town affairs, serving long as a selectman, and also filling several other offices. He reared several children, among whom were Seabury, Luther, Austin (grandfather of our subject), Stiles and Joseph. All the sons became farmers and lived in the town of Waterbury. Luther and Austin served in the war of 1812.

Austin Pierpont, grandfather of Austin B., was a prosperous farmer. He married Sally Beecher, of Waterbury. Of the children born to them seven reached maturity, viz.: Enos A., Ezra A., Minerva, Charles J. (father of our subject), Jennette, William S. and Ellen. Enos A. was a farmer and butcher in Waterbury, where he died. Ezra A. was also a farmer and oyster peddler in the same town, and there ended his days. Minerva married Amos Moss, a farmer, carpenter and sawmill and cidermill proprietor of Cheshire. Jennette became the wife of Amos J. Beers, a wholesale fruit dealer in New Haven. William S. was a carpenter in Waterbury. Ellen married Lorenzo Peck, a merchant of New Haven. The father of this family met an untimely fate by a stroke of lightning, but not until he had rounded out a useful and beneficent career.

Charles J. Pierpont, father of our subject, was

a farmer and butcher in Waterbury, where he passed his entire life. He married Mary A. Warner, a native of the town, and a daughter of Jared Warner, a farmer; he was a soldier of the war of 1812. Justis Warner, father of Jared, was also a farmer, and descended from one of the oldest families in the county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Pierpont settled on the home farm, where they reared their six children, viz.: Charles J. is water inspector of Waterbury (he is mentioned elsewhere); Austin B. is the subject proper of this sketch; Ellen C. married George W. Conner, proprietor of an express line from Waterbury to New Haven; Wilson L. is a farmer and milkdealer in Waterbury; Merritt E. is a grocer in the city; Mary Ann married Charles S. Miller, a mechanic of Waterbury. In politics the father of this family was a Democrat, and in their church relationship the family are Episcopalians.

Austin B. Pierpont passed his boyhood on the home farm, and was educated in the district school. He then taught one season, and later attended the Waterbury high school, after leaving which he hired out to his uncle, Enos Pierpont, and worked for him seventeen years in the meat business. At the end of that time he bought him out, and has ever since conducted a most prosperous trade in meats, dairy products, etc.

In 1872 Mr. Pierpont married Lucy A. Welton, a daughter of Joseph Welton, of Waterville, and to this union have been born three children: Arthur J., born in 1876, is still on the farm; Herbert, born in 1883, died at the age of five months; Morton E., born in 1885, is now attending Storrs' Agricultural College.

Mr. Pierpont is a Republican in politics, and has twice represented New Haven county on the State Board of Agriculture. He has been master of Mad River Grange, Excelsior Pomona Grange, and has always been actively interested in the promotion of agricultural affairs, having served as vice-president of the Wolcott Agricultural Society, a position he still fills; he is also active in other affairs, and lends a helpful hand in all. He is president of the East Farms Cemetery Association, and a trustee of Mill Plain Chapel Society, which he helped to establish. His influence is felt in many undertakings. He is of a genial, benevolent and fraternal disposition, and is a prominent member of Nosahogan Lodge, I. O. O. F., Waterbury, in which he has passed all the chairs, and of Ansantawae Encampment. Mr. Pierpont is a vestryman in Trinity Episcopal Church. Socially he is very highly esteemed, and his family share with him the regard of their neighbors and friends generally.

GEORGE SMITH DAVIS, member of the firm of Landon & Davis, general merchants, Guilford, is a native of the town of Guilford, born Dec. 20, 1854, of Welsh ancestry.

Joel Davis, his grandfather, was born in Kill-

ingworth, Middlesex Co., Conn., whence after his marriage he moved to Guilford, where he purchased a farm, and where he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1860. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, a Whig in politics, and was progressive and prosperous. In Killingworth, Conn., he married Achsah Davis, of that town, and seven children were born to them: Henry, Sarah, George W. (deceased), George W. (2) (sketch of whom follows), Harriet, Leonard and James. The parents both died at the farm, and are buried in the West Side cemetery.

George W. Davis, father of George S., was born in 1822 in Guilford, and there passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits, dying in 1860. He attended the Episcopal Church, was a Democrat in politics, and was a highly honored man. In 1850, in Guilford, he married Cornelia Smith, who was born in 1827, daughter of Tabor and Myra (Hoadley) Smith, and three children were born to them: Cornelia, deceased in infancy; George S., sketch of whom follows; and Charles W., who is engaged in business with his brother.

George S. Davis, the subject proper of this sketch, attended the district school of Guilford, also the high school, and at the age of sixteen years went to Hartford, Conn., where he secured employment as clerk in a dry-goods store. He remained there eight years, in 1878 returning to Guilford and becoming clerk in the postoffice. Then, at the end of five years, in 1883, being possessed of a small capital, he and S. W. Landon embarked in the grocery business in Guilford, under the firm name of Landon & Davis. Mr. Landon died in 1890, and Mr. Davis has since continued the business under the same name, and, through courtesy, genial manners, and close attention to business, has built up an extensive trade.

Mr. Davis is a Republican. In 1885 he was elected town treasurer, and has since filled the office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public; has also for the past ten years filled the office of borough and town treasurer with equal acceptance. In 1889 he was elected to the State Legislature, and served one term at Hartford, during which time he was on the committee on New Towns and Probate Districts. In 1891 he was re-elected. He filled the office of Burgess of the borough one term, and in 1881 was appointed a notary public by the governor. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., affiliating with St. Alban's Lodge, No. 38, of which he is past master and treasurer; he is a Knight Templar, connected with New Haven Commandery, No. 2, and with Halleck Chapter, also with the Eastern Star; is also a member of the New England Order of Protection and the Royal Arcanum. In religious faith he is a member of the Episcopal Church, of which he has been warden for the past twelve years, also treasurer.

On Dec. 16, 1885, in Guilford, George S.

Davis was married to Annie G. Fowler, daughter of Henry Fowler, and three children have been born to them: Henry Fowler died in infancy; Elizabeth G. and Annie C. are both attending school.

LEWIS MONROE PHELPS was born Aug. 22, 1841, in Northampton, Mass., where his father, Spencer Phelps, was born in September, 1797, and died in 1873. Spencer Phelps was a farmer, and was also engaged in the butchering business. He was a Whig in political faith, and became a Republican on the formation of the party. He attended the First Congregational Church. In 1823 he married Miss Annie Harris, of Northampton, who was born Dec. 21, 1801, in Norwich, and died in 1873 in Northampton, Mass., where Mr. and Mrs. Phelps were buried. Their family comprised the following children: (1) George S. has a carriage business at Northampton, Mass. (2) Anna Maria married Enos Wright, of Northampton. (3) Edward died in infancy. (4) Edward H. is a retired tinsmith of Northampton. (5) Martha married Henry Cobb, of Saxton's River, Vt. (6) Henry S. was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, serving as a member of Company C, 11th United States Regulars, was taken prisoner, and died in Andersonville. (7) Charles W. died at the age of eighteen years. (8) Lewis Monroe is the gentleman whose name appears at the introduction of this article.

Ebenezer Phelps, father of Spencer, was born in Northampton, and was in his lifetime a very prominent farmer and large land owner. A large tract of land which belonged to him is now the center of the city of Northampton. He married Kezia Parsons, and they had eight children. The Phelps family descends from three brothers who came over from England very early in the history of the Colonies and settled in Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut, respectively.

Lewis M. Phelps spent his boyhood and youth in Northampton, Mass., and obtained his education under the shadow of Mt. Tom. At fourteen he left school and went to work, on different farms, three years later going to the West, and spending two years in Illinois and Iowa. Returning to Northampton, he set himself to the trade of carriagemaker, which he followed until he reached the age of twenty-four. Mr. Phelps enlisted, in August, 1862, as a member of Company C, 52d Mass. V. I., and served until Aug. 14, 1863. He was at Port Hudson, and in many notable battles of the war.

Mr. Phelps began a contracting business when he was twenty-four years old, and followed same for about one year. At Springfield he was employed for six years by the Wesson Manufacturing Co., where he was foreman in charge of a gang of men. He held a similar position in the shops of the New York, New Haven & Hartford

Railway Co., and in 1875 he came to Wallingford to open a tinning, plumbing, heating and stove business, in which line he has accumulated a substantial fortune. Twelve years ago he leased his present store in the Wallace block, and purchased a half interest therein. In 1898 he bought the other half of the block. Mr. Phelps is largely interested in real estate and owns several very desirable tenement houses, which he has built in recent years. Politically he is a Republican, and he is now serving as justice of the peace; since his location in the city he has had charge of the department of weights and measures; for two years he was a member of the court of burgesses; in October, 1901, he was appointed electrical commissioner, for three years.

Mr. Phelps was married, June 1, 1864, to Miss Jennie M. Hastings, of South Deerfield, Mass., daughter of Samuel Hastings. Mr. Phelps is a member of Arthur Dutton Post, G. A. R., and Compass Lodge, F. & A. M. He is also a prominent Odd Fellow, has passed all the chairs of the Subordinate Lodge, and for a number of years has been a member of the Grand Lodge of the State. He is also a member of the Encampment, Rebekah and Canton branches of the order. He was a prime mover in the organization of Accanant Lodge, and was its first vice-grand; has served as treasurer of Friendship Encampment, and is now a member of the board of trustees.

GEORGE S. GILLETTE, a highly-esteemed resident of the town of Milford, was born Jan. 14, 1850, in the house in which he resided until recently.

Benjamin Gillette, his great-grandfather, served as a soldier during the Revolutionary war, and the family has long been noted for the qualities that go to the making of good citizenship. Garriet Gillette, our subject's grandfather, was born in Milford, and became a farmer by occupation. He married Nancy Platt, and had a large family of children, as follows: John, a builder in Prospect, died in that town; George died in Naugatuck; Garriet, a farmer, died in Prospect; Bennett, a carpenter, died at his home in Prospect; Rufus, a carpenter, is living in retirement in Naugatuck; William, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below; Sarah A. married Harry Morse, and resides in Prospect; Mary (deceased) married Harry Smith, of Prospect; Abby married Lucius Talmadge, of Prospect (both are now deceased); two died in childhood.

William Gillette was born in 1822, in Prospect, and died April 14, 1878. After his marriage he located on a farm on Long Island Sound, in the southern part of Milford, the old homestead of the grandfather, where his remaining years were spent. As a citizen he was much respected, and for years he took an active interest in local affairs as a member of the Republican party. He was also very active in the church. He married Susan Bucking-



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ham, daughter of John Buckingham, a native of Milford. She died Oct. 4, 1879. Of their six children, the eldest, Mary E., married N. Truman Smith, a farmer in Milford; George S. is mentioned below; Miss Martha N. resides in Milford; Charles W. conducts the old homestead; Miss Susan C. resides in Milford; and Nettie died in infancy.

George S. Gillette was reared on the old homestead in Milford, and after completing a course in the neighboring district school attended the Milford high school and a private school conducted by Jonas French. At the age of twenty-two he went to Kansas and worked on a farm for a year, and he spent the next five years in Nevada, in various employments. In 1878 he returned to the homestead, a farm of thirty-eight acres, and made a specialty of raising garden seeds. Recently he came into possession of the old Buckingham homestead, the place where his mother was born, and has taken up his home there.

On Dec. 13, 1893, Mr. Gillette married Miss Flora Belle Hanscome, of Maine, daughter of Rev. Alva H. Hanscome, and a member of an old family of that State. They have one child, William Buckingham. Mr. Gillette is a Republican in politics, and has served many years as assessor and a member of the board of relief. He and his wife belong to the Congregational Church, and he is also an active worker in the Royal Arcanum and of the I. O. O. F. at Milford.

NATHAN W. GREENMAN, a well-known resident of Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, born April 12, 1840, in Bozrahville, New London county.

Prior to the year 1800 three brothers by the name of Greenman came to this country from England, one settling in New York, one in the eastern part of Connecticut, the third in New London county, Conn., the last named being James Greenman, the grandfather of Nathan W.; he was a farmer by occupation.

Nathan Greenman, father of Nathan W., was born in 1815 in New London county, and for years was superintendent of the cotton mills there. He is now living retired near New Haven. At the early age of seventeen years he married Julia A. Wilkinson, who was born in 1815 in Stonington, Conn., a daughter of Jonathan Wilkinson, a farmer of that locality. Mr. Wilkinson served in the war of 1812. He married Ann Cranston, also a native of Stonington, and descended from ancestry who came to America early in the seventeenth century. Grandfather Wilkinson was one of the "frontiersmen," but the Indians were very friendly to him and his family, frequently abiding under their hospitable roof. The Wilkinsons took active part in all the early struggles of the country, including the French and Indian troubles, the Revolution and the war of 1812, as well as the Indian wars since that period.

After marriage Nathan Greenman and his wife

settled in New London county, at Bozrahville, and there reared the following children: Anna E. (deceased) was the wife of George Nettleton; Jennie E. (deceased) was the wife of Frederick A. Cook, of Southington, Conn.; Nathan W. is our subject; Ellen L. (deceased) was the wife of Samuel A. Bayliss; Charles A. died unmarried; Imogene E. is now the wife of Frederick A. Cook, mentioned above.

In 1842, when two years old, Nathan W. Greenman, our subject, was taken by his parents to Greenville, a suburb of Norwich, this state, and at the public and high schools of that place received a liberal education. On May 15, 1853, he came to Waterbury, which has since been his home. Taking up the profession of dentistry, he in 1858 followed same in Charleston, S. C., and while there saw slaves sold by auction. During the year 1859 he for some time sold books throughout Michigan. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union army, as will be presently recorded; from 1865 to 1866 was a clerk in the Waterbury postoffice, and then embarked in the coal business, in which line he is actively engaged at the present time.

In November, 1875, Mr. Greenman married Edith G. Webster, a daughter of Chauncey B. Webster, of Waterbury. No children have been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Greenman are members of the Congregational Church. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served his adopted city as tax collector, also on the board of relief. Socially he is affiliated with the F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., Concordia Society and G. A. R.

On Aug. 11, 1862, Mr. Greenman enlisted in the service of the United States in Company H, 20th Conn. V. I., for three years, or during the war, and the following succinct war record, written by himself, will be of interest:

"I was mustered as corporal at New Haven, Conn., Sept. 8, 1862, left the State Sept. 11, 1862, served in the defence of Washington, D. C.; from Oct. 2, 1862, 2d Brigade, 1st Division, 12th Corps, Army of the Potomac; and Army of the Cumberland from June, 1863, 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Corps; from April, 1864, 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 20th Corps, Army of the Cumberland; transferred to the 3d Brigade, 3d Division, Armies of the Cumberland and Georgia, May 29, 1864, remaining with last mentioned brigade, division and corps, until the ending of the Civil war, April, 1865, holding the rank of sergeant until that event. I was on duty with my regiment, in defence of Washington, D. C., until Sept. 29, 1862; moved to Sandy Hook, thence to Harper's Ferry, Maryland Heights, London Heights, Keys and Manning Pords, on the Shenandoah river, Va., then to Fairfax Station, Va. Advanced on Fredericksburg, during the cold and severe rains of December, 1862, when, from the depth of the mud, it was impossible for men and trains to move more than four or five miles a day. Not an article of apparel, outside or

inside of the knapsack, but was thoroughly soaked with the icy rain. For ten consecutive days and nights these conditions were the experiences of all in the command. The cold, wet ground served for a bed, and a wet knapsack for a pillow. With all these discomforts the men appeared to be cheerful and in good spirits and health. I was with my command during the Confederate Gen. Stuart's raid, from Dec. 27 to Dec. 31, 1862, and in other operations against the enemy, until ordered into winter quarters at Stafford Court House, Va., Jan. 19, 1863, there remaining until April 27, 1863. During the latter part of the month of January, 1863, by order of Brig. Gen. Kane, commanding our brigade, myself and a detail of six men from my company (each with three days' rations) were ordered to take possession of and occupy Aquia Creek church, some four or five miles distant from our camp, to prevent its defilement by scouting or other parties of soldiers. * * * We carried into the church several cords of wood, built a fire in the center of the floor with which we cooked our rations, and kept warm (the weather being very cold), remaining there nearly five days, the last thirty-six hours without food, headquarters having forgotten or overlooked the fact that we were on duty there. The church at that time was between the lines, and we were liable to capture by the enemy at any time during the period of our guard. The waning of the fifth day brought to our ears the sound of horses' hoofs upon the frozen ground, and from our outlook within the church there came into a view a regiment of cavalry which proved to be the 8th New York, which not only relieved our apprehension and anxiety, but also our hunger. Through the dispatch of an orderly to Gen. Kane's headquarters, we were ordered to return to our camp. * * * On April 26, 1863, came orders to break up camp and march to the scenes of battle in the coming campaigns of the spring and summer of 1863. Eight days' rations and eighty rounds of ammunition is the order. A forced march of three days brought the command to Germania Ford on the Rapidan river. Order to strip off all our clothing, put them in a roll, and wade through the rapidly flowing stream, where we found foothold difficult to maintain. Lined up to roll-call on the opposite bank of the river, preparatory to imminent battle at Chancellorville, Virginia.

"This is to be my first important engagement, and questions surge the mind, like the incoming and receding waves of the ocean, that are unanswerable until the conflict ends. Killed, wounded or unscathed, and will you perform all of the duties of a soldier, bravely and unflinchingly in the coming contest, whatever the result? My fate proved capture, the third day of the battle, Sunday, May 3, 1863. This was the only time I was made a prisoner of war during my three years' service. I was confined in Libby Prison, and on Belle Isle, in and opposite Richmond, Va. Follow-

ing my confinement at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Md., and my exchange during the month of August, 1863, I joined my regiment and company at Cowan, Tenn., and was promoted to the position of sergeant April 22, 1864, performing duty along the line of the Louisville & Nashville railroad and Chattanooga line of communications until the opening of the Atlanta campaign, May 4, 1864, participating in the following engagements: Buzzard Roost Gap, May 8 and 9; holding Boyd's Trail, May 10 and 11; battle of Resaca, May 13 and 15; Cassville, May 19; advance to Etowah, May 20 and 23, 1864. At this date I was detached for duty in the Ambulance Corps, a duty I found to be arduous, tedious and compassionate, constantly drawing upon my sympathy, because of the mutilation and suffering I witnessed during a series of engagements that consumed one hundred consecutive days of time when fighting in one contingent or other of those armies took place. It has been designated by some of those who endured the campaign, the 'one hundred days' battle.'

"Entered Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 3, 1864, and was assigned to duty at the headquarters of Gen. H. W. Slocum, commandant, in charge of ten of the ambulances used to convey the citizens of that city to Rough and Ready (Confederate line), in accordance with the order issued by Gen. Sherman, making it imperative that all non-combatants should be removed from within our lines. Citizens had the option of going North or South, and from my observation comparatively few went North. Sept. 20, 1864, was relieved from duty in the Ambulance Corps, and ordered to join my regiment, then in camp on the outlying hills east of the city. Nov. 15, 1864, started and marched through the State of Georgia with Gen. Sherman's army, which arrived at Savannah, Ga., Dec. 10, 1864, serving with my company and regiment during the siege of that city, entering it with our victorious army Dec. 21, 1864. I was on duty in that place until Jan. 3, 1865, crossed the Savannah river Jan. 4, and camped on the rice fields on South Carolina soil, opposite the city, for a week; marched to Hardee-ville, S. C., helped in the leveling of that place with the ground; remained there some ten days, marched to Sisters Ferry, on the Savannah river, then accompanied Gen. Sherman's army in its famous march through the Carolinas, from January to April, 1865. I was in the skirmish near Lawtonville, Feb. 2, 1865, with a reconnoissance to Silver River, N. C., March 14-15; fought in the battle of Averysboro, N. C.; was in action, March 16, near Taylor's Hole creek, N. C.; also in the engagement at Bentonville, N. C., March 19-20, 1865; was with a detail of thirty men (Capt. Ezra Sprague in command) who were foraging, when lost amongst the pines of South Carolina, for three days and nights, pursued by Gen. Joe Wheeler's cavalry, when capture meant instant death, as no quarter was given to our foragers, if taken prison-

ers. The battle of Bentonville, N. C., was the last fought by Gen. Sherman's army in the Civil war. I was on duty at Goldsboro, N. C., from March 31 to April 10, 1865; at Raleigh, the State capital, April 13-22; guarding supply trains to Jones' Cross Roads, N. C., April 22-24; and at the surrender of Gen. Johnston's army to Gen. Sherman, April 26, 1865. Then left my company and regiment, by order of the regimental surgeon, Dr. Jewett, proceeded by rail to Beaufort, N. C., thence by steamer to Fort Schuyler, N. Y., there detailed as chief clerk in the muster-out department, by Major Thieman of the United States Army, and was honorably discharged from the United States service July 6, 1865. I never was wounded, experienced but little sickness (none of a serious nature), an inmate of the hospital one week, at Parole Camp, Annapolis, Md., from hip injury that proved slight, acted as assistant steward in that hospital after my recovery during the term of my parole, returned to my citizenship July 8, 1865, in a better physical condition than when I joined the service."

COL. JOHN B. DOHERTY was born at Hard Ledge, Westmoreland Co., New Brunswick, Sept. 10, 1853, a son of William A. and Matilda G. Doherty. The mother died in 1895, aged seventy-six years, and the father, who was born in England in 1820, died in Waterbury in June, 1900, aged eighty years. James G. Doherty, the grandfather of Col. John B., was born in Colerain, Ireland, and was a farmer.

William A. Doherty when a boy left England with his parents, and went to New Brunswick, where he engaged in shipbuilding after reaching manhood. St. John's was for years his headquarters. He located for a time in Westmoreland county, New Brunswick, engaged as a shipbuilder, and then, returning to St. John's, was for a long term of years superintendent in the shipyards of Jewett & Scammel, a very large concern at that time. About 1865 he came to Waterbury for a time. He went back to New Brunswick, but his home was in Waterbury after 1890. Mrs. Matilda (Gallaway) Doherty was born in Colerain, Ireland, a daughter of James Gallaway, who removed to Thompsonville, Conn., when she was very young. To Mr. and Mrs. William A. Doherty was born a family of ten children, seven of whom lived to maturity: James G., William A., Eliza, John B., Anna, Rebecca and Mary J. James G. lives in Waterbury, and William A. in Green Bay, Wis. Anna married Leonard Burr, and has her home in Bridgeport, Conn. The other members of the family live in Waterbury.

Col. John B. Doherty spent his boyhood days in St. John's, New Brunswick, and attended school there. In 1865 he came to Waterbury, where he has continued to live up to the present time. He commenced to learn the machinist's and toolmak-

er's trades, but did not finish his apprenticeship, preferring to take a position as clerk in the jewelry store of C. H. Perkins & Co. In 1872 young Doherty became entry clerk for Benedict, Meriman & Co., and remained with them until they went out of business, in 1875, when he bought the gentlemen's furnishing store at the corner of Bank street and Exchange place, and conducted it until 1878. That year he closed the store and began keeping books for the A. Burrett Hardware Co., a concern very extensively engaged in the manufacture of gas and waterpipe fittings. Mr. Doherty became secretary of the company, disposed of the retail store, built new factories, and started out on a very ambitious career, but was caught by the panic of 1884 and crowded to the wall. After the failure of the Burrett Hardware Co. he secured a position as corresponding clerk with the Holmes, Booth & Hayden Manufacturing Co., which he held until the reorganization of Brown & Brothers, when he went with them as chief bookkeeper, remaining with them until they went into liquidation.

Mr. Doherty was elected second selectman in 1885, and at that time was the only Republican on the board. The next year he was made first selectman, and on the meeting of the board became its chairman. The Democrat who had held the chairmanship was defeated by an adverse vote of twelve hundred, and lost every ward in the city to Mr. Doherty. In October, 1887, the same ticket was renominated and elected. In 1888 Mr. Doherty declined a renomination, and announced himself as a candidate for the position of postmaster. He was appointed to the postmastership in 1889 by President Harrison, and officiated in that capacity four years and four months. From time to time other flattering political honors have been extended to Mr. Doherty. In 1888 and again in 1892 he was asked to take the nomination for Congress. He has been requested to become candidate for sheriff of the county, but his business relations did not admit of his acceptance. In 1890 he was offered the nomination for the position of mayor of Waterbury, but, much as he would like to serve the people, his business relations again compelled him to decline.

Mr. Doherty was chosen secretary of the Connecticut Indemnity Life Insurance Co. in February, 1893. This company was not in good condition, and its business had become very much run down, but under the new management—of which Mr. Doherty was secretary and a director—it was intended to change the basis of the company's business from that of assessment to the legal reserve, or so-called "old line." During his management the business increased from four and a half million dollars to more than twelve millions of insurance up to July, 1898, when he resigned his office, and devoted himself to the real-estate, insurance and brokerage business, with the same gratifying success.

Col. Doherty has been associated with the State National Guard for many years. He became a private in Company A, 2d Regiment, C. N. G., in February, 1872, and gradually rose from one position to another until July 1, 1892, when he was elected colonel of the regiment. He served in that office six years, and then asked to be placed on the retired list. Col. Doherty is a Mason of high degree, belonging to the blue lodge, the chapter, the consistory and the Temple. He takes an active part in the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men, and wherever he is encountered he is always the same genial and polished gentleman. The Colonel has always taken a leading part in the affairs of the Republican party, and his is a familiar presence at county and State Conventions. He was acting alternate delegate at the Chicago convention which nominated President Harrison, and a regular alternate at the Minneapolis convention which renominated President Harrison.

Col. Doherty has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Jennie M. Barton, of Winchester, Conn., in 1875. Mrs. Doherty had very delicate health, and spent much of her married life in the balmy South; she died in 1882. There were no children by that union. In September, 1892, our subject married Katherine Sedgwick Buel, of Waterbury, daughter of Mrs. Cornelia A. Buel and the late Theodore S. Buel, and niece of the late Judge Norton J. Buel. To this union has come one child, Cornelia Buel, born Aug. 15, 1896.

FREDERICK A. LINES, secretary and treasurer of the Ansonia Lumber Co., at Ansonia, is one of the leading business men of that town, and his energy and sound judgment have been recognized factors in carrying many enterprises to success. In addition to attending to his lumber business he served as president of the Ansonia Board of Trade, vice-president of the Connecticut State Board of Trade, and a director in the Ansonia Savings Bank and the Ansonia Flour & Grain Co. As a citizen he takes an active part in local affairs.

Mr. Lines was born Oct. 25, 1849, at New Milford, Litchfield Co., Conn., where his family has been prominent from pioneer times. Joseph Lines, his great-grandfather, came from New Haven in 1750, and settled at New Milford, and Philo Lines, his grandfather, was born there in 1760, and followed farming in that vicinity throughout all his life.

William A. Lines, our subject's father, was born in New Milford in 1809, and died there in 1885. He was a substantial farmer and respected citizen, and he and his wife were devout members of the Congregational Church. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Betsy A. Sullivan, who was born in New Milford, daughter of Henry Sullivan, and died aged forty-five years. They had four children, of whom three are living: George, who is in the lumber business in New Milford;

Frederick A., our subject; and Charles, who conducts a flour and grain business in New Britain.

The common schools near his home afforded our subject an education, and at eighteen he went to South Norwalk to learn the carpenter's trade. When twenty-one years old he located in Ansonia, and after following his trade three years as a journeyman began contracting, many of the best dwellings and other buildings in the town having been built by him. In 1883 he became a member of the Ansonia Lumber Co., and in February, 1888, when Mr. Smith was chosen president, our subject was made secretary and treasurer. The yard is the largest in this section, and is the only one in the locality having first-class railroad facilities, and carrying a full stock of all kinds of rough and dressed lumber. They order directly from the manufacturers, and have an extensive business in all lines.

Mr. Lines is a Republican in politics, and was assessor and one of the burgesses of Ansonia for a number of years. He was also president of the first board of aldermen of the city of Ansonia, and took an active part in organizing the first city government. Socially he and his family are prominent, and he is a member of George Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., of Ansonia; Mount Vernon Chapter, R. A. M.; Union Council, of Derby; New Haven Commandery, Knights Templar, of New Haven; Pyramid Temple, of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Bridgeport; the Heptasophs, of Ansonia; the A. O. U. W.; and the New England Order of Protection.

In 1874 Mr. Lines married Miss Lottie A. Hotchkiss, and they have two children: Miss Bessie A., a graduate of Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, and later a teacher there; and William H. The family attend the Congregational Church, of which Mrs. Lines and Miss Bessie are members. Mrs. Lines was born in Ansonia, daughter of Lockwood and Augusta Hotchkiss, both of whom survive. Mr. Hotchkiss is a well-known hardware dealer and capitalist of Ansonia. This worthy couple had six children, of whom five are living: Lottie A. (Mrs. Lines), Albert, Nettie, Lockwood, Jr., and Frederick D. Hotchkiss.

HERBERT M. ROSE, a well-known miller of the town of Milford, is a native of North Branford, this county, born May 9, 1842. His family has been identified with North Branford for many years, and his great-grandfather, Solomon Rose, was among the first settlers in that locality.

David Rose, our subject's grandfather, was born and reared in North Branford, and became a farmer there. He married Anna Russell, and they had five children, as follows: Major (deceased), who took charge of the homestead, never married; Rebecca married Eloyda Harrison, a farmer in North Branford; Joshua is mentioned more fully below; Laura married a Mr. Loper, and subsequently became the wife of Russell Rose, and resided in



Herbert M Rose

North Guilford, this county; Damaris (deceased) never married.

Joshua Rose, our subject's father, was born Jan. 9, 1797, and was a lifelong resident of North Branford. In connection with farming he operated a sawmill. As a citizen he was much esteemed, and, while not active in politics, he affiliated with the Democratic party. His death occurred at his farm Oct. 8, 1878, when he was aged eighty-one. In 1838 Mr. Rose married Harriet W. Smith, who died Feb. 4, 1883, at the age of seventy-five. She was a native of West Haven, this county, and her father, Laban Smith, was a wheelwright of that town. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rose, viz.: Russell M., who operates the homestead; Herbert M., our subject; George H., a merchant in Douglas, Kans.; Charles J., a farmer and truckman in North Branford; and David S., who was in mercantile business in Douglas, Kans., at the time of his death, in 1892.

Herbert M. Rose remained at the old homestead until he reached the age of eighteen, and for one year taught school in a country district. He then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in New Haven for some time, and has occasionally engaged in it since, but his attention has been given chiefly to the millwright's trade. His services were in demand for setting up water-wheels and machinery in different places, and in 1868 he located in the town of Milford, two and a half miles from the village of that name. His homestead comprises twenty acres, and on settling there he put up substantial buildings, including a saw and grist-mill, which he conducts. He also owns and operates a gasoline launch, carrying about twenty-five people, and takes parties cruising down the Sound and up the Hudson river. Politically our subject is a staunch Republican, but he is not an office-seeker.

On Nov. 16, 1860, Mr. Rose married Miss Florence E. Treat, who was born in Woodmont, this county, daughter of Richard Treat, a prominent farmer and a descendant of Gov. Robert Treat. The only child of this union, Florence E., died at the age of seventeen years. Mrs. Rose is a member of the First Congregational Church of Milford.

HENRY FRANCIS WANNING, president and general manager of the Birmingham Iron Foundry, of Derby, Conn., was born in Massachusetts, March 30, 1846. After receiving his earlier education in the public schools of his native town, he entered the high school of Taunton, Mass., where he graduated in 1862.

Soon after laying aside his text books Mr. Wanning began work in the office of the woolen-mills of Samuel Slater's Sons at Webster, Mass., but after a time he removed to New York City, where he entered the employ of the New York City Steel Works, and while there became ac-

quainted with the proprietors of the Birmingham Iron Foundry, of Derby, Conn. Subsequently he was induced by that company to accept the position of bookkeeper for their establishment, and ever since 1865 he has been identified with that firm in different capacities. In 1879 he was elected their secretary; in 1888 he became treasurer; and in 1891 having acquired a larger interest in the corporation, he succeeded Royal M. Bassett as its president and general manager. He has served as a director of the Birmingham National Bank since 1888.

In 1870 Mr. Wanning was married to Miss Harriet Wallace, eldest daughter of the late Nelson H. Downs, of Shelton, Conn., a lady of marked refinement and charming personality. Since his marriage Mr. Wanning has resided in Shelton, having previously, from 1865, made his home in Derby. He and his wife have three living children: Grace Elizabeth, born in 1871, who was married in 1896, to Julius G. Day; Francis Downs, secretary of the Birmingham Iron Foundry, born in 1873; and Harriet Downs, born in 1879. Though not a member, Mr. Wanning is interested in the Second Congregational Church of Derby, of which he has been a regular attendant and cheerful supporter since settling at his present locality.

CHARLES CLIFFORD FENN, one of the successful dairymen and fruit growers of Wallingford, was born in Waterbury, this county, Nov. 15, 1859, a son of Samuel Fenn, who came from Middlebury to Waterbury, where he died. The mother of our subject, Caroline (Smith) Fenn, was a daughter of John Smith, of Bristol, Conn. Two children were born of this union: Frank, a dairyman of Middlebury, who married Emily Clark; and Charles C., our subject. Mr. Fenn died in 1860, and Mrs. Fenn subsequently married Alexander Graham, of Bristol. She passed away in Ansonia, Connecticut.

Our subject was but one year old when he was deprived by death of his father. At the age of eight years he was taken to the home of his uncle, Warren Smith, in Ohio, where he was cared for and sent to school, later removing to Iowa, where, in attendance upon school and in farm work, he passed several years. Returning then to Bristol, Conn., he remained there until he was sixteen years old. The opportunities of the West induced him to return to Iowa, and around Des Moines he found employment on farms for a year. He then went to Erie county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming for three years. In 1881 Mr. Fenn came to Wallingford and engaged at farm work with Robert Wallace, later entering the toolmaking room of R. Wallace & Sons spoon factory, and learning the trade, at which he continued for thirteen years. During that time he bought the present farm, consisting of sixty-six acres of valuable land in East Wallingford. For the past nine years

Mr. Fenn has been giving his special attention to dairy farming, making a great success. In addition to making constant improvements, building barns, fences, etc., on this place, Mr. Fenn has established in Wallingford a machine repair shop, a much needed convenience, which since 1900 has been one of the busiest places in the town.

In 1881 Mr. Fenn married Nellie Bailey, daughter of Stephen Bailey, of Durham, and five children have been born of this union: Carrie, Wilber, Olive, Mable and Lottie, all living except Mable, who died at the age of four years, leaving a blank in the family circle which can never be filled.

The improvements made upon his place have cost Mr. Fenn much money, his substantial barn alone costing \$2,500. The success which has attended him is richly deserved, being but the natural result of the energy, frugality and industry which he has displayed ever since he was thrown upon the world to carve his own fortune. Although not a member of church he accompanies his wife in attendance upon the M. E. Church, to the support of which he is a liberal contributor, and he is always ready to further any enterprise promising good to the community. Mr. Fenn is most highly respected, a good citizen, a Republican who is not too closely tied by party lines, and one of the representative citizens of New Haven county.

BENJAMIN LOUIS LOUDON was born Dec. 29, 1854, in Greenwich, Conn., and is a son of Allen Loudon, who was born in New York. Thomas Loudon, the father of Allen, served in the Revolutionary war, and is buried in Horse Neck.

Allen Loudon was a shoemaker and was in business many years in Greenwich, where he died at the age of sixty-three. He was a Democrat, and a faithful and useful citizen. He married Elizabeth Rouschart, who was of French descent, a native of New York, and died at Port Chester, that State. They had ten children: (1) Jackson is a stonemason and contractor at Greenwich. (2) John is a mechanic in Port Chester, N. Y. (3) Sarah is a widow, and resides in Greenwich. (4) David is a carpenter in Greenwich. (5) Clara is living in Bridgeport. (6) Benjamin Louis is our subject. (7) Elbert is in the teaming business at Port Chester. (8) Hattie is married and living in Port Chester. Two died young. The Loudons are of Scottish descent.

Benjamin Louis Loudon received his schooling in Greenwich, attending until he reached the age of nine years, when he left home to shift for himself. Going to Ridgefield, Conn., he was engaged in farming seven years, and part of his compensation was the privilege of attending the school of the district. At Cheshire he spent some months learning the tinsmith trade with George Keeler, and then returned to farming, working for Almon Ives, with whom he remained about two years. At Middletown he was employed four years as a silver-

plater in the factory of the Simmons & Miller Co., and was three years with G. J. Mix & Co., at Yalesville. In 1879 Mr. Loudon came to Wallingford to enter the employ of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., with whom he is still engaged. In 1892 he was made general superintendent of the entire plant, and has about three hundred men under his supervision. Mr. Loudon is a Free Mason. Politically he is an active Republican, but has never been an office seeker.

Mr. Loudon was married Jan. 1, 1878, to Miss Jennie Rhoda Emily Turner, a daughter of Lewis W. Turner, the patentee of the Turner heater. To their union have been born: Elsie Juliette; and Clarence Turner, who is in business with his father.

JAY H. HART, for many years a prominent figure in the manufacturing circles of Waterbury, and widely known as a most capable and reliable man, was born in Berkshire county, Mass., Dec. 11, 1847, and comes of a family long established in New England. Alfred Hart, his father, was also born in Berkshire county, Feb. 12, 1812, and died in New Marlborough Feb. 19, 1864. Solomon Hart, his father, was born at Cornwall, Conn., May 8, 1766, and died June 26, 1861. He was the first settler at Hartsville, Mass., which took his name, was a lifelong farmer, and also conducted a gristmill, to which he had a set of saws attached, also doing sawmill work. Throughout his life he was a busy and industrious man. Solomon Hart, his father, born at Kensington, Conn., was the son of Deacon John Hart, and grandson of Capt. John Hart. John Hart, father of the last named, was the son of Deacon Stephen Hart, who was born in Braintree, county of Essex, England, came to Massachusetts Bay in 1632, and was one of the fifty-four original settlers of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Alfred Hart, father of Jay H., married Miss Cynthia L. Nettleton, who was born in Cornwall, Conn., in 1814, daughter of Jehiel and Annie Nettleton, and died Sept. 6, 1877. The Nettleton family has long been identified with Cornwall. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hart settled in Hartsville, Mass., where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. To them were born four children: Alonzo M., Lucus W., Amy J. and Jay H. Alonzo and Amy died in childhood. Lucus W. is a resident of Springfield, Mass. Alfred Hart was originally a Whig, and on the formation of the Republican party associated himself therewith. He was a devout member of the Methodist Church, and an honorable and upright man.

Jay H. Hart was reared to farming at Hartsville, Mass., where he remained until he was fifteen years of age. He was given a good education, attending the local school at Hartsville, and later was a pupil at the Berkshire Institute. As soon as his school days had ended Mr. Hart secured a position as a special agent of the Adams Express Co., and for five years was engaged in traveling all over

New England, on both railroad and steamer lines. In 1869 he came to Waterbury as freight master at the depot, and held this position for a year and a half. For the same length of time he was with the Plume & Atwood Manufacturing Co., and in August, 1872, entered the employ of A. Platt & Sons. When that concern became an incorporation, under the name of Platt Brothers & Co., in 1876, Mr. Hart became one of its directors, and the secretary of The Patent Button Co., one of its subsidiary enterprises.

Mr. Hart and Miss Bertha Platt were united in marriage May 20, 1873, and they are the parents of seven children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Amy L., Oct. 4, 1874; Bertha M., Oct. 10, 1876; Lewis J., Aug. 21, 1878; Alfred L., Dec. 11, 1880; Ruth S., Sept. 22, 1882; Dorothy N., Feb. 27, 1889; and Howard P., Aug. 10, 1891. These children are all living, and constitute a very bright and charming circle of young people. Mrs. Hart is a daughter of Clark M. Hart, whose sketch appears elsewhere, and is a lady of many charms and graces.

Mr. Hart has always been a Republican, was a member of the town Republican committee twelve years, and acted several years as its chairman. He has taken a prominent part in town affairs for many years. For fifteen years he was a member of the city council, was secretary of same for five years, and president of the board three years. He was receiver of taxes four years, and a member of the board of fire commissioners ten years. For two years he was on the board of safety. He was an active member of the water committee that built the new reservoir, spending three-quarters of a million dollars in that great undertaking, and was also a member of the sewerage disposal committee. Mr. Hart is a member of several of the fraternities, and is prominently associated with both the Free Masons and the Odd Fellows, affiliating with Continental Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F. He is especially adept in Odd Fellowship, and has filled all the chairs in the local lodge. Mr. Hart and his family attend the Second Congregational Church, of which he is a member.

ALFRED SAMUEL BENNETT. Among the representative business men of Cheshire, none are more deserving of representation in this volume than Alfred S. Bennett, who for many years has been connected with the business interests of the community, and who has, through his well-directed efforts, gained a handsome competence that numbers him among the substantial citizens of the town. Keen discrimination, unflagging industry and resolute purpose are numbered among his salient characteristics, and thus he has won that prosperity which is the merited reward of honest effort.

Mr. Bennett was born in Camborne, Cornwall,

England, May 25, 1858, and belongs to an old and prominent family of that county, many of its representatives holding high positions both in church and State. They have a coat of arms and crest. George Bennett, Jr., father of our subject, is also a native of Camborne, and is a son of George Bennett, Sr., a land owner and minister of the Gospel, who spent his entire life in Cornwall. George Bennett, Jr., was educated in the schools of his native land, and was a land owner and farmer of Cornwall until 1882, when he came to America, and now makes his home with his son in Cheshire. He married Emma Edmonds, a native of the same place, and a daughter of Richard and Mary (Lanyon) Edmonds. By this union were born five children: George, a Methodist Episcopal local preacher, Glenbrook, Conn.; Richard E., an Episcopal minister of Cincinnati, Ohio; William L., a Wesleyan Methodist minister of Sussex, England; Alfred S., our subject; and James, local preacher and meat dealer of South Meriden, Conn. The mother, who was a faithful and consistent member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, died in her native land. George, the oldest son of George, Jr., also has a son called George, who is of the seventh generation bearing the name of George, all of whom have been eldest sons and, with three exceptions, ministers of the gospel—a remarkable fact; the second of these was captain of the Dolcoath mine, of Camborne, the richest tin mine in the world; and the fifth, George, Jr., father of Alfred S., has been a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, and is a true and earnest Christian.

Alfred Samuel Bennett grew to manhood on the home farm, and was educated in public and private schools of his native land. He remained at home with his parents during his minority, and on May 25, 1879, when he reached the age of twenty-one, he sailed for the New World with the hope of bettering his financial condition. He was accompanied by his brother James. They landed in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and from there went to Chatham, Ontario, but a year later came to Connecticut and located on a small farm in Cheshire, where they lived two years, during which time they embarked in the butcher business. From the farm they removed to Cheshire Center, where they continued to engage in the meat business and deal in cattle until 1887, when the partnership was dissolved, James going to South Meriden and Alfred retaining the old stand. He is still engaged in that business, and also deals in fertilizers, engages in farming in Cheshire, and has acted as auctioneer since 1893, and by his own well-directed efforts, untiring industry and strict attention to business he has steadily prospered, and is now quite well-to-do.

Mr. Bennett has visited his native land several times, and on March 9, 1885, was married in St. Mabyn, Cornwall, to Miss Annie Cleave, a native of St. Kew, the same county, and a daughter of Nicholas Thomas Cleave, of Lanow Barton, St.

Kew. They have three children: Jane, Evelyn and Melville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bennett belong to the Grange, and in religious connection both are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Bennett takes a very active part in church work, serving as class-leader, has been Sunday-school superintendent sixteen years, Sunday-school teacher, and at the present time is chairman of the board of trustees. Socially he is a charter member of L. A. Thomas Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., of Cheshire, and a member of Temple Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the same place. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he takes a deep interest in the welfare of his party and works earnestly for its success. For eight years he has been a member of the board of selectmen, and for the past three years has been first selectman. He takes a commendable interest in public affairs, and never withholds his support from any enterprise calculated to advance the moral, educational or material welfare of his town and county. He is therefore numbered among the most valued and useful citizens of the community.

GEORGE C. MINOR has earned an enviable reputation among the successful business men of Waterbury by honorable methods, and has worked his way upward with commendable success. Mr. Minor was born in Woodbury, Conn., May 24, 1847, this town being also the birthplace of his father, Nathaniel D., and of his grandfather, Ephraim.

Ephraim Minor married Olive Judson and reared a family of three children: George C., who became a farmer and lived in Woodbury, where he died while still a young man; Charles, who lived and died on the old homestead; and Nathaniel D.

Nathaniel D. was born May 25, 1817, and was a farmer, at present having a farm in the town of Waterbury. He married Frances Armstrong, a native of Woodbury, and they are the parents of two children: George C.; and Mary Jane, who married Frank R. Baldwin and lives in Jersey City, N. J. The father is a Republican, and an upright and respected citizen. He and wife attend the Congregational Church.

George C. Minor spent his boyhood and youth on the farm in Woodbury, and gained his education at the hands of the teachers of the district school. He attended winter terms until he reached the age of twenty, and when his parents moved to Waterbury he remained on the old farm, and for some eight years, was engaged in its cultivation. Mr. Minor and Miss Ella Louise Waters were married Jan. 1, 1875. Mrs. Minor was born in New Britain, Conn., and is a daughter of Dr. G. H. Waters. After their marriage they left the farm, and, coming to Waterbury, the young husband set up a retail milk business, which he followed for some twelve years. In 1885 the milk business was sold to other management, and Mr. Minor went into the boot and shoe business on South Main street.

It was a new business venture, but it proved highly successful, and after seven years had attained such proportions that more commodious quarters were needed. These were found at No. 52 Bank street, and here Mr. Minor has since remained. This is a fine store, in the heart of the city, and the center of a flattering trade. Mr. Minor is a Republican, and with his wife attends the Congregational Church.

GEORGE TALCOTT BENTON, Branford. The ancestor in this country of the branch of the Benton family of which the gentleman whose name here appears is a worthy member was (I) Edward Benton, who was born in Wiltshire, England, in 1628, and died in Glastonbury, Conn., in 1698.

(I) Edward Benton first located in Guilford, Conn., where he was admitted as a freeman in 1650. Previous to 1669, together with fifty other families, he and his family moved to Wethersfield, where he became the owner of 150 acres of land by purchase from the Indians for the sum of three shillings, three pence. In 1713 his widow, Mary Benton, was granted by the town of Glastonbury fifty acres of land at a cost of twenty-five pounds, five shillings; and again, in 1723, she was granted fifty-eight acres of land for fifty-six pounds; still again, in 1743, Edward Benton's heirs were granted twelve acres of land for fifty pounds.

(II) Edward Benton, Jr., son of the emigrant, was born in Glastonbury, Conn., in 1674, and in 1702 married Mary Hale, of that town, who died in 1713.

(III) Josiah Benton, son of Edward, Jr., was born in Glastonbury in 1705, and died there in 1793. In 1735 he married Hannah House, of the same place. At the beginning of the Revolutionary war he took the oath of fidelity to the State and country, and also became a member of the First Ecclesiastical Society of Glastonbury. At the age of seventy he enlisted in the Connecticut militia, went from the town of Tolland, Conn., and served in the first "Lexington Alarm," April 19, 1775.

(IV) Josiah Benton, Jr., son of Josiah, was born in Glastonbury, Conn., in 1745, and died at his Glastonbury home in 1826. In 1769 he married Dorothy Smith. At the age of thirty he joined the Continental army, going with his father as a private in the Connecticut militia from Tolland, and serving in the first "Lexington Alarm." On May 3, 1775, he enlisted in the 5th Company, 2d Regiment, Connecticut Militia, Col. Spencer commanding. The next year he served as a private in Capt. Abram Tyler's Company, 17th Regiment, Connecticut Continental Infantry, Col. Jedidiah Huntington commanding, and was in the battle of Long Island.

(V) Josiah Benton, third son of Josiah and Dorothy (Smith) Benton, was born in Glastonbury in 1771, and in 1793 married Sarah Talcott, who was also a native of that town, born of an old Con-



George T. Benton

necticut family. In 1799, with his wife and family, he removed to Greenport, Columbia Co., N. Y., and he died at Hudson, N. Y., in 1853. His farm, consisting of 125 acres, was always in a high state of cultivation, and a solid stone house thereon, erected in 1729, is still in good repair.

(VI) Orsmer Benton, son of above, was born in Glastonbury Aug. 21, 1799, and was reared in Columbia county, N. Y. For about fourteen years he was in the whaling and merchant service, and for forty years was engaged in the grocery business in New York City. On June 18, 1829, he married Mary C. De Re Vere, daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Van Wyck) De Re Vere, of New York. She bore him five sons, Josiah H., Walter De R., Orsmer H., George T. and Frank W. Orsmer Benton died Sept. 5, 1879, in Brooklyn. Of his sons,

(VII) Josiah H. Benton was born in New York City June 14, 1830. In March, 1862, he enlisted in the United States navy for service in the war of the Rebellion, and received his commission as acting assistant paymaster in the navy Sept. 11, 1862. Being ordered to the Mississippi Squadron, he reported to Rear-Admiral Charles H. Davis, commanding at Cairo, Ill. He reported at Helena, Ark., Sept. 21, 1862, and was assigned for duty to the United States ship "Cairo" (iron-clad) Oct. 1, same year. The "Cairo" was sunk by a torpedo in the Yazoo river Dec. 12, 1862. On Dec. 15 of that year he was ordered to the United States naval station at Memphis, Tenn., which included the navy yard and the United States hospital ship "Pinckney." On Jan. 20, 1864, he was ordered to the United States ship "Meteor" (a new iron-clad vessel), at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was ordered to turn that vessel over to Admiral D. G. Farragut, at New Orleans, and reported to that officer Feb. 1, 1864. He next reported for duty at Alexandria, La., March 21, 1864, on board the United States monitor "Osage," which ship took an active part in the Red river expedition. The "Osage" was the second vessel to pass over the Red river dam at Alexandria Falls on the morning of May 9, 1864; also was the last vessel to leave the Red river, and she was ordered to Cairo, Ill., for repairs. She grounded at the mouth of the St. Francis river, on her way up the Mississippi river, May 22, 1864, and remained there until the river rose and floated her off, Nov. 22, 1864, when she was ordered to the West Gulf Squadron, and reported in January, 1865, at Mobile, where she was sunk by a torpedo in the battle of Mobile. Paymaster Benton was at the surrender of Spanish Fort and Fort Alexis, April 8, 1865; also at the surrender of Mobile, April 12, 1865. He was next ordered to Washington to settle his account, and was honorably discharged Sept. 25, 1865. He died at Copake, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1895. He married Elizabeth Haws Edwards, of Hudson, N. Y.; they had no children.

(VIII) Walter De R. Benton, who was a con-

tractor, was born Dec. 30, 1831, and died in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1884. He married Rachel Leonard, of Albany, N. Y., and had two children, Sarah M. and Walter.

(VII) Orsmer H. Benton, son of Orsmer and Mary C. (De Re Vere) Benton, was born in New York City June 26, 1839. He settled in Memphis, Tenn., where he married Susan M. Lamdin. He entered the United States navy in the war of the Rebellion as paymaster's clerk, in September, 1862, was honorably discharged in 1863, and still resides in Memphis.

(VIII) George Talcott Benton, fourth son of Orsmer and Mary C. (De Re Vere) Benton, was born in New York City Oct. 13, 1846, and was reared and educated in his native city. Since 1866 he has been a resident of Branford, where he has been engaged in various occupations, though by trade he is a bricklayer. On June 19, 1873, he married Ellen Foote Stedman, daughter of Harry and Betsy (Foote) Stedman, of Branford, and they have one son, (IX) Josiah H., born in Branford Feb. 10, 1881, who is a student at Yale.

(IX) Frank W. Benton was born in New York City Oct. 2, 1848, and is now a resident of New Orleans. He married Annie Lovell, of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Benton are members of the Episcopal Church. Socially he is affiliated with the F. & A. M., Lodge No. 66. Politically he is a Republican. He has in his possession a rare collection of relics, handed down through the family, all of which are catalogued, and too numerous to mention here. Among those, however, that are most interesting are the following: A set of Lowestoft china, nineteen pieces, nine pieces of glassware, and sixteen pieces of pewterware, which have been in the Benton family since 1660; a large collection of old books dating from 1771 to 1818, which include an English primer of 1800, a grammar, 1818, and arithmetic, 1809; Washington's "Farewell address to the People," printed at Hudson, N. Y., in 1811, and a Latin book, printed in 1715; a pack of playing cards left by his grandfather, 1820; an old-fashioned shawl, 1830; piece of Sandwich Island cloth made from bark; piece of tile from St. John's Church, Hampton, Va., 1630; silver medal from King of Sweden; besides other interesting relics from fifty to two hundred years old.

CHARLES F. BLUMENAUER, the present keeper of the almshouse at Naugatuck, was born in Ellenville, Ulster Co., N. Y., Oct. 1, 1857, a son of Paul and Caroline (Reitenauer) Blumenauer, both natives of Germany. Our subject's paternal grandfather, George Blumenauer, emigrated from that country to America and spent his last years as a farmer in Ellenville, N. Y., where his death occurred. In early life the father came to the United States, and was employed as a glassblower until

forty years of age, when he settled down to farming in Ellenville. He and his wife still continue to reside there. They are members of the German Lutheran Church, and in political sentiment he is a Republican. To this worthy couple were born four children: Mary, now the wife of William Lobdell, of Ellenville; Charles F., our subject; Peter, a farmer of Ellenville, and Helen, wife of Henry Misner, of Greenfield, New York.

Our subject grew to manhood upon the home farm and obtained his education in the district school of the neighborhood. On leaving the parental roof, in 1880, at the age of twenty-three years, he came to Naugatuck, where he has since made his home. He first worked on the farm and in the lumberyard of Samuel Platt for twenty-seven months and for the following eight months was in the employ of Henry D. Hotchkiss, of Waterbury, driving a team, farming, etc.

On Jan. 1, 1884, Mr. Blumenauer wedded Miss Mary J. Frear, who was also born in Ellenville, N. Y., and is a daughter of Henry and Jane (Grant) Frear, natives of Ulster and Sullivan counties, N. Y., respectively. Her paternal grandfather, John E. Frear, was born in New York, of French ancestry, and her maternal grandfather, John Grant, was a native of England. Her parents are now deceased. They had a family of six children: David A., a farmer of Ellenville, N. Y.; Frank, deceased; Rachel, a resident of Ellenville, N. Y.; Mary J., wife of our subject; John E., of Ellenville, N. Y.; and Cora B., deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Blumenauer have one child, Henry P., aged twelve years.

For twelve years after his marriage Mr. Blumenauer was in the employ of the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co., and then, in 1896, was appointed keeper of the almshouse, which position he has since filled in a most commendable and satisfactory manner. He is an upright, reliable man, who conscientiously discharges every duty that devolves upon him, and merits and receives the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. He is a supporter of the Republican party, and fraternally is a member of Centennial Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., of Naugatuck; and Salem Lodge, No. 36, A. O. U. W. His wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARCHER J. SMITH was born in Waterbury, Dec. 17, 1856, a son of Earl Smith, an old and honored resident of this city, whose biography appears elsewhere.

Archer J. Smith spent his boyhood days under his parental roof, and was educated in the public schools and at Williston Seminary, a somewhat celebrated institution of learning at East Hampton, Mass. Entering upon a career for himself, his first work was found in the office of the Buckle Company, and in 1881 he became secretary and treasurer of the American Mills Co., and is still

acting in that capacity. He is also secretary and treasurer of the New Haven Web Co., of New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Smith married Miss Susan Maltby, a daughter of Douglass F. Maltby, of Waterbury.

JOHN WILLIAM ALLDERIGE was born in Birmingham, England, Sept. 5, 1854, and is a son of William Alderige, who was born in Fazeley, Staffordshire, England, April 15, 1829.

William Alderige obtained his early education in a day school conducted by the local Episcopal Church, and for about two years was a student in a private school at Tamworth, England. On the removal of his parents to Birmingham, he attended the schools of that city for a time. There he did his first work for himself, when about thirteen years old, in the employ of Pickford & Co., at that time the largest carrying company in England. This firm had its headquarters at Burton, and here William Alderige had charge of the shipping department. The firm appreciated his services, and soon promoted him to a more important work at Birmingham. When he had reached the age of nineteen—still in the same employ—the company was merged into the London & Northwestern Railway Co. Mr. Alderige was offered a position with the Midland Railway Co. as assistant cashier and invoice clerk, which he accepted, and remained with them six years. Mr. Alderige then became associated with the London & Northwestern Railway Co. in its bookkeeping department. On March 28, 1856, he came to the United States, and located at Northampton, Mass., where he made but a brief stay, however, going on to New York City to learn the art of making daguerreotypes. He was in New York about a year, and then went back to Northampton, and from that point went on the road, taking photographs. In this way he entered his business career, in which he has been successful in every way.

In 1870 Mr. Alderige opened a photograph studio in New Britain, where he was in business until 1877, when his son took charge and carried on the business until 1898. In November, 1859, Mr. Alderige removed to Plainville, Conn., where he has practically operated a studio for over forty years, and where he has made his home to the present time. In 1886 he opened a studio in Farmington, Conn., which he has conducted to the present time, making a specialty of fine work for the students of Miss Porter's School. Mr. Alderige is a Republican, and has served as grand juror and as justice of the peace. Socially he is a Free Mason. He belongs to the Baptist Church, and his wife is president of the Ladies' Aid Society connected with same.

On Nov. 14, 1848, Mr. Alderige married Sarah Dawson, who died April 25, 1887. They had the following children: (1) Annie, born Aug. 17, 1849, married Charles Neal, of Southington, and

is now a widow. Frederick J., her son, was born in 1875, married Rosa Amsden, of Chesterfield, Conn. (2) Jennie, born in May, 1851, died in 1887. (3) Mary, born May 27, 1853, married Smith D. Seeley, of New Haven, and they have two children—Arthur Nelson, born in November, 1880; and Jennie Leola, born in October, 1882. (4) John William was born Sept. 5, 1854. (5) Frederick, born Feb. 23, 1857, married Emma Woodford, of Plainville, and they have one child, Florine, born Jan. 12, 1886. (6) Sarah Christiana, born June 23, 1859, married Charles Dean, of Forestville, and is the mother of one child, Norma Louise, born Dec. 21, 1896. Mr. Alderige was married Sept. 12, 1880, to Fannie A. Stewart, who was born in Farmington, and is a daughter of John and Fannie (Reynolds) Stewart.

Thomas Alderige, father of William, was born about 1802, and died in 1852. He was a calico printer, and followed that business all his active days. Throughout his life he was an exemplary man. In 1827 he married Christiana Alderige, and William was their only child.

John William Alderige came to this country with his parents when about two years old. He attended the common schools of Plainville, and commenced active life at the age of thirteen years, learning the photographer's art under the instruction of his father. While engaged in his father's studio he was also taking private instruction from a retired Congregational minister. When about twenty years old he went to Waterbury, where he conducted the leading gallery for seventeen years, at the end of that time selling out and going to Kenosha, Wis., to continue in the same business. He was there a year and a half, when he sold out to Frank Brown, and spent six months in Chicago operating for G. F. Taylor. Coming back to Connecticut, he had a gallery in Thomaston for a year or more, when he removed to Wallingford, and here in a brief time he has built up a very fine business. His start, in the building next to the post office, was a modest one, but he did painstaking work, and with a desirable location his patronage so increased that he was presently compelled to look for larger quarters. His studio now occupies two floors, completely furnished, and centrally located, and its resources are already taxed to accommodate his business. Recently he has formed a Heliogravure Company, of which he is president and superintendent. Mr. Alderige is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the K. P., and has a host of friends in both orders. He is a Republican, but has never sought office. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, has lived an honorable and upright life, and is greatly esteemed in the community.

Mr. Alderige was married Feb. 13, 1878, to Ida Harriet Bailey, of Waterbury. Thomas Judd, one of her remote ancestors, was one of the first settlers of the county of New Haven. To Mr. and

Mrs. Alderige have come children as follows: (1) Burton, born June 4, 1880, who died at the age of two and a half years; (2) Norton John, born June 21, 1885; and (3) Clifford Bailey, born Aug. 9, 1888.

THOMAS KANE, a respected resident of Waterbury and alderman from the Fifth ward, was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in 1847, the eldest of the five children that blessed the marriage of John and Mary (Smith) Kane. The parents were natives of the same county, and passed their lives on a farm in Ireland, where they died in the Catholic faith. Of their children, Michael is a farmer on the old homestead in Ireland; Ann is the widow of Peter Smith, and resides in Waterbury; Mary married Patrick Mulligan, of the same city, and is now deceased; Edward is a member of the Waterbury fire department.

Thomas Kane was educated in the National schools of Ireland and was reared to manhood on the home farm. On May 19, 1869, he embarked for America, and on landing came directly to Waterbury. Here he found employment with the clock-case company, with which he remained from 1869 until 1877, when he made a trip to Iowa for three months, on a sort of prospecting tour. In August, 1877, he returned to Waterbury and opened a sample room which he still conducts.

In 1873 Mr. Kane married Catherine Smith, who was soon called away. He next married Bridget Donohue, who bore him two children, John and Thomas, the last named deceased, as is also the mother. For his third wife Mr. Kane married Catherine Galligan. They have no children.

Politically Mr. Kane is a Democrat, but he is somewhat lenient in local affairs, voting for the best man. In 1888 and 1890 he was a member of the board of councilmen, and he is now alderman from the Fifth ward. Fraternally Mr. Kane is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and has been treasurer thereof twelve years; is also a member of the Foresters of America, and for twenty-five years has belonged to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, all in Waterbury. He is a Catholic, and holds membership in the Immaculate Conception Church, to the support of which he contributes quite freely. He is genial of disposition, and has hosts of friends within and without church circles.

PETER MCGOVERN, a well-known liquor dealer of Derby, Conn., was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, about fifty-eight years ago, a son of Patrick and Rose (Farrell) McGovern, natives of the same place, who never came to America but spent their entire lives as farming people in Ireland. In their family were seven children, namely: Michael, who was employed in the iron and steel works at Derby, Conn., for some time, and died in California; Thomas, who was a fireman on a steamer

and died in New York; Peter, our subject; Patrick, who was a miner and died in California; Mary, who died unmarried; Rose, who first married Bernard Kalagher, and after his death married John Reynolds, of Derby; and Catherine, who married a Mr. Troy, of California, and died in that State.

During his boyhood Peter McGovern attended the public schools of his native land, but at the age of fourteen years he came to America arriving in Birmingham, now Derby, Conn., in August, 1855. Here he was employed in the Birmingham Iron and Steel Works until the Civil war broke out. He was one of the first to offer his services to the government to help crush out the rebellion, enlisting in April, 1861, in Company B, 1st Conn. V. I. He was sworn into the United States service at Hartford, May 22, and for three long years was one of the gallant defenders of the Union, being discharged at Petersburg, Va., May 23, 1864. He was under the command of Gens. Scott and McClellan, and participated in many engagements, in one of which he was wounded by a piece of shell.

After being discharged Mr. McGovern returned to Birmingham, where he worked for William Tansey at the blacksmith's trade for four years, and then embarked in the liquor business at his present location, No. 2 Hawthorne avenue. In 1893 he opened another saloon on Main street in partnership with John Donovan, of Shelton, and they are still associated in business, our subject having charge of the saloon on Hawthorne avenue.

In 1866 Mr. McGovern married Miss Margaret Coyle, a native of New York, whose father was born in Ireland. She died, leaving three children: Sarah; Mamie; and Catherine, wife of John Doyle, of Shelton. Mr. McGovern is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and has served as chief of the fire department of Derby. He is a member of the Foresters of America and the Grand Army of the Republic, and religiously is a communicant of the Catholic Church.

GEORGE D. BUCK. Prominent among the wide-awake, progressive and successful business men of Naugatuck is the subject of this biography, a leading hardware dealer of that place. His life history most happily illustrates what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose.

A native of Connecticut, Mr. Buck was born in Farmington, Hartford county, Feb. 20, 1842, and is a grandson of Jesse Buck, who made his home in Plymouth, Conn., and was probably a native of this State. He had only two children, Daniel, the father of our subject, and another son who died young. Daniel Buck was born in Plymouth, Litchfield county, in 1810, and there grew to manhood. In early life he learned the carriage maker's trade at Burlington, Conn., and subsequently engaged in that business at Farmington. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and in religious

belief he was a Congregationalist. He died in 1860, honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary (or Polly) Hicox, was a native of Waterbury, and a member of an old and prominent family of that town. She died in 1894, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Her children were Charles H., who died in Farmington in 1894; and George D., our subject.

George D. Buck was reared in Farmington, and acquired a good practical education in its common schools. On starting out in life for himself he entered the mercantile world, and conducted a general store in Farmington. In 1861, at the opening of the Civil war, he enlisted in Company K, 25th Conn. V. I., for nine months, and was mustered out in 1862. During the battle of Irish Bend, La., he was wounded in the leg. In 1879 he came to Naugatuck and entered the employ of John M. Page, a hardware dealer, for whom he worked five years, and at the end of that time became a member of the firm, business being carried on under the name of John M. Page & Co. They do a large and profitable business and our subject still continues his connection with the company.

In 1872 Mr. Buck married Miss Eleanor Woodford, of Farmington, a daughter of Franklin Woodford. She died in 1890, leaving one child, Gertrude, now the wife of John Broderick, foreman for the Goodyear India Rubber Co., at Naugatuck. Mr. Buck was married, in 1894, to Mrs. Emily (Smith) Hotchkiss, of Naugatuck, widow of D. M. Hotchkiss. Mr. Buck is a staunch supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has capably filled several local offices. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and also of the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Grand Army of the Republic. His life has been one of earnest endeavor, and due success has not been denied him.

MARSHALL DENNISON STEVENS, now retired from active life, was, during his business career, ranked among the skillful mechanics of the town of Guilford, his industrious habits and unswerving integrity winning him a large circle of friends and patrons, and securing for him the lasting respect and esteem of the community. Mr. Stevens was born in Guilford Oct. 22, 1846, and the family of which he is a worthy member has long been known in Middlesex county.

Capt. David Stevens, his grandfather, was a native of Saybrook, and spent his life in the community where he was born. By occupation a shipwright, he built a large number of vessels. He was a captain in the militia. He died in Saybrook, where he was buried.

Alexander Stevens, father of Marshall D., was born Aug. 17, 1808, in Saybrook, where he learned the shipwright's trade, working with his father. He remained in his native place until 1838, when



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he removed to Guilford, following his trade there with Mr. Graves and for several years with Mr. Blatchley. Later he worked in other sections of the country, and finally became a carpenter and joiner, settling in Guilford, where he died Sept. 25, 1880. He was buried in the Guilford cemetery. Mr. Stevens was a member of the M. E. Church, and in politics a Democrat. An honorable and upright man, he was well regarded in the community in which his honorable and useful life was spent.

In 1832 Mr. Stevens was married, in Westbrook, to Rachel A. Dennison, who was born Aug. 8, 1815, at Silver Lake, Pa., a daughter of Edward Dennison; the last named married the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, Cornelius Chittenden, who died Dec. 24, 1858, aged ninety-four years. To Mr. and Mrs. Stevens came seven children, viz.: (1) Wellington S., born in 1834, is deceased. (2) Hart W., born in 1837, died at the age of seventeen. (3) Marcellus, born in 1839, died in Havana in 1862, of yellow fever. (4) Eckford T., born Jan. 11, 1845, is a carpenter and builder in Guilford. (5) Marshall Dennison is mentioned below. (6) Emma R., born Feb. 27, 1850, married Henry Hart, of Guilford, and is deceased. (7) Ella C., born Dec. 22, 1853, married Charles O. Hotchkiss, of Higganum, Conn. Mrs. Alexander Stevens died Oct. 18, 1891, and was buried in the Guilford cemetery. She was a member of the M. E. Church, a lady of fine character and good Christian life.

Marshall Dennison Stevens attended the Guilford schools, and struck out in life for himself at the early age of eleven years, when he became a cook on a sloop engaged in the coasting trade. For eleven years he followed the sea, rising to the position of mate, and was engaged in the coast trade, for the greater part of the eleven years on the "Sarah L. Thompson" and the "Ann J. Russell," and other well-known vessels of a former generation. When he gave up a sailor's life Mr. Stevens returned to Guilford and became a carpenter and joiner. He is still very active, although at the present time not engaged in business. He is known as one of the crack shots in the county.

Mr. Stevens is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and is a valued member of that organization, where his genial ways and friendly spirit are much appreciated. He is not a member of any church, but his clean life has shown high moral principle. He is a Democrat in political faith, and, though no seeker after position, has been chairman of the town committee and registrar of voters.

Mr. Stevens and Julia A. Splann, a native of Ireland, were married in Portchester, N. Y.; she has proved a devoted wife, and is kind and neighborly in her relations with all.

JOHN OLIVER ROWLAND was born Jan. 31, 1844, in New York, son of John Rogers Rowland, a native of the same State. The father was a house and ship carpenter, engaged in contracting,

and did considerable business in Branford, where he died. He was a Whig, and held strong Abolition sentiments; he was a member of the Baptist Church. In 1850 Mr. Rowland married Miss Mary Ann Lanfair, of Branford, who died in her native town, where her father, Oliver Lanfair, had long lived. To John Rogers Rowland and his wife Mary Ann were born: (1) Louise, now living in New Haven, married George Bradley. (2) Martha Jane married George Calkins, and is now dead. (3) George H. died in 1898, in New Haven, where he had been engaged in the meat business. (4) John Oliver is the subject of these lines. (5) Mary Frances married Dr. William Beebe, of Bridgeport. (6) Emma O. married Henry Blackley, of Guilford. (7) Charles F. is in the painting and paper business at New Haven. (8) Luther Lee is a dry-goods merchant at Guilford. (9) Violetta married Edward Florence, of Birmingham, Conn., and is now dead. (10) Alvira G. is the widow of Seymour F. Benton, of Guilford. Three children died in infancy. John Rowland, the grandfather of John O., was born in Scotland at an early day, and removed to this country while still a young man.

John Oliver Rowland was born in New Durham, N. Y., and received his schooling in Branford and North Haven, Conn. When he was fourteen he worked on a farm in North Haven for about a year, and then worked for F. Mansfield & Co., oyster dealers at Fair Haven, for some six months. At Rome, N. Y., he had charge of the shipping of oysters for Thompson & Rowe, for about a year and a half, and at the expiration of this period came back to New Haven to take a position as conductor on the street-car line. After a time he went back to Rome to manage a new hotel which his old employers had put up during his absence, and for a year or more was thus engaged. At Fair Haven he became interested in a large grocery house and was its general manager for some fourteen years, and then became a member of the oyster-growing firm of H. C. Rowe & Co., the largest oyster-growers in the world. This was in 1878, and in 1900 he left the firm on account of continued ill health to take a position as manager and superintendent of the Masonic Home of Connecticut. This institution is in a very picturesque locality, and is one of the most admirably managed of its kind in the world. All the comforts of a home are provided for the inmates, and Mr. Rowland and his estimable wife are peculiarly fitted for the discharge of the varied and onerous duties of such a place.

Mr. Rowland is a Mason of high degree, and his affiliations are with Adelphi Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter, No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council, No. 19, R. & S. M.; and New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T. He is president of the Past Masters Association of New Haven county, and is a member of the Masonic Veterans Association of Connecticut. Mr. Rowland is past master of his home lodge, past most excellent high priest of the chapter, and past thrice illustrious master

of Crawford Council, No. 19, R. & S. M. At present he is most worshipful grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons, most excellent past grand high priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut, and P. M. P. G. M. of the M. P. G. C. of Royal Select Grand Masters of the State. He is also enrolled with the A. O. U. W. and the Heptasophs. Mr. Rowland has served as a director of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association for nineteen years, and is a director of the Fair Haven Union Cemetery Association. He is a Republican, but would never become a candidate for any office. In religion he is a member of the Second Congregational Church, and has been president of the Second Congregational Club.

Mr. Rowland was married, May 29, 1866, to Miss Nancy Maria Russell, of East Haven, a daughter of John Russell. They have one daughter, Mary Etta, who is at home; another daughter, Edith Maria, died at the age of sixteen years.

GUSTAVE ADOLPH RAABRLAPPER HAMRE, who occupies an important position in the commercial world of Branford, as a paint contractor and dealer in wall paper, was born in Christiansand, Norway, April 29, 1856, and is a son of G. A. and Christiana (Christianson) Raahr-lapper. Like many other natives of Norway, Mr. Hamre takes his surname from the town in which he was born.

Mr. Hamre was reared in Norway and at the age of fourteen was set to learn the painter's trade, at which he was apprenticed for four years. His cash income for these four years was ten dollars annually, paid him in addition to his board. For four years he worked as a journeyman painter, and in 1878 came to the United States. For a year and a half following his arrival in this country he worked in New York City for the Manhattan Elevated Co. In 1880 he came to Branford, on account of ill health, and worked on a farm. After about a year his health so improved that he was able to take up his trade again, and in 1886 to embark in business for himself as a painter contractor. Here he has accomplished a large success, and in 1890, in addition to his painting trade, engaged in paper hanging and dealing in supplies. To-day Mr. Hamre has the cream of the trade in Branford, and in the surrounding regions as well.

Mr. Hamre was married Jan. 1, 1884, to Estella E., a daughter of John B. and Mary Elizabeth (Richards) Beach, of Branford, and by her has two children: Mary Christianna and John Raahr-lapper. Mrs. Hamre's paternal grandfather, Timothy Beach, was born Jan. 22, 1796, and married Esther Cook. Timothy Beach was the son of Andrew Beach, born in 1769, whose wife was Elizabeth Bradley. Andrew Beach was a son of Ephraim, born Jan. 13, 1742, who married Sarah Stone, of Guilford. Ephraim Beach was a son of Andrew Beach, born Nov. 14,

1713, the pioneer Beach of Branford. His wife was Lucy Tully Smith, of Haddam. He was a son of Ephraim Beach, who was born in 1687, a grandson of Nathaniel Beach, who was born in 1662, and a great-grandson of John Beach, the Pilgrim, who was in New England as early as 1643.

Mr. Hamre is a Lutheran in his religious views, the church of his ancestral faith, and in politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Widows Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., Woodlawn Lodge, No. 39, K. of P., and Putnam Lodge, No. 31, A. O. U. W. He is foreman of the Branford Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1, and is a popular character in this city, where he has achieved such a substantial success in life.

ERVIS ELGIN WRIGHT, a well-known paint manufacturer and prominent business man of Waterbury, is a native of this State, born in the town of West Hartland, Hartford county, Jan. 19, 1851. His parents, Henry and Rachel E. (French) Wright, were also born in Hartland, and died in Waterbury. He is a descendant of Abel Wright, one of the first settlers of Springfield, Mass., and a large land owner there.

On the maternal side our subject is descended from an old Massachusetts family of English origin. His great-grandfather, William French, was born June 20, 1768, in Taunton, Bristol Co., Mass., and there grew to manhood. On July 18, 1788, at Rynham, Mass., he was married, by Josiah Dean, Esq., to Mary (or Rachel) Hewitt, who was born March 27, 1769. In 1790 he removed to Hartland, Hartford Co., Conn., and took up his residence in the western part of the town, where he purchased 120 acres of land from Samuel Beach and spent the remainder of his life. He made many improvements upon the place, and successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He was a staunch Jeffersonian Democrat in politics, and an active worker in and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died at a ripe old age, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elijah Cannon, and was buried in Pleasant Valley cemetery. In his family were twelve children, namely: Sally, born Nov. 8, 1789, married Lyman Slaid; Rachel, born Aug. 31, 1791, married Erastus Eggeston; Hannah, born July 6, 1793, married Asher Tiffney; Clarissa, born March 27, 1795, married Joel Slaid; William was born Feb. 27, 1797; Rufus, born March 20, 1799, is mentioned below; Julia, born Nov. 29, 1800, married John Waird; Lydia, born May 25, 1803, married Anson Tiffney; Lent was born Feb. 17, 1805; Harriet, born March 25, 1806, married Samuel Banning; a daughter, born Feb. 7, 1810, died in infancy; and Lucia, born June 24, 1811, married Elijah Cannon.

Rufus French, the grandfather of our subject, was born on a farm in West Hartland, and received a limited education in the district schools of the town, being almost wholly a self-educated man.

He remained with his parents until reaching manhood, and in early life engaged in the manufacture of spinning-wheels, one of which is now in the possession of our subject. Later in life Mr. French turned his attention to farming, purchasing a tract of 100 acres of land (near the homestead), which at that time was all wild and unimproved. He cleared away the timber and broke the land, erected good buildings thereon, and devoted the remainder of his life to general farming and stock raising. He was very industrious and energetic, and became one of the successful men of Hartland. In 1861 he removed to Akron, Ohio, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for fifteen years, and then returned to Connecticut, spending his last days with his daughter, Mrs. Wright, in Waterbury, where he died in 1885, at a ripe old age; his remains were interred in Pleasant Valley cemetery. Originally he was a Democrat in politics, but in 1856, on its organization he joined the Republican party, and remained one of its staunch supporters until his death. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as class-leader and leader of the choir. On Feb. 29, 1820, he married Clarissa Tiffney, who was born Feb. 11, 1799, and they became the parents of five children: Watson E., born Dec. 7, 1821, was the eldest; Rachel E., born Dec. 1, 1823, was the mother of our subject; Sarah, born Sept. 18, 1830, is the widow of Eugene Gugin; Carl T. was born Oct. 5, 1832; and Orton, born Oct. 29, 1837, is a resident of Hartland.

Henry Wright, father of our subject, was born Aug. 14, 1811, in Hartland, Conn., and died Jan. 30, 1892, in Waterbury. He was engaged in lumber dealing and farming for over fifty years. He was married April 18, 1841, to Rachel E. French, and to them were born five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Lozien F., Nov. 6, 1842; Elsen E., March 26, 1848; Ervis Elgin, Jan. 19, 1851; Embert E., Nov. 16, 1853; and Eva E. (widow of J. I. Byan), Jan. 26, 1856.

Ervis E. Wright came from Hartland to Waterbury in 1867, at the age of sixteen years, and entered the employ of Lewis Beardsley, as bookkeeper, remaining with him until 1880. He then started in business for himself, manufacturing and applying the Ideal Roof Paint, in which line he has continued to the present time, giving his whole time and attention strictly to business. Politically he is a Republican, but he never sought for office.

On Nov. 26, 1885, Mr. Wright was united in marriage with Miss Ella Frances Reed, who was born Nov. 11, 1858. They have one son, Franklin Ervis, born Nov. 22, 1886. Mrs. Wright is a refined and cultured lady, of high literary attainments, and possesses exceptional talent as an artist. She is a prominent member of the Woman's Club of Waterbury, and also of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Wright is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, through his

greatgrandfather, Ephraim Wright, of Hartland. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have one of the most beautiful homes in Waterbury. It is located on an eminence commanding an entire view of the town, and is fitted up with electric lights run by our subject's own plant. He is a man of progressive ideas, enterprising, energetic, industrious and far-sighted, and to these characteristics may be attributed his excellent success in life.

Mrs. Wright also belongs to an old New England family. John Reed, the first of the name in Fairfield county, Conn., was born in Cornwall, England, in 1633, and was a staunch supporter of Oliver Cromwell, serving in his army from the age of sixteen years until the restoration of Charles II to the throne of England. The followers of Cromwell, known as Roundheads, then fled to all parts of the world. John Reed came to America, and first settled in Providence, R. I., where he married a Miss Derby. In 1684 he moved to Rye, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he remained three years, and then came to Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., locating on the Five Mile river, at a place called Reed's farms, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1730, in his ninety-eighth year, and was buried on his farm. He was a man of high moral character and unswerving integrity, and his home was often used as a house of worship before the erection of a church in his community. His children were John; Thomas; William; Mary, wife of David Tuttle; and Abigail.

John Reed, Jr., son of John, was born in Norwalk, where he spent his entire life engaged as a farmer. He married a Miss Tuttle, and they had eight children: John, Daniel, Eleazer, Samuel, William, Mary, Experience and Mehitabel.

Daniel Reed, son of John, Jr., was born in 1697. He erected a mansion on the old paternal estate in Norwalk, where he always made his home, dying there in 1775. He married Elizabeth Kellogg, and they had ten children: Daniel, Abraham, Eliakim, James, Benjamin, Ezra, Elijah (who settled in Amenia, N. Y.), Elizabeth, Lydia and Joanna.

James Reed, son of Daniel, was born on the old homestead in Norwalk, March 27, 1736, and died July 20, 1814, in Amenia, Dutchess Co., N. Y., of which place he was one of the most prominent and distinguished business men, engaged in farming, manufacturing and milling. The site of his home is now occupied by the residence of James H. Swift. In 1759 he was one of the Connecticut soldiers who passed through Amenia on their way to Canada to aid Gen. Wolfe in the conquest of Quebec. Receiving news of the capture of the city, they were ordered to return. Mr. Reed was so pleased with the oblong valley through which they passed on their leisurely return that he induced his father to purchase some of the land, upon which he located and spent the remainder of his life. He became the owner of a large estate in Dutchess county, and was extensively engaged in business at Amenia,

manufacturing iron and steel, and conducting a store and mill at that place. He was also one of the first to establish a religious society there. He served as captain in the Revolutionary war, and was one of the most influential men of his community. On April 17, 1700, he married Joanna Castle, who was born in 1743, a daughter of Daniel Castle. To this union were born thirteen children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Daniel, April 15, 1761; Reuben, Sept. 2, 1763; Elijah, March 12, 1766; Jesse, July 16, 1768; Stephen, Sept. 14, 1770; Amos, Dec. 28, 1772; Gilbert, Sept. 25, 1775; Jacob and Joanna, twins, Feb. 15, 1778; Betsey, April 21, 1780; Robert and Rhoda, twins, June 27, 1784; and Phila, April 3, 1787.

Reuben Reed, son of Capt. James, died in Amenia, N. Y., in 1846. He married Hannah Rose, who was born in 1766, and died in 1839, and they had five children: Leonard, Myron, Jesse, Lester and Daniel.

Myron Reed, son of Reuben, and the grandfather of Mrs. Wright, was born July 7, 1797, and died June 2, 1849. On Jan. 3, 1826, he married Belinda Swift, and to them came five children: Maria, born Aug. 15, 1827, married John Smith; Henry, born March 12, 1829, died in California; James was born March 19, 1831; Isaac, born Aug. 27, 1833, is the father of Mrs. Wright; and Frances, born May 11, 1840, married Dewitt Crosby.

Isaac Reed was born in Amenia, N. Y., and married Louise Clark, daughter of Richard Clark (son of Daniel), of Sharon, Conn., a representative of the Clark family of Milford, this State. To that union were born two daughters. The elder, Cora Belle, first married Franklin Phillips, of White Plains, N. Y., and for her second husband married Olin Dibble, of Seymour. Ella Frances, the younger child, is the wife of Mr. Wright, whose name introduces this sketch.

CHAUNCEY SEELEY, who was long at the head of the Seeley & Upham Building Co., of Waterbury, was born in 1845, in Southbury, New Haven county. His father, George Seeley, and grandfather, Elijah Seeley, were born in Wilton, Fairfield county. Elijah Seeley was a farmer by calling, and passed his life in Wilton. He was a patriot of the war of 1812.

George Seeley was a shoemaker in early life, but later became a farmer. He married, in New Milford, Conn., Phebe Ann Buckingham, a native of that town, and their children were ten in number, viz.: Sarah Ann is deceased; Levina is the wife of John Squires, of Southbury, Conn.; Elizabeth married George Robertson, a merchant of New Milford; Harriet is the widow of William Oliver, of Bethel, Conn.; Chauncey is the subject of this sketch; John is a resident of Waterbury; Charles is deceased; Henriette is now Mrs. William Worthington, of Watertown, Conn.; Miss Georgiana is

a resident of New Haven; Frank is a farmer in Southbury. Both parents are deceased.

Chauncey Seeley grew to young manhood on his father's farm, and until seventeen years of age attended the district school and the high school at South Britain. The Civil war having broken out, he made affidavit that he was eighteen years of age, and thus succeeded in enlisting, Sept. 11, 1862, at Woodbury, in Company I, 19th Conn. V. I. He served until mustered out, at Fort Ethan Allen, Va., July 7, 1865, and during this period participated in all the battles, skirmishes, sieges, engagements and marches in which the regiment took part.

At the termination of the war Mr. Seeley returned to Southbury, where he learned the carpenter's trade, and remained until the spring of 1869, at which time he came to Waterbury. Here he followed his trade as a journeyman until the spring of 1888, when he engaged in contracting and building on his own account for about five years, after which he formed a co-partnership with George A. Upham, under the style of Seeley & Upham. This firm had an existence of about five years, at the end of which period was formed a corporation known as the Seeley & Upham Building Co., which conducted a lumberyard, steam planingmill, etc., and did a very extensive business in the building line. Early in 1902 Mr. Seeley sold his interest and withdrew from the presidency.

Mr. Seeley was married, in 1872, to Miss Samantha A. Nash, who died without issue May 15, 1875. In May, 1879, he married Sarah S. Osborn, daughter of Noah Osborn, of Seymour, Conn., and this union has been graced with three children, Arthur O., Wilbur C. and Raymond C. Our subject and his family attend the First Congregational Church and their social relations are with the most refined residents of Waterbury.

In politics Mr. Seeley is a staunch Republican. He has been elected to the city council several times, and in that body served on the Law committee and the committee on Lamps and Gas. He is a prominent member of the American Mechanics, with whom he has been identified since 1875, and in which body he is an ardent worker. He has also been a member of the G. A. R. about twenty years, and is now commander of Wadhams Post, No. 49. Mr. Seeley fraternizes with several other societies, in which he holds offices exalted and responsible, such as treasurer, etc. As a business man he is classed with the most progressive and enterprising in the city. His integrity has never been impeached, and his transactions have always been characterized by perfect candor and openness.

REDFIELD B. WEST, M. D., of Guilford, is a native of that town, born Oct. 28, 1857, the only son of Benjamin C. and Cornelia E. West, the former of whom is a native of northern New York State, but for many years has resided in Guilford, Connecticut.



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The Doctor's ancestors on the maternal side were old residents of Guilford, and can be traced as far back as his great-grandfather, Russell Frisbie, who was born near Branford, Conn., and married Eunice Redfield, of Guilford. For many years he resided in Georgetown, S. C., where he was a successful merchant until the declining years of his life, which were passed at his home on Fair street, Guilford. His family consisted of one son, John, and five daughters, Julia, Sarah, Amanda, Mary Ann and Eunice. The last named died in infancy. Sarah married George C. Bradley, of Guilford, and their children were: Richard, who died when quite young; and Cornelia Elizabeth, who married Benjamin C. West.

Dr. West received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of the City of New York, in February, 1879, after a thorough course of study at that institution. He then for several years practiced medicine at No. 7 Abingdon square, New York City; later at No. 222 Shawmut avenue, Boston, Mass.; and still later at No. 163 York street, New Haven, Conn., from there removing, in 1892, to his native town, Guilford, where he has since continued in the practice of medicine. In 1894 Dr. West was appointed, by Gov. Morris, State chemist; reappointed by Gov. Coffin in 1896; again by Gov. Cooke, in 1898; and by Gov. Lounsbury, in 1900. In 1897 he was appointed town health officer for Guilford, and also medical examiner same year. He has been successful in chemical researches, having in 1899 and 1900 been granted letters patent for improvements in photographic printing.

While a resident of Boston, Mass., Dr. Redfield B. West was united in marriage with Edith May Goudey, of that city, daughter of Henry T. and Lois A. Goudey.

GEORGE ROBBINS, a gallant ex-soldier of the Civil war and at present a well-known real-estate and fire insurance agent in Waterbury, was born Sept. 12, 1844, in the village of Plainville, town of Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn. Jehiel Robbins, his father, was born in Rocky Hill, same county, and was baptized Aug. 1, 1793. Zebulon Robbins, father of Jehiel, was born in the same place Oct. 14, 1744, and was a son of Zebulon, who was also a native of Connecticut.

The name Robbins was originally—that is, prior to 1600—spelled Ro-Bynes, then was changed to Robins, and finally to its present form, Robbins. The progenitor of the family in America was John Robbins, who came from England and settled in the Connecticut valley about 1638. He married Mary Wells, a daughter of Thomas Wells, governor of the Colony, and from him the present Robbins family are lineally descended.

Zebulon Robbins, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a farmer. He married Hannah Holmes, settled on a farm at Rocky Hill, and there reared two children, Roderick and Jehiel. Roder-

ick became a physician, and practiced in Rocky Hill, Glastonbury and Waterbury.

Jehiel Robbins, father of our subject, was reared on the home farm in Rocky Hill. In early manhood he was a school teacher, and then took up farming permanently, in 1842 removing to Plainville, where he died in 1873. He married Mrs. Dorothy (Edgecomb) Tucker, a widow, who was born in South Glastonbury, daughter of Joshua and Lydia (Hough) Williams, natives of the same place. Joshua Williams was a ship carpenter. His father, Joshua Williams, was born July 18, 1749, enlisted in the patriot army May 8, 1775, and re-enlisted, becoming corporal, in 1777. He was at Danbury, Conn., was under Gen. Israel Putnam up the Hudson river, served also in New Jersey, and was promoted to sergeant in 1780. Robert Williams, the founder of this family in America, was born in England in 1593, and came from Yarmouth to Roxbury, Mass., in 1635. He was a member of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery of England, and was also a member in America. The family drifted into Connecticut, where its members became quite prominent in social and religious affairs. The founder of Williams College, in Massachusetts, was a descendant of Robert Williams, as was also William Williams, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Gen. Warren, of Bunker Hill fame; many others took part in the war of the Revolution; many also were prominent in the church, as bishop, preachers, etc.

After their marriage Jehiel Robbins and his wife settled on a farm in Plainville, Conn., where were born their two children, Lewis W. and George, the latter the subject of this sketch. The former is a plumber in Marshalltown, Iowa. The father was a Republican in politics, but never an office seeker. He was deacon in the Congregational Church, in the faith of which he and his wife passed away.

George Robbins, the subject proper of this sketch, passed his youthful days on his father's farm, and attended the district school until sixteen years of age, when he went to Hartford to learn the machinist's trade. However, about this time the Civil war broke out, and Mr. Robbins joined the gallant boys in blue, enlisting Aug. 11, 1862, in Company K, 16th Conn. V. I., and serving until mustered out, June 1, 1865. He took part in many severely fought battles during his term of service, including those of Antietam, Fredericksburg, two engagements (including siege) at Suffolk, Va., and several others of lesser note. At the siege of Plymouth, N. C., he was taken prisoner, and was confined in the prisons at Andersonville, Ga., and Florence, S. C., about ten months.

After the close of the war Mr. Robbins took a course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, at Hartford. Later he clerked two years in a hotel in New York City, and then became bookkeeper for the Plainville Manufacturing Co., with which he

remained several years; for the next three years he was assistant superintendent for the Bristol Manufacturing Co., and then changed to Waterville, where he was superintendent for the Welch Hosiery Co. for a considerable length of time. In 1879 Mr. Robbins came to Waterbury, and for four years was in the employ of the Waterbury Clock Co. He then engaged in the crockery and glassware trade about ten years, and in 1893 embarked in his present business, real estate and fire insurance, in which he has met with unqualified success.

Mr. Robbins was united in marriage, Nov. 10, 1869, with Miss Lucy J. Botsford, of Plainville, a daughter of Orrin L. and Fannie L. Botsford. This marriage has been graced with two children: Catherine, now a teacher in New Britain; and Arthur W., in the employ of the Connecticut Light & Power Co., of Waterbury.

Mr. Robbins is in politics a Republican. Fraternally he is a Freemason and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which latter he has served as commander of his post two years. Socially he and his family mingle with the best circles, and as a business man his name stands without reproach.

DANIEL W. BURKE was born June 12, 1857, in New Haven, son of Daniel Burke, who was born in Providence, R. I., and died in New Haven, where he was engaged in the teaming business. Daniel Burke married Catherine Hayes, who was born in New Haven, daughter of Richard Hayes, and they had three children: Anna, who married C. B. Squires, a clerk in the railway mail service; Margaret, who married Willis E. Platt, of South Britain, now engaged in farming; and Daniel W.

Daniel W. Burke was reared in New Haven, and attended school there until he was fourteen, when he went to Southbury to spend the ensuing three years on a farm, and also attended a select school. While still in his teens he entered the employ of Bradley, Hoyt & Co., in the woolen mill, and remained with them five years, at the end of which time he bought out a general store in company with W. H. Summers, under the firm name of Summers & Burke. Under the administration of President Garfield Mr. Summers was made postmaster, and Mr. Burke his assistant. At the expiration of the term Mr. Burke sold out to Mr. Summers and removed to Wallingford, taking a position as shipping clerk with the Maltby, Stevens & Curtiss Co., with whom he remained three years. At the expiration of this period he was made assistant superintendent for G. M. Hallenbeck, in his German silver flatware factory, and for ten years remained with that gentleman, only giving up his connection with the business when it was absorbed by the "combine." In January, 1900, he was made superintendent of the borough water works, a position with a three-years' tenure of office.

Mr. Burke belongs to Ivy Lodge, K. P., and is

a member of many Masonic bodies, including Compass Lodge, Keystone Chapter, Hamilton Council, St. Elmo Commandery, Scottish Rite Consistory, and the 32d degree. He is also a member of Court Wallace, Foresters. Politically Mr. Burke is a Republican, and has served as a member of the town committee.

Daniel W. Burke was married, Oct. 21, 1885, to Miss Harriet Lord Bryant, a daughter of Sidney Bryant, and a sister of Judge Samuel J. Bryant, of Orange. This union has been blessed with three children: Bryant L., born Nov. 25, 1887; Edmund S., born July 28, 1893; and Catherine, born Dec. 29, 1898.

ALFRED JOHN SHIPLEY is a native of Waterbury, born Jan. 1, 1840, and has spent the greater part of his active life in that city, where he has attained a high standing by industry, hard work and the faithful performance of all the duties that come to him. There is a certain heredity of mechanical genius that has descended to him, but his industry and reliability have made him what he is.

Joseph Shipley, the father of Alfred J., was born in Birmingham, England, May 7, 1814, and died in Waterbury, Conn., Aug. 12, 1866. Ralph Shipley, the grandfather of our subject, was also born in Birmingham, Nov. 15, 1788, and died March 22, 1835, in Paterson, N. J., where he was engaged in the manufacture of small tools and machinery. He married Mary Rollinson, who was born in Birmingham, England, and they had only one child, Joseph, already mentioned as the father of Alfred J. Ralph Shipley married for his second wife Hannah Saunders, who was born March 19, 1795, and by her had eight children: Sarah, Mary, Hannah, Amos, Percilla, Martha, Naomi and Ruth. Amos was a silver-plater in Newark, N. J.—where his sisters married and settled.

After the death of his father Joseph Shipley removed to Waterbury, where, with the exception of a few years—between 1850 and 1857, when he was engaged in the machine business in Newark, N. J., he spent his active life. He became interested in the invention and building of machinery for making pins, hooks and eyes and other brass goods for which Waterbury has been famous, and at the time of his death he was engaged in building machinery for the Scovill Manufacturing Co. Personally he was of a retiring and diffident nature, but firm in his convictions of right and justice. He was a strong supporter of Republican institutions, and early placed himself on record as opposed to human slavery. On March 11, 1839, Mr. Shipley was married, in Waterbury, to Sarah James, who was born Feb. 17, 1808, and died Aug. 8, 1882. Her first husband, William Stanley, a native of Birmingham, England, was brought to this country as a skilled brass worker. To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were born three children, Ann M., William and

James, descendants of whom are now living in Waterbury. To Mr. and Mrs. Shipley were born two children: Alfred John, whose name introduces these lines; and Ralph J., a resident of Milford, this State, who is well known as a skilful mechanic.

Alfred J. Shipley spent his boyhood days in Waterbury until he was nearly ten years of age, when his parents moved to Newark, N. J., where they remained nearly seven years. There he continued to attend the public schools, having already begun his schooling in Waterbury. The family returned to Waterbury in 1857. Alfred served an apprenticeship at the machinist's bench under his father's supervision, and when he had mastered the trade went to work for Henry A. Matthews & Co., continuing with that firm until 1862, in which year he entered the employ of the Scovill Manufacturing Co. He has now been with them nearly forty years, for years holding the position of master mechanic in the button department.

Mr. Shipley and Miss Ann J. Robinson were married Aug. 20, 1862. Mrs. Shipley was born in Waterbury, daughter of Edward and Maria (Baxter) Robinson, both natives of Birmingham, England. Her parents were married in England, and shortly afterward came to this country, locating first at Middletown, and very soon removing to Waterbury. Here they lived and died, her father's death occurring Jan. 12, 1881, and her mother's May 12, 1867. They were the parents of ten children, of whom six survived to reach maturity, Edward A., Horace B., Ann J., Rose A., George L. and Fannie E. Edward A. married Harriet A. Waters, and is now deceased; Horace B. is a retired mechanic in Waterbury; Ann J. is the wife of our subject; Rose A. married Harry L. Lott, of Waterbury, and is the mother of three children, Willie, Lena and Etta. Mr. and Mrs. Shipley have no children. In political sentiment Mr. Shipley was originally a Whig, and is now a Republican. He is a public-spirited man, and takes much interest in all movements looking to the general good. For a number of years he served as an alderman in the city council from the First ward of Waterbury, and for two years was a member of the board of education.

Mr. Shipley is deeply interested in the mystic work of the Masonic fraternity, and is among the most conspicuous Masons in the State. In 1864 he united with Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., at Waterbury, and since that time has journeyed far into the mysterious country. He has been master of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., and high priest of Eureka Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., of Waterbury. He belongs to Waterbury Council, No. 21, R. & S. M., at Waterbury; is past commander of Clark Commandery, No. 7, K. T., at Waterbury; a charter member of Doric Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree, at Waterbury; member of Ionic Council, Princes of Jerusalem, sixteenth degree; Waterbury; M. W. and P. M. of Cor-

inthian Chapter, Rose Croix, eighteenth degree, at Waterbury; member of LaFayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-second degree, Bridgeport; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Bridgeport; and P. P. Naomi Chapter, No. 23, O. E. S., Waterbury. He was the first president of the Masonic Club of Waterbury. Mrs. Shipley is also much interested in society work, and is now past matron of Naomi Lodge, No. 23, O. E. S., and past R. M. of Evergreen Court, No. 2, C. of A. She belongs to the King's Daughters, and is, with her husband, a member of the First Baptist Church, of which he has been a deacon since 1871. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Baptist State Convention, and was vice-president of the Y. M. C. A. for years.

G. FRED BARNES, foreman of the flask department in the Waterbury Brass Co.'s factory, Waterbury, is a native of the State of New York, born in Harpursville, Broome county.

German Barnes, his grandfather, was born in Plymouth Hollow (now Thomaston), Litchfield Co., Conn., and lived there until he was twenty-one years old, when he married Roxy Painter. They then moved to Harpursville, Broome Co., N. Y., making the journey with an ox-team and sled. There he purchased a large tract of land, engaging extensively in the lumber business, and later in farming and cattle raising. He and his wife reared a family of four children: George B., a sketch of whom follows; Laverett, who was a merchant in Harpursville, N. Y., but died in Washington, D. C., where he had a married daughter living; Harper, who farmed the old homestead, and died there; and Burton, a carpenter and joiner in Harpursville, New York.

George B. Barnes, father of G. Fred, was born in Harpursville, N. Y., and passed his entire life in that locality, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Lantha Perry, who was also born in Harpursville, a daughter of Samuel Perry, who was a farmer by occupation, and had served as a soldier in the war of 1812. Three children were born to this union: G. Fred is our subject; Levi H. lives in Peekskill, N. Y., where he is in the employ of the New York Central Railway Co.; Sarah A. is the wife of S. F. Main, of Thomaston, Conn. The father of this family died Jan. 2, 1877, the mother Nov. 19, 1872. Mr. Barnes was a Democrat in politics. He served as a captain in the State militia.

G. Fred Barnes, our subject proper, attended the district schools near Harpursville, and was reared on the home farm. At the age of fourteen he entered the employ of Howard D. Montgomery, driving stage until he was twenty-one years old, at which time he returned to the farm, and there remained until the death of his father. After that event he went to Milford, Conn., and entered the employ of George B. Grinnell, working on his large estate, and continuing there some three or four years. On Oct. 9, 1880, he came to Water-

bury, and took a position with the Plume & Atwood Mfg. Co., with which firm he continued until the following February; then was in the employ of the Steele & Johnson Co. two years; after which he was with the Scovill Mfg. Co. seven years; with the American Ring Co. two years; and at the end of that time went to the Waterbury Brass Co., as foreman of their flask department, and has been with that firm twelve years.

On Oct. 9, 1889, Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Jennie E. Carter, daughter of Dan S. Carter, of Thomaston; no children have been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are members of St. John's Episcopal Church. They reside in their elegant residence on the corner of Roseland avenue and Columbia boulevard, built in 1899 by our subject. Socially Mr. Barnes is a member of Nosahog-an Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., and of Ansantawae Encampment, No. 20, and has passed all the chairs; he was grand patriarch of the State of Connecticut for the term of 1889-90, and he was junior grand representative of the Grand Encampment of the Sovereign Grand Encampment that met in Richmond, Va., in September, 1900. He is affiliated with Speedwell Lodge, No. 10, K. of P., and Tunxis Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men. In politics Mr. Barnes is a Republican. He is held in the highest esteem in the community in which he lives, being among the most popular of Waterbury's citizens.

THEODORE ELLIOTT BEACH, a successful agriculturist of the town of Milford, was born Feb. 24, 1841, at his present homestead in Woodmont. His ancestors were early settlers in the town of Orange, this county, and he traces his ancestry back to Thomas Beach, from whom he is descended through John, Thomas (2) (who married Hannah Atwater), Landa (who married Abigail Ann Baldwin), Samuel and John. Our subject's grandfather, Samuel Beach, was born in Orange, and followed farming as an occupation. He married Betsey Ward, by whom he had two children: John, our subject's father; and Betsey (deceased), who married Lanson Platt, a farmer in Milford.

John Beach was born and reared in Orange, but settled at the present homestead after his marriage. He married Frances Fenn, also a native of Orange, daughter of John Fenn, a farmer of that town. Our subject was one of a family of eight children, as follows: Mary (deceased) married Horace Burwell, a carpenter of Milford; John F. was a carriagemaker in Milford, and died in California; Elliott, a carriagemaker, died in New Orleans; Susan (deceased) married Hiram Smith, a carpenter of Orange, and later a policeman in New Haven; Abigail died aged sixteen; Dennis, a machinist and engineer, died in New Haven; Elmina is the widow of John H. Knapp, a machinist and engineer, and lives in New Haven; Theodore Elliott was the youngest. The father died June 21, 1860,

and the mother did not long survive, passing away Feb. 10, 1861.

Theodore Elliott Beach has always resided at his present homestead, and since taking charge of the place has made a specialty of seed growing. The place contains fifty acres, with new buildings and modern improvements, and his new residence is one of the best in the vicinity of Woodmont. In politics he is a Republican, and he and his family are much esteemed socially. On May 1, 1861, Mr. Beach married Miss Emily P. Fenn, and five children have blessed the union. Elliott Fenn, born Jan. 3, 1863, a machinist and railroad engineer, married Miss Fannie Alice Gardner, and resides in New Haven; Frank J., born Aug. 1, 1865, a farmer on the homestead with our subject, married Miss Eda Maud Rhodes; Fannie Elizabeth, born May 4, 1866, and Ida Louise, born Feb. 2, 1868, are both teaching school; and Harry Norton, born Dec. 9, 1875, is a typewriter and stenographer in New York.

The FENN FAMILY is well known in this county, and Mrs. Beach was born in Orange, daughter of Eliakim T. Fenn, of Orange, and granddaughter of Col. William Fenn. Her mother whose maiden name was Elizabeth Ann Platt, was born in Milford, daughter of Capt. Joseph Platt. Eliakim T. Fenn and his wife had ten children, as follows: Richard Treat, deceased; Richard, deceased; Sarah Edwards, deceased; Frances Ann; Mary Elizabeth, deceased; Elizabeth Gertrude; William Stone; Emily Platt; Mary, deceased; and Heman White, deceased.

MRS. FRANK E. STEELE, a highly-esteemed resident of Ansonia, is a member of a prominent pioneer family of that town, and occupies a house which was built by her maternal grandfather, Willis Hotchkiss, over forty years ago. It is located at the corner of State and Union streets, being one of three houses erected by Mr. Hotchkiss in that block, and is a substantial structure, suggesting durability. Mrs. Steele, who was reared in Ansonia, is the widow of the late Frank E. Steele, a well-known citizen, and resides with their only son, Frank Willis Steele.

FRANK E. STEELE was born Aug. 20, 1848, in Seymour, this county, son of John B. and Emeline (Stuart) Steele, both of whom are now deceased. He was the younger of two children, and the elder, Celestia, is the wife of E. B. Bradley, of Ansonia. Mr. Steele was reared at the family homestead in Seymour, a fine estate of 100 acres, and as he was but six years old when his father died he took charge of the place at an early age. For a number of years he devoted special attention to raising blooded horses. In 1885 he removed to Ansonia, but he continued to superintend the farm until his death, which occurred in Ansonia Sept. 10, 1898. While he had received only a common-school education he was well-informed on the issues of the day



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and he took much interest in local affairs, being an active worker in the Republican party. During his residence in Seymour he served several years as selectman and at times held other offices. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist.

In 1881 Mr. Steele married Miss Lillie J. Chatfield, daughter of Clark Chatfield, and a native of New York City. Her grandfather, Joel Chatfield, was born in Seymour, and for many years was a farmer and merchant in that place, where he died at the advanced age of ninety-two years. He married Lucinda Hitchcock, who died in early womanhood. Both were devout members of the Episcopal Church. They had two children: Clark, father of Mrs. Steele; and Lucinda, now Mrs. Tuttle, of New Haven.

Clark Chatfield was born in Seymour, and was reared upon a farm, receiving a district-school education. When a young man he followed farming for a short time, and then went to New York, where he was employed as manager of a store. Later he went to Iowa, and then to Kingston, N. Y., and while there he held the office of city surveyor. He also spent some time in Virginia, but finally returned to Seymour, where he now resides upon his farm, and in addition to the management of the place he is in business as an architect. He married Josephine Hotchkiss, who was born in Ansonia, daughter of Willis and Mary (Kimberly) Hotchkiss, and died at the age of twenty-two, leaving only one child, Lillie J., Mrs. Steele. Mrs. Chatfield was a most estimable woman, and a consistent member of the Episcopal Church, with which her family has long been identified. Willis Hotchkiss was a native of Westville, now New Haven, and spent his life chiefly in Ansonia and Derby, where he was engaged in business as a builder and lumber dealer. He lived to the good old age of eighty-two and was regarded as one of the leading men of the locality, his sterling qualities of character commanding the respect of all who knew him. His widow, who died Feb. 9, 1900, aged nearly eighty-eight years, resided with Mrs. Steele. Of their children only one, Mrs. Chatfield, lived to maturity.

BARLOW STEVENS HONCE, a prominent farmer and a dealer in agricultural implements on the Guilford turnpike in Branford, was born in Matawan, Monmouth Co., N. J., July 13, 1855, son of James and Mary Augusta Honce. The father was a native of New Jersey, and was born in September, 1814, a son of David and Phebe (Peacock) Honce. The mother was a native of Phillips, Me., and was born April 5, 1828, a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Foster) Stevens. The maternal great-grandfather of B. S. Honce, was Ephraim Stevens, who fought in the Revolutionary war. He lived at Phillips, Maine, and was married to Sybil Foster, a daughter of David and Millicent (Howe) Foster.

James Honce was twice married, and his first

wife, Jane, was a daughter of John R. and Margaret Schenck. They were married June 25, 1834, and became the parents of two children: Mary E., the wife of Charles W. Palmer; and Eliza Jane, the wife of Pascal Hoadley. Mr. Honce was married, June 25, 1854, to Mary Augusta, the daughter of Thomas and Anna (Foster) Stevens, of Phillips, Maine. To this marriage have come five children: Barlow S.; Clara, wife of Henry Goldsmith; J. Arthur; Charles A.; and Anna F., who married Elmer G. Farnham. James Honce removed to Branford in 1858, locating on the farm now occupied by his son, Barlow S., and made his home there until his death, Aug. 16, 1873.

Barlow Stevens Honce was reared in Branford, where he spent his early life with the exception of a brief period of one year which was spent in Wisconsin. He received his education in the Branford schools, and here his entire life has been spent as a farmer. In 1893 Mr. Honce took an agency for the sale of the goods of the McCormick Harvester Machine Co., and has developed a considerable trade in agricultural implements.

Mr. Honce was married, Oct. 20, 1881, to Alice, daughter of Martin and Lydia (Hill) Cook, of Guilford, and they have one son, Arthur L., born March 12, 1884. Mr. Honce is a member of the N. E. O. P. and the Woodmen of the World. In politics he is a Republican, and has served on the Branford board of selectmen for three years.

For fifteen years Mr. Honce was a member of the Connecticut National Guard, enlisting Aug. 12, 1883, in the first Platoon, Battery A. He was promoted to corporal Aug. 1, 1884; became sergeant May 17, 1886; second lieutenant, Feb. 27, 1888; first lieutenant; and captain of Battery A, Conn. Nat. Guard, June, 1894. When the Spanish-American war broke out Capt. Honce obtained leave of absence from the National Guard of the State, and on May 4, 1898, was appointed captain of Battery A, 1st Conn. Vol. Artillery, serving until Oct. 25, 1898, when he was mustered out by both the State and National authorities. Though ordered to Porto Rico, the order was countermanded, and the battery never left the State. J. Arthur Honce, his brother, who was second lieutenant in the same battery, died May 21, 1901. Charles A., another brother, also served in the same battery.

PAUL SCHOLZ is one of the worthy citizens of Woodbridge that Germany has furnished to the New World. He was born in Schleswig, Prussia, Nov. 21, 1856, a son of Charles and Mary (Werner) Scholz, natives of Schlesien; the former died in 1851, and the latter at the age of about fifty years. In early life the father engaged in farming, but being a man of considerable forethought he decided to take up the manufacture of starch, and in his native town he built a factory, but just as his success was assured he died. He was a cavalryman in the German army during the

war of 1848-50, was a man of great popularity in his neighborhood, and was credited with good business ability and sound judgment. Both he and his wife were members of the German Lutheran Church. In their family were three children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth. Annie, the eldest, married in Germany, where her husband died, and later she came to the United States, and died in New Haven, Conn., in 1896. Robert, the youngest, was always a wanderer, traveling throughout the West and South, and when last heard from was in the Carolinas.

Paul Scholz received thorough instruction in the German schools, and during his youth learned the clock making trade, at which he worked four or five years. From 1876 to 1879 he served in the German army, being stationed at Berlin as one of Emperor William's Light Guards. For the following four years he was employed as a clockmaker in his native town. In 1883 he emigrated to America, and sailing on the same ship was his future wife. On landing in New York, Paul and Elizabeth Scholz were married, and at once proceeded to Boston, Mass., where Mr. Scholz secured employment in rubber boot and shoe factories. Later he spent five years in New Haven as an employe in the sewing machine shops, and also in the shops at Westville, Conn. In October, 1893, he purchased a farm of thirty-six acres in Woodbridge, to which he added twenty-three acres, in 1898, and is now successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, raising principally fruit and vegetables for the market. He is also quite extensively engaged in the manufacture of butter, and keeps for that purpose a herd of eight cows. Politically he is not identified with any party, but votes for the man he believes will help him most in his business. He once held membership with the Foresters, but at present is not connected with any secret society. His success has been worthily achieved as it is due entirely to his own unaided efforts and good management. In his family are four children, Annie, Willie, Paul and Gustaf, all attending school.

CHARLES H. BARNES, for several years proprietor of a well-known and popular livery and boarding stable in Waterbury, which he sold in 1901, is a native of Connecticut, born May 13, 1857, in Woodbury, Litchfield county, of a stalwart loyal New England family.

Reuben Barnes, his father, was born in Roxbury, Conn., removing thence to Woodbury, where he has ever since been engaged as a farmer. He married Neoma Callender, who was born in Hudson, N. Y., and died in 1900, the mother of children as follows: Charles H. is the subject of these lines; Seraphena is the wife of Charles Barto, a farmer of Hartford county; Carlton is a farmer in the town of Woodbury, Litchfield county; Lottie and Nellie are deceased; William is a farmer in the town of Woodbury, Litchfield county.

Charles H. Barnes passed his boyhood days on the farm, and received a good common-school education. In 1872, at the age of fifteen, he moved to Waterbury, and for some five years worked on the Benedict farm, after which he engaged in various kinds of business, such as working in the different shops, until 1891, in which year he embarked in the livery business, conducting a livery and boarding stable at No. 46 Spring street. On Aug. 1, 1901, he sold out, returning to his birthplace, Woodbury, where he is now carrying on a hotel—"The Barnes House"—and livery business on Main street.

On May 30, 1882, Mr. Barnes married Anna Kelly, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of James and Anastasia Kelly, and one child, Elsie, born Dec. 14, 1885, graces this union. In politics Mr. Barnes is independent, casting his vote for the candidate he considers best fitted for the office. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, the Heptasophs, the Red Men and the Haymakers.

FERDINAND DEMING, a citizen of Waterbury, whose reputation as a mechanical expert is far more than local, was born in Litchfield, Bradford Co., Pa., Dec. 5, 1845, son of Abner Deming, who was born in Woodbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., Dec. 16, 1812. Abner Deming was a son of Abner and Philinda (Stoddard) Deming, the latter a daughter of Eli Stoddard, the first preacher in Woodbury. This family was among the first to settle in Litchfield.

John Deming, the emigrant, came from England about 1630, as the records show that he was in Wethersfield in 1635, and that he took part in the Pequot war. John Deming, his son, lived and died in Wethersfield, where his son, Hezekiah Deming, also lived and died. It was in this generation that Hartford became established. Hezekiah Deming, son of Hezekiah, lived and died in Canaan, Conn. His son, Phineas Deming, was in Woodbury in 1775, and took part in the siege of Ticonderoga. Abner Deming, his son, and the grandfather of Ferdinand, lived and died in Woodbury. He and his wife had six children, all now deceased: Maria, who married Solomon Bishop, a farmer in Woodbury; Henry, a farmer, who died in Collinsville, Conn.; Horace, who worked in the Springfield armory, later in the South, went West overland, and died while en route, being buried in Illinois; Sarah, who never married; George, who died young; and Abner.

Abner Deming married Miss Mary Wheaton, who was born in Washington, Conn., daughter of Calvin and Jessie (Phillips) Wheaton. This family was of Welsh origin, and came to this country long ago. Shortly after their marriage Abner Deming and his wife went to Litchfield, where he was engaged as a blacksmith, and some years later they returned to Woodbury, where he died in 1883, Mrs.

Deming in 1857. They were Methodists, and in politics he was a Democrat.

Ferdinand Deming, whose name introduces this article, spent his boyhood days in Woodbury, and came to Waterbury in 1856, spending practically his entire life in that city, though he has for short periods worked in other cities. When a boy he attended public school in Woodbury, Waterbury and Middlebury. Leaving the farm while still young, he came to Waterbury and entered the shop of Charles W. Johnson, to learn the machinist's trade, which proved in every way so congenial that it has been his business to the present time. He has developed engineering gifts of a high order and is regarded as an expert on difficult and abstruse mechanical problems. He is not associated with the work of any one establishment, and it is his intention to go abroad during the year 1901 and devote considerable time to mechanical research.

Mr. Deming and Miss Althea Minor were married June 16, 1860. Mrs. Deming was born in Stonington, Conn., daughter of James and Eliza (Bennett) Minor, both natives of Stonington. The Minor family comes of old English stock. Thomas Minor, the first of the name to come to America, was born in Somersetshire, England, and arrived in 1631 in the ship "Arabella." Mrs. Althea (Minor) Deming died in 1892. She was the mother of nine children, five of whom grew to maturity. Ferdinand, Jr., Eliza, James C., Grace P. and Herbert (who died Dec. 28, 1899), all at home but the last named. Mr. Deming is a strong Republican. He and his family attend the First Congregational Church.

EDWIN LUZERN WILFORD, a prominent farmer of the town of Branford, was born March 13, 1846, a descendant of John Wilford, a native of England, who was among the first settlers of Branford, where the family have been representative citizens ever since. Edwin L. Wilford is a son of Samuel and Susan (Cook) Wilford, and his paternal grandparents were John A. and Betsey (Frisbie) Wilford, all residents of the same town, and his birth occurred in that part of the town which is known as Indian Neck. He received a common-school education, and began life as a farmer, which vocation he has never forsaken, with the exception of one year when he worked as a sailor along the coast. On Aug. 22, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company B, 27th Conn. V. I., and was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg on Dec. 13, 1862, and was taken to the College Hospital at Georgetown, D. C. From that hospital he was transferred to the hospital at New Haven, where after nine months' service he received an honorable discharge from the government. He is an active member of Mason Rogers Post, G. A. R., of Branford, and has held the offices of adjutant and junior vice-commander, and was delegate to the National Encampment of the G. A. R. held in St. Paul, Minn., in

1896. He has traversed the United States from ocean to ocean, having visited the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893 and the Midwinter Fair in San Francisco the following year. In politics he is a Republican.

ALMON I. DEANE, the well-known and popular postmaster of Mt. Carmel Centre, and agent for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., at that place, was born in Lyme, Conn., June 7, 1857. His father, Daniel Deane, was also a native of this State, and in early life followed the occupation of farming for several years. During the Civil war he enlisted in the 26th Conn. V. I., and participated in several engagements. After receiving his discharge he returned home and later went to Long Island, where he engaged in fishing. While following that pursuit he was accidentally drowned in Long Island Sound, in 1865, but his body was recovered and brought back to Lyme, Conn., for interment. He married Sarah Eggleston, a native of New London county, who died in 1866, and was buried in Niantic cemetery. In their family were five children, of whom the eldest died in infancy; Richard is now a steamboat engineer; Arthur is deceased; Almon I. is the next in order of birth; and Henry is residing on the Pacific coast.

Almon I. Deane was but eight years old when he lost his parents, and was thrown upon the world to make his own way at an early age. He first worked on a farm for two years for his board and clothes and the privilege of attending school through the winter season in Lyme, Conn., this being the only way he could obtain the education which he wished so much to secure. On giving up farm work he found employment in a silver plating shop at Lyme, where he spent one year, and during that time managed to save enough money out of his small wages to enable him to study telegraphy with Mrs. Stannard, of that town. After mastering the art he obtained a position with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., as operator and agent at Cobalt, Conn., where he spent two years. In 1883 he was appointed station agent at Mt. Carmel Centre in the town of Hamden, New Haven county, and for the past nineteen years he has faithfully filled that position of trust and responsibility, giving general satisfaction to the public and the company. He is courteous and obliging, and his genial disposition gains him many friends. His political support is given to the men and measures of the Republican party, and he takes quite an active interest in educational affairs. In February, 1898, during President McKinley's administration, he took charge of the postoffice of Mt. Carmel Centre, which office he is now filling with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

On June 7, 1881, in New London, Mr. Deane wedded Miss Mary Dodge, a daughter of Capt. Daniel Dodge. The two children born of this union died in infancy, and the wife and mother, who was a

consistent Christian, died in Mt. Carmel, and was laid to rest in Hamden cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Deane married Miss Mattie Swain, a native of Hamden, and a daughter of William Swain. They have two children: Inez Gertrude and William Hudson. Mrs. Deane is a member of the Congregational Church, and active in its work. They make their home in the comfortable residence at Mt. Carmel, erected by Mr. Deane in 1900.

WALTER N. LOWELL has a position among the skilled workers of this busy city of Waterbury that could only be won and held by genuine merit. He knows his work, is honest and reliable, and, possessing those qualities of directness and force that are much in demand by those who would secure the greatest results from their efforts, has risen to a creditable and responsible place. Mr. Lowell was born in New Bedford, Mass., July 22, 1852, a son of Harrison G. Lowell. The family came from England and settled in Massachusetts years ago, and the city of Lowell, Mass., bears its name from some one of the early members of the family.

Jacob Lowell, the grandfather of Walter N., was born in Massachusetts, and married Eliza Nichols, also a native of that State, and they settled at New Bedford, where they lived and died. This family was numerously represented in the Revolutionary war.

Harrison G. Lowell, son of Jacob and father of Walter N., was born in New Bedford Aug. 23, 1827, and died there Aug. 9, 1865. He grew to manhood in his native town, and became teller in the old Marine Bank, in the service of which corporation he passed his entire business life. Sarah E. Blake, his wife, was the daughter of James H. and Sarah (Pitts) Blake, and was born in Dighton, Mass. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Lowell settled in New Bedford, where they reared a family of three children, of whom the eldest was Walter N., whose name introduces this article; the others were Nellie, who married Clinton E. Stark, M. D., of Norwich, Conn.; and James Harrison, the youngest son, is a sheep raiser at Roswell, Idaho. The mother of the children died Nov. 23, 1865. Harrison Lowell was a Republican in politics, and a strong Universalist in religious belief.

Walter N. Lowell spent his boyhood days in New Bedford, and was a pupil in the public schools until he was seventeen years of age. At that age he left school and went to Hartford, Conn., where he began an apprenticeship to the machinist trade that has proved the open door for an honorable and useful life in which Mr. Lowell has achieved a very conspicuous success. For ten years he followed his trade in various shops in Connecticut, and in 1868 came to Waterbury, working for the Peter's Lock Co. for some time. Very soon, however, after coming here he entered the employ of the Waterbury Brass Co., and has been with them ever since, with the exception of a short time when he was

absent from the city, his period of service covering some seventeen years. Mr. Lowell began as an assistant in the manufacturing department, and is now superintendent of this department, taking the place of the late T. B. Martin.

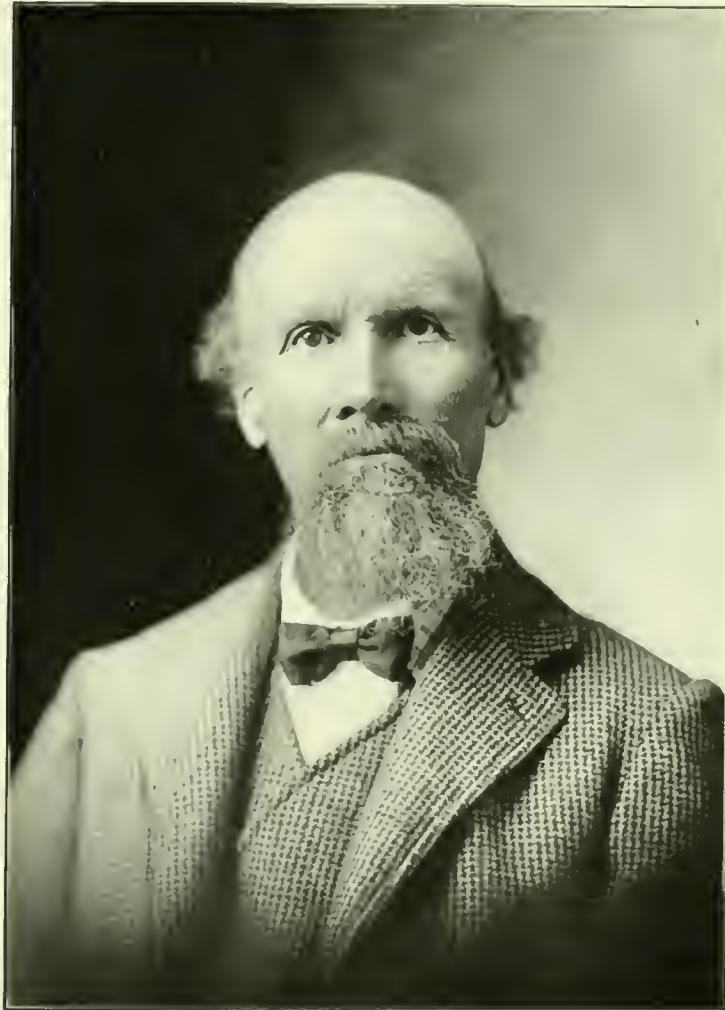
On Dec. 24, 1879, Mr. Lowell married Miss Nellie L. Wood, who was born in New York City Oct. 19, 1861, daughter of Robert and Fannie (Welton) Wood. To this union two children were born: Sarah F., born March 3, 1885, died July 29, 1893; and Walter W., born Aug. 25, 1895. Mr. Lowell is a Republican, and socially belongs to Nosahogan Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Improved Order of Red Men. With his family he is an attendant upon the services of the Episcopal Church.

DAVID B. WHEELER owns and operates a valuable farm of 114 acres in Oxford, New Haven county, the neat and thrifty appearance of which well indicates his careful supervision. Substantial improvements, well tilled fields, and all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm are there to be found. The residence, which is one of the modern homes in the town, was erected by our subject in 1897.

Mr. Wheeler was born March 13, 1844, in the town of Bridgewater, Litchfield Co., Conn., son of Joel B. and Mary (Warner) Wheeler. The father was a native of Roxbury, Conn., and a son of Niron Wheeler, who was born in Newtown. Our subject is third in the order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being Mary A., Laura J., Ellen A., Flora J., Sarah E. and Martha I.

When quite young Mr. Wheeler accompanied his parents on their removal to Roxbury, where he grew to manhood and acquired his education in the common schools. In 1865 he came with the family to Oxford, and he remained under the parental roof until twenty-five years of age. On Nov. 18, 1869, he was married to Miss Sarah J. Tyrrell, and to them have been born six children, namely: Charles H., Jane M., Frank B., Frederick L., Morris and Leslie. Charles H. married Jennie Pope, daughter of John B. Pope, and they have had three children, John D., Florence and one that died in infancy. Frank B. married Etta Lockwood, and has three children, Ernest W., Bessie and Sadie B.

After his marriage Mr. Wheeler located on a farm adjoining his father's, and has since successfully engaged in its operation. In connection with general farming he also works at the mason's and carpenter's trades as a contractor. As a business man he is enterprising, energetic and always abreast of the times, and has been rewarded by a comfortable competence. In his political affiliations Mr. Wheeler is a stanch Democrat. Though not a member of any religious organization he contributes toward the support of churches. He is public-spirited and enterprising, and thoroughly inter-



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ested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his town and county. Fraternally he is a member of the United Workmen.

WILLIAM E. QUIGLEY was born Sept. 29, 1847, in the town of Orange, not far from Waterbury, and is a son of Patrick Quigley, who was born in King's County, Ireland, and whose father never came to America, but lived and died a farmer in Ireland.

Patrick Quigley came to the United States early in life, and settled in the town of Orange, where he worked for John D. Davis, a farmer in that region. Later in life he became a farmer and butcher. His wife, Catherine Delaney, was born in Queen's County, Ireland. He was killed in Orange while lifting a telegraph pole, helping in the construction of a line from Derby to New Haven, for which he had furnished all the poles. This was about forty-six years ago, and twenty-six years later his wife died. They were the parents of six children who lived to attain maturity: James, Patrick J., William E. (whose name appears above), Catherine, Alice and Edward. James learned the pattern-maker's trade in Derby, and when the Civil war broke out enlisted, Aug. 9, 1862, in the 20th Conn. V. I., came home in 1863, and died as a result of his army experience. Patrick J., a farmer, enlisted in the 15th Conn. V. I., serving until the close of the war; he is living in Meriden, Conn. Catherine married Owen Flannegan, and has her home in Meriden, Conn. Alice married John B. Gardner, and lives in New Britain. Edward lived in Waterbury; he was sun-struck in Bridgeport.

William E. Quigley left the parental home when twelve years of age and worked for A. H. & C. B. Alling, in their yarn factory. When this extensive concern was moved to Derby, Conn., the young man went with it, spending altogether five and a half years with the Allings, and he thoroughly mastered the art of making stockings by machinery. From there Mr. Quigley went to Ansonia, where he was engaged in learning the blacksmith trade at the beginning of the war of the Rebellion. Mr. Quigley desired to enlist, and made several efforts, but was rejected each time on account of his extreme youth. On Aug. 9, 1862, he enlisted in the 20th Conn. V. I., but was turned back. On Sept. 8, 1862, he enlisted in the 25th Conn. V. I., after an ineffectual application to the 15th Conn., and was transferred to the 22d Conn. V. I. In order to be accepted he had to make oath that he was eighteen years of age, though in reality he was nearer fifteen. Mr. Quigley was discharged July 13, 1863, and at once returned to Ansonia, where he resumed his apprenticeship at the blacksmith trade. When he had finished his trade he went to Bristol, Conn., and established himself in a blacksmithing business which he carried on for about three years. At the end of that time he sold out, and bought the Terrill

& Wilcox business, at Ansonia, where he remained two and a half years. About 1869 he came to Waterbury, and has been there ever since, for a time having his shop on Jefferson street.

Mr. Quigley and Mary E. A. McNeil were married Sept. 12, 1867. Mrs. Quigley is a daughter of William McNeil, and was born in Waterbury, Conn. She is the mother of one child, Charles V. J., who is now an eminent physician in Chicago, and a lecturer on medical topics in a university in that city. Mr. Quigley was a Democrat until 1884, when he voted the Republican ticket, and has since cast his ballot for the men and measures of that party. He is a member of Wadhams Post, G. A. R., and of the Army and Navy Club. As commander of Wadhams Post he has enjoyed an honor that has so far fallen to no other man, that of re-election to this position. He is also a member of International Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., and is a charter member of Lodge No. 265, B. P. O. E., and in the I. O. F. he is past high chief ranger of the high court of Connecticut, and a member of the high standing committee; his wife is also a member of the high court. Mr. Quigley also belongs to the Foresters of America and the New England Order of Protection. He is in the Service Union, and the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association, of New Haven, the New England M. A. A. and the I. O. H. He belongs to the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guards, and also belongs to the veterans' corps of the First Company of the Foot Guards. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic, being a member of the Immaculate Conception Parish, and has owned a pew there since the erection of the church building. Mr. Quigley has frequently gone from Waterbury as a representative to national conventions of the various orders with which he is associated.

Mrs. Quigley is also prominent in social matters, and takes a prominent part in many good endeavors.

ADRIAN F. WOLFF, whose name is well known in Waterbury as that of a thoroughly honorable and upright man, whose word needs no bond, was born in France in 1853, son of Francis F. Wolff, who was born in that country in 1818, and who died in Waterbury Feb. 1, 1870. The ancestors of this family left Switzerland some two hundred and seventy years ago, and settled in Lorraine, France. They were a sturdy and upright race, and many of them were ironsmiths by occupation. The grandfather of Adrian F. had a factory in which he made all kinds of edge tools and agricultural implements. This rugged representative of the family was born in 1777, and died in France. Adolph C. Wolff, a brother of Francis F. Wolff, came to this country in 1851, and died recently in Bridgeport.

Francis F. Wolff, the father of Adrian F., married Celestine Wolff, a cousin, and they reared

a family of three children: Lucian F., who is a machinist in the employ of the Scovill Manufacturing Co.; Adrian F., whose name introduces this article; and Alfred J., whose sketch appears elsewhere. Mrs. Celestine Wolff died in Waterbury in 1898.

Adrian F. Wolff was reared in France until he reached the age of twelve years, and received such schooling as was afforded the children at that time. The father came to this country in 1861, and was engaged as a blacksmith in Bridgeport and Waterbury, Conn. At the close of the war he sent for his wife and children, and they arrived in 1865. Young Adrian F. went to a private school in Bridgeport for two months, and then attended the public schools in Waterbury, where he completed his schooling. In 1871 he entered the factory of the Scovill Manufacturing Co. as an apprentice at the toolmaker's trade, and he has never changed his work. He is now foreman of the machine and tool department of that extensive plant. As a capable and energetic workman, and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen, he ranks deservedly among the respected residents of his adopted city.

Mr. Wolff and Miss Elizabeth Lavin were married Jan. 13, 1882. Mrs. Wolff was born in Ansonia, this county, daughter of Terence Lavin, who was born in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Wolff have two children, Adrian L. and Victor A. Mr. Wolff is independent in politics, preferring to select the best men at every election, and not to be bound by party ties. As a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Woodmen of the World he has secured financial protection for his family in case of his sudden death; and as a member of the Catholic Church he is loyal to the faith in which he was reared.

CHARLES S. BUCK, an energetic and capable machinist of Ansonia, who is also engaged in the manufacture of emery wheels, was born in New York, March 25, 1854.

William J. P. Buck, his father, was born in Connecticut, and was early trained to the trade of a blacksmith, to which his time was given until 1869, when he came to Ansonia, and bought a variety store. This enterprise he conducted for several years and then retired from business, to make his home with his son, Charles S. Mr. Buck was an honored veteran of the Civil war, and served in both the 2d Heavy Artillery and the 19th Conn. V. L., participating in many hard-fought battles, hundreds of men being lost from his regimental and company organizations; he was a good soldier, and made a fine record. He married Mary Collins, one of the family of four children born to Henry and Elizabeth (Cooper) Collins, the former of whom studied medicine, and then became a clergyman, preaching at many different points in New York, where he died at the age of seventy years. William J. P. Buck, though at the advanced age of

seventy-seven, is still living (1901), and is enjoying the best of health. To Mr. and Mrs. William J. P. Buck were born four children: William, who is working in the foundry at Ansonia; Anson, who is in Kansas; Charles S.; and George, who is in Milford. The mother died at the age of sixty-four years. She and her husband belonged to the Methodist Church, in which they were active workers. Mr. Buck was a much respected member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Charles S. Buck spent his earlier years under the parental roof, and secured his education in the public schools and in Thomaston Academy. In 1869 he entered a store at Ansonia. After spending some time in that position he took up factory life, working in several shops. He was in the hat factory at Bridgeport, and with the A. B. C. Co. at Ansonia; and in 1872 became a roll grinder with the Farrell Foundry, which position he holds to the present time. Since he went into the trade Mr. Buck has performed about every part of its work with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers. When he entered the roll room there were only twelve men employed in it; now there are about 350. Of this number he is the oldest, and is highly esteemed as a workman throughout the city. Mr. Buck makes the emery wheels which are used in the roll department, and he began this line of work in 1887. His wheels are especially adapted for rolls made of chilled iron and steel, used in the manufacture of paper and metal goods. Many of his emery wheels go to remote parts of the world, even into Europe and Australia. These wheels are being constantly improved, and Mr. Buck has a reputation in this line that is world-wide.

In 1880 Mr. Buck was married to Margaret Jackson, who was born in England, one of the eleven children of John Jackson, a rollmaker and turner, who spent many years in Derby following his trade, and in 1857 came to Ansonia, where he died at the age of sixty-four. Mr. Buck belongs to the I. O. O. F., in which he has been an efficient worker, and has held several official positions. He is a member of the Golden Cross, and was a charter member of the Sons of Veterans, of which order he is chaplain. In his political relations he is a Republican. He has dealt considerably in real estate, and built the home in which he lives in 1885. He is junior warden in the Episcopal Church, which position he has filled for eighteen years, and he also served on the Building committee. He takes much interest in the Sunday-school, and was acting superintendent for two years. Mrs. Buck is also an active worker in all church and society affairs, and is known as one of the most reliable and earnest workers connected with that religious body.

PATRICK T. COOGAN, proprietor of a prosperous grocery store in Waterbury, is a native of Ireland, born July 16, 1847, in County Kilkenny.

Joseph Coogan, father of our subject, also a

native of that county, was a farmer there, as was his father before him. John Coogan, an uncle of our subject, was a physician in Ireland. Joseph Coogan married Catherine Clancy, of the same nativity, and five children were born to them: Margaret, Thomas, Patrick T., Annie and Joseph. Of these, Margaret, deceased, was the wife of John Brennan, who lives in Ireland; Thomas lives on the homestead in Ireland; Annie, deceased, was the wife of John Lawlor, of Waterbury; Joseph is a machinist in Philadelphia.

Patrick T. Coogan received his education in his native land, and at an early age came to the United States, first locating in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he followed mining about fifteen years. At the end of that time he came to Waterbury, Conn., and for twelve years was employed in various departments of the brass works, then engaging in his present grocery and liquor business, at No. 34 Washington street, in which he has met with the most desirable success. In the city he has put up quite a few buildings, which he rents.

On May 9, 1865, Mr. Coogan married Mary A. Burns, who was of Pennsylvanian birth, and thirteen children were born to them, of whom the following are living: Catherine, Patrick, Bridget, Margaret, Annie, Nellie, Elizabeth, James J., Thomas, Joseph and Loretta. Of this interesting family, Bridget is highly accomplished in music, and is the leading organist in the church. The mother died Jan. 12, 1898. On Nov. 22, 1900, Mr. Coogan wedded Mary Dahill, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, and they have one child, Cornelius. Our subject is affiliated with the Foresters of America; in religious faith he is a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

ROGER CONNOR, manager of the Waterbury Base Ball Club, and a successful player of national reputation, resides in Waterbury, and is a native of that city, born July 1, 1857.

Mortimer Connor, father of our subject, was born in County Kerry, Ireland, a son of Daniel Connor, a native of the same county, and a weaver by trade. He came to the United States, locating first in Albany, N. Y., later in Waterbury, Conn., where he died. Mortimer was a young man when he came to America, settling in Waterbury, where he followed the trade of blacksmithing up to his death, which occurred about twenty-five years ago. In that city he married Catherine Sullivan, also a native of Ireland, daughter of Dennis Sullivan, who was a butcher, followed his trade in the old country, and died there. To Mortimer Connor and his wife were born eleven children, as follows: Roger is the subject of these lines; Daniel is in the liquor business in Waterbury; Dennis is a mechanic in Waterbury; Mathew's whereabouts are not known; Mortimer died in 1898; Joseph is a member of the Bridgeport B. B. C.; Hannah married Robert Wilson, and they live in New York; Mary married

Jeremiah Slattery, of Waterbury; Ellen is the wife of Lawrence Rubanna, of New York; Julia (1) and Julia (2) both died young. The mother of these is yet living.

Roger Connor attended the local schools of Waterbury until he was seventeen years old, and then commenced learning the trade of blacksmith with his father, working on Dix Island, Maine, where the stone for the New York postoffice building was quarried. He was there some eighteen months, and on his return home commenced "playing ball" with the Monitor Base Ball Club, working in the factories in winter time. This was in 1875-76-77. In 1878 he went to New Bedford and played with the club there; was also with the Holyoke Nine, American Association, and was captain of that team in 1879. In the following year he went to Troy, N. Y., and played in the League three seasons—1880-81-82; then signed with the New York Club, and remained with them until 1891. In 1892 he went to Philadelphia, and played with the club there in 1893; returned to New York and played with the club there, 1894; fall of that year went with the St. Louis team, and played with them three seasons, during the last year being their captain. In 1897 he went to Fall River, Mass., and had charge of the team there that season, in the following year returning to Waterbury, where he has since managed and played with the Waterbury Club.

On June 15, 1882, Mr. Connor married Angelina Mayer, of Oneonta, N. Y., daughter of Jacob Mayer, a native of Germany. Two children have been born to this union, Cecelia and Marv; the last named died at the age of one year. As was his father before him, Mr. Connor is a Democrat.

HARRY I. CRAMPTON, the well-known and efficient assistant superintendent of the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co., of Naugatuck, was born in Waterbury Feb. 12, 1860, and belongs to an old Connecticut family probably of English descent. His grandfather, Jesse Crampton, was a native of Madison, New Haven county, and was a tanner and currier by trade. He filled the office of justice of the peace and was quite a prominent man in his community. He married Ruth Bradley, and continued to make his home in Madison. His children were Jonathan, father of our subject; Samuel, who is living retired in Madison; Henrietta, deceased wife of Samuel Griswold, of New Haven; William, a farmer and manufacturer of Madison, now deceased; and George, a carpenter of Madison.

Jonathan R. Crampton was born in Madison in 1809, and in early life engaged in school teaching in New York State and Ohio. Subsequently he was employed as a bookkeeper in New York City, and still later conducted a woolen mill in Waterville, Conn. He was also internal revenue collector for some years, and was an ardent Republican in politics. Honored and respected by all who knew him, he passed away in Waterbury, in 1873. He

married Susan Starkey, a native of Essex, Conn., and a daughter of Richard Starkey, who was a ship carpenter by trade. She is still living and now makes her home in New Haven.

Harry I. Crampton is sixth in the order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: William, deceased, was employed by the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Co., of Naugatuck; Ella died in infancy; Charles is station agent at Branford, Conn.; Emma died in infancy; George is a machinist and engraver for the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co., of Naugatuck; and Howard is employed in the office of a ribbon manufactory of New York.

The education of Harry I. Crampton was obtained in the public schools of Waterbury, where he pursued his studies until thirteen years of age, and then entered a real estate office in that place, where he was employed for three years. He next engaged in house and sign painting until the fall of 1880, when he came to Naugatuck and entered the office of the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co., with which he has since been connected with the exception of two years from 1886 to 1888. He has worked his way steadily upward from office boy to his present responsible position, that of assistant superintendent.

Mr. Crampton was married, May 3, 1883, to Miss Mary Schenck, of Waterbury, a daughter of John Schenck, who came from New Jersey and was of German extraction. They have one child, Charles. Mr. Crampton was reared in the Congregational Church, to which his ancestors all belonged. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men at Naugatuck, and affiliates with the Republican party. For twenty years he has been a resident of Naugatuck, and is not only highly esteemed by his fellow citizens, but has the confidence and respect of the company with which he has long been connected, as is attested by his frequent promotions and his appointment to the important position which he is now so creditably and satisfactorily filling.

FREDERICK M. STEVENS has in his influential and useful career aided materially in making the enviable reputation which Waterbury enjoys. He has mastered his business, and knows all its details, and those for whom he works have every confidence in his honesty and ability. Important responsibilities are placed upon him, and never has he failed to meet the expectations of ability and integrity.

Mr. Stevens was born in Danbury, Conn., son of Charles T. Stevens, and passed his early days in his native place, where he was a student in the public school. The scene of his first labor when he left school to care for himself was the Pacific Iron Works, at Bridgeport, this State. To prepare himself adequately for a successful career in the industrial world the young man went to Cornell Uni-

versity, in the State of New York, where he studied mechanical engineering for three years. In 1875 Mr. Stevens came to Waterbury, and in company with A. S. Upson for a time manufactured sewing machine needles. After this the Waterbury Needle Co. was formed, and Mr. Stevens became secretary of the concern. When this house passed out of business he associated himself with W. G. Creamer & Co., and was superintendent of their factory in Brooklyn. In the development and management of several other enterprises Mr. Stevens was actively interested until he came back to Waterbury, in 1890, in which year he was made superintendent of the Mathews & Willard Manufacturing Co., and is still engaged in that capacity.

Mr. Stevens and Miss Cornelia M. Upson were married June 1, 1875. Mrs. Stevens was born in Farmington, but has always lived in Waterbury. Mr. Stevens is a Republican in political opinion. Fraternally he belongs to Commonwealth Lodge, No. 409, F. & A. M., of Brooklyn, and to Townsend Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Waterbury. He attends the Second Congregational Church, to which his family belong.

SAMUEL PARMELEE WILLIAMS, a prominent real-estate and insurance man of Waterbury, and doing an extensive loan business as well, sustains a fine reputation for probity and ability. Mr. Williams was born in Litchfield, Conn., Aug. 8, 1846, son of Robert Williams, who was born in Watertown, Connecticut.

Samuel Williams, his great-grandfather, was born in Berlin, Conn., and engaged in farming in that locality, becoming an extensive land owner. He was a representative of a family that had migrated to Connecticut from Roxbury, Mass., many members of whom have held high place and proven themselves men of more than ordinary ability and standing.

William Russell Williams, the grandfather of Samuel P., was born in Berlin, Conn., and there grew to manhood. He served as a private in the war of 1812. By his marriage with Rebecca Castle he had a family of eight children, as follows: (1) Adeska, who married Allan Castle, a farmer in Watertown; (2) Robert, the father of Samuel P.; (3) William, a farmer in the town of Litchfield, Conn., where he died; (4) Betsey, who married Sheldon Morris, of Bridgeport; (5) Amelia, who married Bennett Perry, an employe of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., at Bridgeport; (6) Samuel, a merchant at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died; (7) Mary, who married James Canfield, a wholesale grocer; and (8) Abbie, who married Henry Neal, a mechanic of Litchfield. Mr. Williams was a farmer and cattle dealer.

Robert Williams, the father of Samuel P., was born in 1810, and died in Litchfield, Conn., at the age of eighty-one. He was a tailor for sixty years in the latter place. At the time the "Astor House"



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was being built in New York City, and its proprietor, John Jacob Astor, was incurring considerable ridicule for building so far out of town, Mr. Williams was in that city learning his trade. He married Helen E. Trowbridge, who was born in Litchfield, daughter of James Trowbridge. She died in Waterbury. The Trowbridge family is of English origin, and for many years has been located in this State. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams were the parents of four children: Helen, who died at the early age of twenty-one; William R., connected with the Waterbury Brass Co.; Charles P., who died in 1873, an employe of the Miller & Peck Dry Goods Co. for many years; and Samuel P.

Samuel P. Williams spent the first nineteen years of his life in Litchfield, and on leaving his home secured a position with Cowles & Leete, wholesale druggists at New Haven. For two years he was with that firm, gaining a good knowledge of the drug business, and then went back to Litchfield to hold the chief clerkship in the postoffice there. In 1868 Mr. Williams came to Waterbury and entered the employ of the Apothecaries Hall Co., where he was engaged until 1870. That year, in company with William C. Hillard, he engaged in the drug business under the firm name of Hillard & Williams. The new firm did a good business, and in 1875 Mr. Williams bought out his partner, becoming sole proprietor of the establishment. For some twelve years he continued in the business, and in 1887 sold out his store, engaging in the real-estate, loan and insurance business, which he has followed to the present time. Mr. Williams is a very extensive money lender, and has probably handled more money in this way than some of the local banks, who are his customers. He made one loan of \$300,000, and another of \$125,000. He is president of the Tennessee River Navigation Co., doing business on the Tennessee river from Kingsport, Tenn., to Decatur, Ala., about four hundred miles, with headquarters at Chattanooga.

In 1873 Mr. Williams married Ella S. Rice, daughter of A. F. Rice, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Three children were born to this union: Helen T., Samuel P., Jr., and Dorothy E. Mr. Williams is a Republican, and has been elected treasurer of the town. In local politics he has taken an active part, and for many years has been a member of the town committee, serving as its chairman for about eight years. For nearly thirty-five years he has attended the services of St. John's Church, and has filled the position of vestryman in that body. Mr. Williams has always identified himself with all kinds of open-air athletics, and with William B. Merriman has held the State championship in lawn tennis. Socially he belongs to the Waterbury Club.

EDWIN HAMPSON WIRTEMBERG, a progressive and enterprising business man of Ansonia, was born Aug. 29, 1857, in Bridgeport, Conn., son

of Valton Wirtemberg, and grandson of Bartholomew Wirtemberg. He is of German and English extraction, and has held an honorable place for many years. In the early history of South Germany that country was ruled by a number of large land owners, who often took their names from their property or from some achievement in their family history. The former was the case with the Wirtemberg family, who ruled over a large tract of mountainous country bordering on the Black Forest. The name was originally Writt-um-berg, meaning "lord of mountain," which afterward became a portion of what is now South Germany, the state of Wurtemberg.

Bartholomew Wirtemberg was an officer in that part of the German army that saw service under Napoleon Bonaparte, and he took part in the famous Moscow campaign, serving fourteen years in the army, and receiving a gold medal for his service. He was a prominent citizen of Augmesingen, Wurtemberg, Germany. After retiring from the army he held the position of burgo-master of the city of Augmesingen until his death, the office passing down to the eldest male child, next in line, living in that country; it is held at the present time by a cousin of our subject.

Valton Wirtemberg, our subject's father, was born in Augmesingen, Germany, Feb. 12, 1832, was graduated from the theological seminary at Oberndorf, Germany, and came to America soon afterward, settling in New Milford, Conn. In 1861 he moved to Derby, Conn., where he had charge of the furniture factory of Summers & Lewis. In 1865 he formed a partnership with O. B. Coles, of New Milford, for the manufacture of furniture, in Bridgeport, Conn. In 1876 he moved back to Derby and took a position with the Sterling Piano & Organ Co., but finally located in Ansonia. In 1899 he retired from active business. Mr. Wirtemberg was the first senior warden elected in Emmanuel P. E. Church, and has held that position continuously ever since; he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school from its incorporation. He is a member of Housatonic Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Derby. He married Elizabeth Hampson Shaw, who was born in Ripenden, near Halifax, Yorkshire, England, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Shaw, and granddaughter of Sir John Hampson, of Hampson Court, Yorkshire. Her father was an officer in the British dragoons, and fought under the Duke of Wellington at the battle of Waterloo. He died at the age of eighty-nine years. Our subject's mother died in the year 1878, at the age of forty-five years. She was the mother of seven children, of whom four are living: Edwin Hampson, our subject; Emma E., wife of David S. Miles, superintendent of the Seymour Mfg. Co.; George H., foreman of the Mathews Mfg. Co., of Seymour; and Joseph B., chief engineer of the Seymour Mfg. Co.

Our subject's early years were spent in Bridge-

port, Conn., where he received a public-school education. In 1874 he moved to Derby to take a position with the Sterling Piano & Organ Co., and on leaving there, five years later, he spent five years engaged in the manufacture of cigars at Southington, Conn. In 1888 he located at Columbus, Ohio, whence he removed to Ansonia. In 1894 he went to California, where he took charge of the Eagle Milling & Gold Mining Co., located at Placerville, Eldorado county, as manager and part owner. Returning later to Ansonia, he started the grocery business, which was very successful. In the early part of 1901 he retired from the grocery business in Ansonia, and has since divided his time between his property in Ansonia and at Cedar Beach, Milford, Conn. He is also interested in a large property in Virginia.

On Jan. 10, 1877, Mr. Wirttemberg married Miss Susan Jackson, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Jackson, and they had one daughter, Jessie Norma Wirttemberg, who was married, April 20, 1897, to Jerome D. Perkins. She was a member of the local musical circle, and organist of the Emmanuel Church for several years; she died Nov. 24, 1900.

Politically our subject is a Republican. He also takes active interest in church work, having been clerk of Emmanuel Church parish since it was incorporated, and took charge of the musical part of the service for a number of years. Fraternally he is a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F., of Plantsville, in which he has held various offices. He is one of the oldest living members of the Hotchkiss Hose Company, of Derby, and a charter member of the Southington Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1.

SAMUEL N. OVIATT, a leading merchant of Milford, was born in that town Sept. 17, 1840, son of Samuel and Abigail (Ford) Oviatt.

The Oviatt family is probably of Welsh origin, and our subject traces his descent from Thomas Oviatt, one of the first settlers in Milford. Samuel Oviatt (1), his great-great-grandfather, and Samuel Oviatt (2), his great-grandfather, were both born in Milford. Abel Oviatt, our subject's grandfather, was also a native of Milford, and for many years followed the sea. While on his trips he made a practice of purchasing molasses for his sons to sell in Milford, and it may be said that their grocery business was established there in that way in 1820. He died in 1850, aged eighty-one years. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Malory, became the parents of two children: Samuel, our subject's father; and Curtis, who was in partnership in the grocery business with his brother for a short time, and also in a tannery and lumber yard, and on selling his interest to his brother engaged in teaching school.

Samuel Oviatt, our subject's father, was born and reared in Milford, and died there Sept. 4,

1870. He was an independent in politics and a Congregationalist in religion. He continued the grocery business until 1850, when he retired to his farm to spend his declining years. He married Abigail Ford, of Milford, whose mother, Eunice (Treat) Ford, was a granddaughter of Gov. Treat. Mrs. Oviatt died leaving a family of three children: Juliette, wife of Charles Tuttle, a shoemaker and tailor in Milford; Mary, wife of Lewis B. Malett, a butcher of Stratford; and Samuel N., our subject. The father served for some time in the local grenadiers.

During boyhood Samuel N. Oviatt attended the schools of Milford, and later Williston Seminary, where he was graduated in 1867. He then entered Yale College, but sickness compelled him to give up his course, although he afterward tutored for a time and studied theology in Union Theological Seminary, New York. While there he sang in one of the churches, and was in W. H. Dana's orchestra, playing the 'cello. In 1872 he engaged in his present business, as a dealer in dry goods and groceries, feed, hardware and similar commodities, in which he has been very successful, his store on West Main street being well patronized.

On July 16, 1873, Mr. Oviatt married Miss Mary Furman, of Milford, a daughter of Henry Furman, of western New York. Two children have blessed this union: Lorenzo Pratt and Abbie, both at home. Lorenzo is now (1902) in his second year as a student in the music department of Yale, and is musical director for the Y. M. C. A. of his county. His instrument is the organ. Mr. Oviatt, like others of his family, is independent in politics. He is connected with various organizations, including the National Provident Union and the Masonic fraternity, in which latter he was made master in 1866. As a member of the First Congregational Church he has been active in religious work, serving as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and as deacon.

WILLIAM H. JOHNSTON, a leading agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen of Waterbury, New Haven county, residing on the Bradleyville road, was born in Newark, N. J., Nov. 15, 1857, and is of Scotch-Irish descent.

Archibald Johnston, his father, was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and came to America when a young man. He first located in Newark, N. J., where for some years he served as foreman for his father-in-law, William Beard, a contractor and dealer in coal, and later had charge of his business in Brooklyn, making his home there. There he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Ann Beard, a native of Brooklyn, and to them were born three children: Mary and Edith, who died young, and William H., our subject. The parents both died in Brooklyn, the father in 1884, the mother in 1862, and their remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery. They were members of the Episcopal Church.

and were held in high regard by all who knew them. In his political views the father was a Democrat. For his second wife he married Della Norton, who died in Brooklyn in 1886, and was also buried in Greenwood cemetery. By that union there was one son, Charles Francis, who is a resident of Waterbury, Connecticut.

William H. Johnston attended the public schools of Brooklyn, and also a polytechnic school, from which he was graduated. He began his business life in the office of J. P. and G. C. Robinson, of New York, with whom he remained seven years, and in 1878 came to Waterbury, New Haven Co., Conn., and purchased the Wheaton farm of 108 acres, on the Bradleyville road, upon which he has made many useful and valuable improvements that add greatly to its attractive appearance. As an agriculturist he has met with success, becoming quite well-to-do.

On Aug. 3, 1881, in Waterbury, Mr. Johnston married Miss Fanny Tracy, a native of Morris, Conn., and a sister of George Tracy, a contractor of Waterbury, in whose sketch will be found a history of her family. Mrs. Johnston received a good high-school education, and for seventeen years successfully engaged in teaching in Watertown, Litchfield, Wolcott, Thomaston and Middlebury, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Daisy Edith, March 28, 1884; Bella M., July 31, 1886; William F., April 30, 1889; and Archibald L., May 11, 1892. The family attend the Episcopal Church, and are quite prominent socially in the community where they reside.

Politically Mr. Johnston is not identified with any particular party, but casts his ballot for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F.; the Knights of Pythias; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Independent Order of Foresters; and the Improved Order of Red Men. He has traveled extensively in Europe and America, and has become, as every traveler should, a man of broad mind and liberal views. He is generous, progressive and charitable, and is very popular with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

TIMOTHY O'ROURKE, proprietor of a popular grocery and grain and feed business in Waterbury, is a native of Ireland, born in 1850 in County Kerry, son of John and Honora (McEllegott) O'Rourke, both also natives of County Kerry.

John O'Rourke came with his family to the United States, settling in Waterbury, where he was employed in a button shop; he died in 1895. His wife passed away in 1898. They were the parents of six children: Timothy is the eldest; Joanna is the wife of John McCarty, of Waterbury; Elizabeth, the wife of Eugene Lynch, died in Waterbury; Honora is the wife of Michael Sheehan, of Waterbury; John lives in Bridgeport, where he

follows the business of collector; and William died in New York.

Timothy O'Rourke received his education in his native land, and at the age of seventeen came to America, settling in Waterbury, where he has ever since made his home. For a time he worked for Brown Bros., also for Benedict & Burnham, and later in the clock-case shops. In 1875 he embarked in his present grocery and liquor business on Scovill street, to which he in 1892 added grain and feed, and has been most deservedly successful. He is wholesale agent for the New England Brewing Co. for the Naugatuck valley, and has been one of the directors of same since April 1, 1901. In 1878 he built a brick block on Scovill street, and in 1888 another brick block on that street. He has made all he possesses by hard work, coupled with sound judgment and good management.

In 1871 Mr. O'Rourke married Ellen Allman, a native of Ireland, and ten children have been born to them, five of whom are yet living: James, Norean, Timothy, Ellen and Josephine. The family attend the services of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury. Socially Mr. O'Rourke is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Heptasophs, the Foresters of America and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as councilman, also as alderman of the Fifth ward, and at the present time is a member of the town committee.

NICHOLAS JENKINS, former assistant superintendent and designer for the Holmes, Booth & Haydens Mfg. Co., Waterbury, was born on the Atlantic ocean between the years 1835 and 1840, while his parents were on their way to this country.

Richard Jenkins, his father, born in England, was a blacksmith by trade, also a veterinary surgeon. On arriving in the United States, he came to Buffalo, N. Y., and was there employed by the Ohio Stage Co., and then went to Ontario to work for the same company. He died about 1850, the father of seven children: Mary, the eldest, is the widow of Jacob Johnson, who was a tailor by trade, and she lives in Hamilton, Ontario; Jane, Joseph and William are deceased; two died in infancy; Nicholas, our subject, is the youngest, and the mother died about the time of his birth.

Nicholas Jenkins received his education in part in Buffalo, N. Y., in part in Niagara Falls, N. Y., and he also attended school in Hamilton, Ont., while with his sister. At the age of fifteen he commenced learning the cabinet-making trade, painting and decorating, etc., serving his apprenticeship in Hamilton and Buffalo. For two years he followed painting and decorating in Wattsburg, Pa., and then returned to Buffalo, and after considerable time passed in that city in his line of work he removed to New York City, where he was similarly employed for some time. He was also in Boston, Mass., and New Haven, Conn., where he exhibited

a machine he had invented for sinking molds in solid wood, for the making of door panels. This machine was known as the Jenkins Paneling Machine. He also invented tools to sink molds in marble; and invented a substitute for whale bone, which was made of braided wire. His paneling machine was exhibited at the Centennial Exposition in 1876 at Philadelphia, but unfortunately for Mr. Jenkins the invention did not prove a financial success to him. In 1879, while in New Haven, working at his inventions, the Holmes, Booth & Haydens Mfg. Co., sought his services and the right to manufacture his goods. Of the latter they made a failure, but Mr. Jenkins remained in their employ until January, 1901.

While living in Buffalo Mr. Jenkins married Miss M. J. Tucker, who died in New York City. Three children were born of this marriage, of whom two died in infancy; the other, L. B., married H. E. Brunt, had two children, and died in 1880. In 1870 Mr. Jenkins married Fannie C. Doane, of Boston, Mass. They attend the services of the Congregational Church. Socially he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of the New England Order of Protection, and other beneficiary societies; in politics he is independent.

JOHN MERRIAM PAGE comes of a family of English descent. His grandfather, Benjamin Page, was born in North Branford, New Haven county, and was a farmer by occupation. His family consisted of four children, Esther, Lois, Benjamin (father of John M.) and Daniel. Esther married Augustus Rogers, a young farmer of the town in which she had been born and grown to womanhood, and after her death he married her sister Lois. Daniel, who was also a farmer, died while yet a young man.

Benjamin Page (2), the father of John M., was also born in North Branford. He married Sarah E. Merriam, of Meriden, and they became the parents of five children: (1) John M. is mentioned below. (2) Charles is a Congregational minister, residing in North Branford, where he wields a strong political influence. (3) Benjamin is one of the prominent and influential citizens of Meriden, where he carries on an insurance business. He has been mayor of the city, and has represented his district in the Legislature. (4) Martha married T. A. Smith, a successful merchant and farmer of Northford. (5) Robert, who has never married, lives in the old homestead. Benjamin Page (2), the father, inherited the old homestead and engaged in farming. He was a man who commanded respect alike by the force of his intellect and the sturdy integrity of his character. He was a Democrat in politics, and for many years filled various local offices, among them those of town clerk, town treasurer and justice of the peace.

John M. Page was born Feb. 14, 1838, in North Branford. His attendance at the district school

was supplemented by a year's training in Meriden, and at the age of seventeen he was apprenticed to the timber's trade, at Northford. After becoming a journeyman he worked there, as well as at Clinton and at Newark, N. J. In 1874 he settled at Naugatuck, where he purchased a general hardware and tinware business. To its management he brought keen perception and deep penetration, untiring industry and practical knowledge, a laudable ambition and the faculty of giving close attention to every detail. He has prospered greatly, his success being the natural outcome of his own efforts. The business, now conducted by the firm of John M. Page & Co., is located in the building in Church street, and in addition to the general hardware business they do plumbing, besides contracting for the installation of steam, hot-air and hot-water heating apparatus and plants. They also manufacture tin, sheet iron, brass and copper ware.

Forty-one years ago Mr. Page married Miss Carrie C. Cook, a daughter of Leverett Cook, of Wallingford. The only child born of the union died in infancy. After the death of his first wife Mr. Page married Rebecca, daughter of Harry Williams, also of Wallingford. They had four daughters: Carrie C., who married Horace E. Baldwin, of Naugatuck; Nellie M., who became the wife of W. P. Clark, formerly of Prospect, but now of Naugatuck; Leafie B., now Mrs. W. H. Miner, of the same town; and Mattie R., who was united to Frank Squires, of Naugatuck. After the death of Mrs. Rebecca Page our subject married Miss Sarah C. Williams, of Meriden, whose father, Henry Williams, was a citizen of Wallingford.

Mr. Page is a Democrat, and has been repeatedly the successful candidate of his party for various important offices. For more than a decade he was town treasurer, in 1898 he was chosen a member of the Legislature, to which he was re-elected in 1900. For nearly twenty years he has been senior warden of St. Michael's Episcopal parish. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliating with Corinthian Lodge, No. 103, A. F. & A. M.; Allerton Chapter, No. 39, R. A. M.; Waterbury Council, No. 21, R. & S. M.; Clark Commandery, No. 7, K. T.; Doric Lodge of Perfection, No. 14, A. & A. S. R.; Ionic Council, No. 16, P. of J., A. & A. S. R.; Lafayette Sovereign Consistory (32d degree), A. & A. S. R.; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Evergreen Chapter, No. 22, O. E. S.; and Court No. 2, Order of the Amaranth.

REV. FRANKLIN COUNTRYMAN. Only the history of the good and great comes down to us through the ages. The true religion has been the strongest influence known to man through all time, while the many false doctrines that have sprung up have flourished only for a day and then vanished. More potent at the present time than at any period in the world's history are the work and influence of Christianity, and among those who are devoting



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their lives to its inculcation among men is Mr. Countryman, the honored pastor of the Congregational Church of North Branford.

The Countryman (or Landmann) family was founded in America by three brothers, who emigrated from Germany in 1710 or 1711, and took up land in the Mohawk Valley, New York. From Conrad, one of these brothers, our subject traces his descent. He secured a tract of land near that of his brothers, and while clearing the same for farm purposes, he also engaged in hunting. His son, Jacob Countryman, born, probably, 1732, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war in Col. Clyde's regiment of the line, under the immediate command of Capt. Diefendorf, and took part in various engagements. The next in direct descent was Nicholas Countryman, who was born in 1762 or 1763, and died in 1837. He first married Christina Outhout, who died in 1824, aged sixty years. His second wife, Charity Petten, survived him several years. One son by the first union, Nicholas Countryman (2), was born in Stark, Herkimer Co., N. Y., in 1800, and was the youngest of the family. He resided in his native county for many years and followed stone cutting or the mason's trade. He died in Montgomery county, N. Y., in 1873. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Betsy Ann C. Eckler, was also born in Stark, Herkimer Co., N. Y., in 1799, and died in 1881. Her grandfather, Capt. Henry Eckler, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and attained considerable local distinction as an Indian fighter. Her father, Jacob Eckler, was once carried away by the red men, and had his ears pierced by them. In Minden, N. Y., he married a Miss Fetterly, and died in 1800, at about the age of ninety-five years. The children born to Nicholas and Betsy Ann (Eckler) Countryman were as follows: Jacob, deceased; Mary, widow of Dewitt C. Richardson, of Michigan; Lydia, who died at the age of twenty years; Caroline, who married John Cronkhite, deceased; Nicholas, father of our subject; Asa, a retired minister, who has had charges in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Illinois and New Mexico; Levi, who went to California in the early 'fifties, and has not since been heard from; Alfred, a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Paul, a resident of Michigan; Elizabeth, who married G. P. Cummings, and resides in Iowa; and Eliza, who married Alonzo Saunders.

Nicholas Countryman (3), the father of our subject, was born in the town of Stark, Herkimer Co., N. Y., Oct. 25, 1825, and is now a resident of New Haven. Throughout his active business life he was a contractor and builder, and erected many of the finest buildings in that city, including the city hall, St. Thomas' Church, St. John's Roman Catholic Church and the Church of the Sacred Heart. He was also part owner of a planing mill for many years, but is now living retired from active labor. In his political views he is a Democrat, and has served as alderman from his ward and as a mem-

ber of the board of selectmen. For many years he has been an active and prominent member of the Howard Avenue Congregational Church, and is a man highly respected by all who know him. In 1848 he was married, in this State, to Louisa Hine, who was born May 30, 1825, a daughter of Hezekiah and Abigail (Talmadge) Hine. By this union were born seven children, namely: Franklin, our subject; W. A., who was employed on the *Hartford Evening Post*, and was president of the board of councilmen of that city, and now has a position in the Census Bureau at Washington, D. C.; Charles, a carpenter and joiner of New Haven; Edwin, who is engaged in the same business in that city; Louisa, wife of E. H. Wight, of New Rochelle, N. Y.; Robert E., also a carpenter of New Haven; and Stella, who died in infancy.

Franklin Countryman, whose name introduces this review, was born in New Haven Sept. 23, 1849, and between the ages of nine and thirteen years attended the Lovell school of that city, after which he was a student in the Hopkins Grammar school for four years. In 1866 he entered Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1870. Among his associates there who have attained particular prominence may be named: J. G. K. McClure, formerly president of Lake Forest University; Roderick Terry, D. D., pastor of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, New York City; E. S. Dana, a professor at Yale; and Dr. W. H. Welch, of Johns Hopkins University. The year following his graduation Mr. Countryman taught in the academy at Clinton, Conn., and then entered the Yale Divinity School, completing the course in 1874. His first charge was at Prospect, Conn., where he remained three years. The following two years were spent at Georgetown, Conn., and in 1882 he became pastor of the North Branford Congregational Church, with which he is still connected.

In 1870 Mr. Countryman wedded Miss Mary I. Pickett, a daughter of Judge Pickett, of New Haven. She died in 1877, and in 1880 he married Miss Ella S. Butricks, a daughter of G. H. Butricks, deceased, formerly a druggist of New Haven. He has one child, Ella May, who was born Nov. 9, 1882, and has attended school in New Haven. Although he is somewhat independent in his political views, Mr. Countryman usually supports the Republican party. Fraternally he is a member of the Grange (being at present chaplain of the State Grange); the Sons of the American Revolution; Corinthian Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M., of Northford; Pulaski Chapter, No. 26, R. A. M., of Fair Haven; and Crawford Council, No. 19, R. & S. M., also of Fair Haven. He is a director of the Missionary Society of Connecticut. Broad in his views and sympathies, a friend of the poor and oppressed, ever ready with helpful counsel for the perplexed or sorrowful, he has a wide field of labor, and well does he discharge its arduous and sacred duties.

GEORGE A. BASSETT is a prominent contractor and builder of Hamden, of whose skill many notable examples are to be seen in various parts of the county. Thoroughly reliable in all things, the quality of his work is a convincing test of his own personal worth. He was born in the town of Hamden Sept. 21, 1843, and there he continued to reside until his marriage, when he removed to the farm upon which he now lives. At the age of eighteen he commenced working at the carpenter's trade, but after following it for two years he turned his attention to the dairy business, which occupied his time for the following ten years. Since then he has engaged in contracting and building, and has erected some of the best houses in East Haven, Woodbridge, North Haven, Hamden and other surrounding towns. He also owns and operates a good farm of fifty acres, and in all his undertakings he has been quite successful.

On Oct. 12, 1865, Mr. Bassett was united in marriage with Miss Evelena M. Goodyear, a daughter of Leverett F. Goodyear, of New Haven, and to them have been born three children. Louis L., a resident of Centerville, Hamden, Conn., who is engaged in drilling and sinking artesian wells; Dora A., wife of W. Johnson, of New Haven, Conn.; and Charles J., who is engaged in contracting and building with his father. The political support of Mr. Bassett and also of his sons is always given the men and measures of the Republican party, but he has never sought nor desired official honors, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his business interests. Fraternally he is a member of Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., of Hamden. He is a worthy representative of that class of citizens who lead quiet, industrious, honest and useful lives, and constitute the best portion of a community.

HENRY HULL TODD is prominently identified with the business interests of New Haven, Conn., as a manufacturer of custom-made corsets, his business being located at Nos. 282 and 284 York street, in this city, and is one of the largest and most prosperous, in its line, in this locality.

The birth of Henry H. Todd occurred in Stamford, Conn., Sept. 2, 1856, the family having been a prominent one in Connecticut through several generations. Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, the honored grandfather of Henry H., was born in Cheshire, Conn., and later in life became the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, in Stamford, Conn., where for forty years he ministered to a devoted congregation, and was one of the best known clergymen in Fairfield county.

Charles Jarvis Todd, the son of Rev. Ambrose, and the father of Henry H. Todd, was born in Stamford, Conn., in 1833. During the Civil war he filled the position of pay-master in the Union navy, and was connected with the vessel of which the gallant William B. Cushing was the captain.

After the close of the war Mr. Todd became connected with a wholesale tea and coffee establishment in New York, from 1884 to 1894, residing in New Haven, Conn., although continuing his connection with the same business in New York City. He married Emily M., the estimable and much beloved daughter of William L. Holly, and she died in 1894. The three children born of this marriage were: Henry H., Robert W. and Clara M. Mr. Todd was identified with the Republican party, and a leading and consistent member of the Episcopal Church.

Henry H. Todd spent his boyhood days in Stamford, and attended the public schools and also the Episcopal school connected with St. John's Church in that city. He began his business career in connection with the tea and coffee business of a wholesale house, in this line, in New York City, continuing with the same firm for five years, after which he returned to Stamford, and for one year was connected with the National Bank, of that city. Mr. Todd also engaged in hotel keeping, in Rockford, Ill., for a time, coming to New Haven in 1884. For three years he was connected with the mechanical department of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., and then entered the employ of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., remaining here for the following nine years. In 1896 Mr. Todd embarked in his present enterprise, which is the manufacturing of custom-made corsets, and into this has put energy and business experience, with the result that he has become a leader in this line.

On June 27, 1897, Mr. Todd was united in marriage with Mrs. Jennie M. Reed, a daughter of R. R. Walker, of Morenci, Mich. In his political sympathy Mr. Todd has been a life-long Republican. Fraternally he is prominent in the O. U. A. M., Pioneer Council; Harmony Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.; Olive Branch, No. 84, F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter, No. 26, Royal Arch Masons; Crawford Council, No. 19, Royal Select Masters; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; and Pyramid Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Bridgeport, being one of the best known men in fraternal circles in this part of the State. For a long period Mr. Todd has been a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

ERWIN TURNBULL, for thirty years the efficient foreman of the rim-fire department of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., was born in New Haven Dec. 18, 1858, a son of William C. Turnbull, who was born in Canada.

William C. Turnbull was bound out very early in life to learn the carriage blacksmith trade in Canada, and this was his occupation through life. He ran away from home and came to Boston, when he was yet too young to retain much knowledge of his father's family or of his ancestral history. After several years spent in Boston he went to Newark, N. J., where he met and married Jane M.

Beach, born in Hanover, N. J., in 1832, a daughter of Stephen and Jemima M. (Beach) Beach, who were cousins, and both natives of Hanover, the former born in 1799, a son of Peter Beach, and the latter in 1802, a daughter of Noah Beach. Peter and Noah Beach were sons of Stephen and grandsons of Noah Beach. Stephen Beach, father of Mrs. Turnbull, was a mason, but his progenitors were all farmers as far back as the annals of the family run. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. William C. Turnbull came to New Haven, where they lived until his death, Nov. 7, 1895, at the age of seventy-five. His widow is still living. Ten children were born of their union: William H., Edwin (1), Emma L., Edwin (2), Erwin B., Anna E., George R., Jennie H., Florence E. and Ida (who died as an infant). In politics Mr. Turnbull was a Republican, and in religion a Congregationalist.

Erwin B. Turnbull was reared to manhood in New Haven, where he attended the Webster School until he was thirteen years old. In 1872 he entered the employ of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. and was assigned to the rim-fire priming department, where his natural aptitude and reliable character soon pushed him to the front. For thirty years he has been foreman of that department, and is regarded as one of the ablest and most reliable employees of the company.

On Oct. 11, 1882, Mr. Turnbull was married to Mary J. Miller, a resident of New Haven, but a native of Scotland, and a daughter of John Miller. She died Dec. 24, 1891, the mother of one child, Mary J., who died in infancy. Politically Mr. Turnbull is a Republican; and fraternally he belongs to Trumbull Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A. M., the American Mechanics and the A. O. U. W. He is also a member of Excelsior Lodge, Winchester Order of Good Fellows.

MRS. JOSEPHINE C. MIN is among the old residents of West Haven, where she resides in the Domkee homestead, at No. 240 Main street. She is of German-American descent, her father, Martin Domkee, having been born in Prussia, Germany, and her mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Bradley, in Middlebury, New Haven Co., Connecticut.

Martin Domkee came to America when a boy, and settled in West Haven, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1869. For many years he worked as a stevedore, but in later life was employed on his farm. His wife, a consistent member of the Congregational Church, entered into rest in April, 1864. They were the parents of twelve children, seven of whom are yet living in West Haven: Charlotte, who married James Pitkin; Mary J., Mrs. Sherlock H. Bishop; Maria, Mrs. George Wheeler; George R.; Josephine C., our subject; Sarah H., Mrs. Leonard Pardee; and Anna, who married Albert Loomis.

On Sept. 10, 1874, Josephine C. Domkee was united in marriage to Edward Mix, who died June 16, 1892, at the age of seventy-six years. He was for many years a prosperous grocer of New Haven, but having, through industry, good management and integrity, accumulated a competence, he retired from active business and settled in West Haven, where, in addition to his own residence, he erected three houses on Martin street, which he owned and rented up to the time of his death. He was a man universally respected and beloved, and prominent in town affairs. A man of sincere piety, for many years he was an active member and a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church of West Haven, whose house of worship he aided in building, and toward its support contributed liberally, as well as to all deserving charities. Mrs. Mix is a member of the same church, earnest and devoted in promoting its work; she is president of the Ladies Aid Society connected therewith.

ALBERT F. SCHROEDER, superintendent of the F. L. Gaylord Co., of Ansonia, was born in Germany June 22, 1857, a son of Bernhard Schroeder, who was also a native of Germany, where the family has long been native to the soil.

Bernhard Schroeder was a shoemaker, and came to America in 1868. He was quite successful in his business dealings, and accumulated a very fair fortune. His death occurred in 1887 when he had reached his fifty-eighth year. He was interested in local politics, and belonged to several German orders. Marie Karnbach, his wife, was born in Germany, and became the mother of seven children, three of whom are living: Albert F.; Louise, who married Joseph Kramp, of New Haven; Bernhard, who is living in Ansonia. The mother died in Germany at the age of forty years. Both parents were members of the Lutheran Church.

Albert F. Schroeder spent the first twelve years of his life in Germany, and then accompanied his father to this country. In the schools of his native community he had the beginnings of a very fair education, which was increased by study and observation of life under the changed conditions of the new world. When he was fourteen years of age he began learning the trade of molding, which he pursued until he became an expert workman in the house where he is still employed. As a journeyman molder he worked for houses in Brooklyn and in New York, and then in Shelton for two years. After this he came to Ansonia, to take a place as a foreman in the present factory, and for twenty-seven years has been connected with this company. Mr. Schroeder has charge of the entire output of this establishment, which includes all varieties of brass castings. He hires the men, buys stock, and receives all the orders from the trade. In the foundry department of the factory are employed fifteen men in the making of fine goods, silver plating and filling a vast variety of orders from a custom trade.

that is very widely extended. Mr. Schroeder has been married three times. In 1880 he married Miss Anna Ulrich, who was born in Germany, a daughter of William and Caroline (Müller) Ulrich. William Ulrich came to America and located in Ansonia, where he died at the age of fifty-eight years; his wife, also a native of Germany, was one of four children, and is still living. In their family were three children, Oswald, Anna (Mrs. Schroeder) and Otto. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder: William, Albert, Marie and Louisa. Mrs. Anna Schroeder died in 1892 at the early age of thirty-five years. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and is remembered as a lady of more than the usual character and ability. Miss Marie Schroeder is a fine musician, and displays wonderful talent in music; her education is largely in the cultivation of this precious endowment. For his second wife Mr. Schroeder wedded Miss Anna Lenhard, who was born in Germany, a daughter of John Lenhard, a tailor who came to Derby and followed his trade for many years, later moving to Brooklyn, where he died. Mrs. Anna (Lenhard) Schroeder died at the early age of thirty-eight years. She was a faithful member of the Episcopal Church. Miss Anna Neumann became Mr. Schroeder's third wife.

Politically Mr. Schroeder is a Republican; socially he is a member of the Fraternal Order of Connecticut, and of the German order, "Harugari," where he has held all the offices in turn. He is secretary and treasurer of the German Ulk Club, of which he was at one time president; and he is a director of the German Hall Company. In religious connection he attends the Episcopal Church. His comfortable home was erected by him some time ago.

THEODORE J. WARNER, a well-known citizen of West Haven, residing at Savin Rock, was born May 14, 1862, in Hamden, this county, and belongs to one of the pioneer families of that town.

Minor Warner, his grandfather, was a native of Hamden, became a prominent agriculturist there, and died aged seventy years. His first wife, our subject's grandmother, died in early womanhood, leaving seven children, of whom five are still living: Charles, our subject's father; Robert, who resides at Pond Hill, Wallingford; Mariette, Mrs. Stone, of Holyoke, Mass.; Hulda, wife of Belson Munson, of Hamden; and Betsy, who married Frederick Mix, of Hamden.

Charles Warner was born April 25, 1832, in Hamden, where he was reared, receiving a common-school education. He followed farming there for a time, and later spent five years in farming at Chicopee Falls, Mass., and five years at Pelham, Mass. On selling his property at the latter place, in 1873, he located in the town of Orange, where he still resides. In 1894 he purchased one hundred acres of the Clark farm, on Oyster river, for a

homestead. He married Miss Mary A. Oviatt, a native of Watertown, and daughter of Joseph and Charlotte (Johnson) Oviatt. Of their nine children two are living, Theodore J. and Grace, the latter residing at home. The mother died Jan. 21, 1890, aged forty-eight. Mr. Warner attended the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Warner attended the M. E. Church.

Theodore J. Warner remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-five, and while completing a district-school course learned lessons in business management under his father's directions. At the age of thirteen he began driving a milk wagon in West Haven for his father, and he afterward engaged in this business on his own account, having purchased it Nov. 16, 1887. He carried it on until Nov. 1, 1890, when he sold the business. It was the oldest milk business in that section, and during the twenty-five years in which Mr. Warner was connected with it the trade increased constantly, about 600 quarts of milk being handled daily, all of which was purchased, although he formerly kept a number of cows. Our subject buys and sells wood, hay and stone, and owned a quarry from which he sold stone to contractors. He also does a general contracting business. The wood, in which he deals extensively, is shipped on the railroad to different points.

On Jan. 20, 1886, Mr. Warner married Miss Julia Wilkinson, daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Betts) Wilkinson, of Cobalt, Conn. They have had two children: Arthur, who survives; and George Clayton, who died aged six months. Politically Mr. Warner is an independent, with Democratic tendencies, and he does not aspire to official honors, although his high standing as a man of sound judgment would make him a popular candidate. He was one of the first members of the A. O. U. W. in West Haven, and is still actively interested in the work of that organization.

WILLIAM JOHN HODGETTS, a well-known paper box manufacturer in Wallingford, has achieved a good name in his line, and from a very modest beginning has built up a fine business, especially in the line of plain and fancy boxes and cases. Mr. Hodgetts cut his first boxes for local patrons with a jackknife and a straight edge. Today his box factory, on Academy street, in the rear of his very attractive residence, contains all the modern steam-power machinery needed for the economical and quick dispatch of his business, and gives work to fifteen hands. Mr. Hodgetts may well congratulate himself upon this wonderful progress.

Mr. Hodgetts was born June 17, 1846, in Birmingham, England, where his father, John Hodgetts, was also born and reared. John Hodgetts became a silversmith, and in 1876, emigrating to the United States, found work at his trade with the Simpson, Hall & Miller Co. He married Eliz-



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abeth Winspur, who was born in Birmingham, and they had five children: William J.; Joseph H., a silversmith in Wallingford; George, also a silversmith in Wallingford; Samuel, a painter in New York; and Alice, wife of Charles Chancer, of Meriden, Connecticut.

William J. Hodgetts acquired his education in his native city, and early in life applied himself to moldmaking. When he had mastered this trade he turned to the making of Britannia ware, in which work he was engaged until coming to this country, in 1866. He made his way directly to Wallingford, and was given employment in the factory of the Simpson, Hall & Miller Co., with whom he remained twenty-five years. He very soon rose to the position of inspector of goods. In 1878 he began the making of boxes, which was at first managed by his wife, but the business grew to such an extent that in 1891 Mr. Hodgetts gave up his position with the Simpson, Hall & Miller Co. and has since given his entire attention to the box factory. He is a man of genial disposition, and has a host of friends who admire his manly character and exemplary business methods. Temperate in his habits, and upright in his dealings with the world, he is much respected in his community, and is regarded as one of the most valued citizens of the borough.

In 1867 Mr. Hodgetts married, at Newark, Miss Sarah Hobson, who was born in Birmingham, England, a daughter of Edwin Hobson, one of the prominent men of Wallingford. To this union have come six children: Harold William, a die sinker and moldmaker; Eva A., a forewoman in her father's factory; Effie, a trained nurse; and Edwin, Nellie and Bessie, who are in school. Mr. Hodgetts is a Republican, and an active worker for the party. He belongs to the Blue Lodge, Compass Lodge, F. & A. M. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

CHARLES EMIL SCHUNACK, one of the rising young manufacturers of Meriden, was born in the city of Spremberg, Germany, Nov. 15, 1850, son of Gustav Schunack, a native of the same community, who was a manufacturer of woolen cloth. In Spremberg Gustav Schunack married Louisa Lange, by whom he had two children, Charles Emil and Emmy. Gustav Schunack and his family left the old country in 1873, and came to the United States, locating at Webster, Mass., where he spent a year in the woolen trade. He then came to Meriden, where the remainder of his life was spent, and he died in 1889 and was buried in the West cemetery, Meriden. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion liberal and broad-minded in his views. His widow is still living, and is cared for in the home of her son Charles E. She is a devout Christian woman, faithful and loving in her duties as a wife and mother.

Charles Emil Schunack attended the schools of

his native town. He was thirteen years old when he left Spremberg with his parents to make his home in America, and at Webster, Mass., went into the mills, so that he has had no schooling save that of work and experience since his arrival in this State. In 1874 he came to Meriden, and for some five years worked in the bronze department of the Meriden Malleable Iron Works. For the following five years he was connected with the bronze department of the factory of Hart, Bliven & Mead, at Kensington, Conn., as a contractor. When this period had expired he came back to Meriden, and took a place with the Charles Parker Co., in the lamp department of its extensive factories. For nineteen years he has had charge of this department.

Mr. Schunack began business for himself as a box manufacturer in 1891, locating on Randolph avenue, and beginning in the most modest fashion. He attended strictly to his trade, and it has steadily increased, demanding enlarged facilities and improved machinery, until he now has a plant that is about as complete as any to be found anywhere in the State. Here he makes a vast variety of paper boxes, as well as plush, chamois and leather cases for silverware, and employment is given to more than seventy people, the products selling in remote parts of the country, as well as at home. Our subject's only sister, Miss Emmy, has charge of this branch of his business; she is a lady of much business ability, thoroughly understanding the work, and very popular. Mr. Schunack is a progressive and enterprising citizen, wide-awake and vigorous, energetic with his work, and anxious to give perfect satisfaction to every customer.

Mr. Schunack belongs to the A. F. & A. M., being controlled in Meridian Lodge, No. 77; to Pilgrim Harbor Council, Royal Arcanum; and to the Invincibles of Meriden. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as a member of the city council in Meriden for two years. He and his wife find their religious home at the Congregational Church. Mr. Schunack was married in Kensington, Hartford Co., Conn., to Miss Rhoda Baldwin, a lady of much refinement, and they have two children, Mildred and Elsie. Our subject and his wife are excellent people and command the respect and confidence of the community to a very marked degree.

MICHAEL D. RUSSELL, comptroller of the city of Waterbury, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1865, and is a son of John and Catherine (Dwyer) Russell, the former of whom is an extensive farmer and both of whom still have their home in County Tipperary. To their marriage were born twelve children, nine of whom are still living, viz.: William, a doctor of medicine; Helen, a widow; Thomas, farming the old homestead; Michael D., the subject of this sketch; Katie, single; John, a Catholic clergyman in England; Mary, a Sister of Mercy in Dublin; Matthew, a physician

and surgeon in Dublin Hospital; and James, a theological student.

Michael D. Russell is the only one of the above named family to come to America. His boyhood was passed on the home farm, and his preliminary education was acquired at a National school, but this was supplemented by a course of study in a classical school and also at an academy, the original design being to prepare him for a profession; but when he had attained his eighteenth year he was seized with a desire to cross the ocean, and accordingly, in the spring of 1883, he sailed for America, and shortly afterward reached Waterbury, Conn., where for a year and a half he worked in the factories and then engaged in business on Washington street, which he continued with marked success until 1899.

In 1889 Mr. Russell was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Hayden, a daughter of James Hayden, of Waterbury, and this union has been blessed with four children, John, William, James and Elizabeth, of whom three are living, James having died when he attained the age of three years. The family are all adherents of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Russell is a Democrat, is very popular with his party and influential in its councils. He has served as alderman from the Fourth ward one full term and part of another (filling out an unexpired term), in all three years. He was elected a delegate to the State convention which nominated Daniel L. Morgan for governor, and took a very active part in the succeeding canvass. In October, 1899, he was elected comptroller of the city of Waterbury, and re-elected in October, 1901. In his fraternal relations he has been treasurer of the Foresters of America since their organization, and he is also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Russell is deserving of great credit for the masterly manner in which he has managed his business affairs, and his great success is due solely to his own shrewdness, and close attention to his affairs. He has invested largely in real estate, and is one of the heaviest tax payers in his ward, and he counts his friends by the hundreds, all of whom have been attracted to him through his many personal merits.

EDWARD A. IVES, an enterprising and successful agriculturist of North Branford, belongs to an old Colonial family which was founded in America by William Ives, who sailed from England on the "True Love" in 1635, at the age of twenty-eight years, and landed in Boston. Later he came to New Haven with the Davenport Colony in 1637-38, and joined in the Civil Compact in 1639. He died in New Haven about 1648, and his wife, Hannah, afterward married a Mr. Bassett. By the first union there were four children, namely: John, Joseph, Phoebe and Daniel. Of these, John Ives was baptized Dec. 29, 1644, and moved to Walling-

ford, Conn., about 1670. He married Hannah Meriman, and had one son, Joseph, from whom all the Iveses in Wallingford have descended.

The Ives family in Hamden, Conn., trace their ancestry back to Jonathan Ives, who was born March 14, 1716, a son of Samuel and Ruth Ives. He was married, Feb. 10, 1737, to Thankful Cooper, and they had eight children: Jeremiah, Joel, Jonathan, Ruth, Mary, Thankful, Allen and Phoebe. Of these, Jonathan Ives was born March 26, 1751, and made his home in Mt. Carmel, Conn. He married Sarah Bassett and had several children.

Mark Ives, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared in Hamden, where he later engaged in general farming throughout life. He married Saritta Dickerman, a native of the same town, who died at the age of eighty years, and he died at the age of eighty-two. Their children were George, a resident of Morris Cove, Conn.; Sarah, deceased wife of Charles Dickerman; Edgar, father of our subject; and Albert, who was killed by a team.

Edgar Ives was a native of Hamden, where he passed his boyhood and youth, and after attaining to man's estate he was employed in the shops of this county. He entered the Union service during the Civil war and was killed at Baton Rouge, La., in 1863. In his native town he was married, in 1857, to Miss Ellen Cook, who was born in Cheshire, Conn., and is now living in New Haven. They had two children: Edward A., our subject; and Franklin D., an employe in a rubber shop at New Haven.

Edward A. Ives was born in Hamden Feb. 18, 1860, and was given the advantages of a district-school education. When still quite young he went to Southington, where during the summer months he worked for neighboring farmers between the ages of eleven and fourteen years, while he attended school through the winter. Subsequently he was employed in a shoe shop for a short time. At the age of twenty-two he removed to Wallingford, and while there he learned the machinist's trade in the railroad shops at New Haven, which occupation he continued to follow in that city and Bridgeport, Conn., for about sixteen years. In 1896, owing to ill health, he located upon his father-in-law's farm of eighty acres in North Branford, and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. He also engages in the milk business and keeps for that purpose ten cows, besides young stock. He is progressive and public-spirited, and gives his support to the men and measures of the Republican party. Religiously he is an Episcopalian, and socially is a member of the United Workmen Lodge, No. 31, of New Haven.

In May, 1886, in Wallingford, Mr. Ives married Miss Carrie Ives, and they have one child, Mahal Saritta, born July 4, 1887. Mrs. Ives' great-grandparents were Ransom and Sarah Ives, the former of whom died Sept. 22, 1844, aged sixty-one years, the latter Feb. 15, 1844, aged sixty-two.

Their son, John Ives, the grandfather of our subject's wife, was born April 3, 1804, and died Dec. 20, 1886. He was married, Dec. 13, 1826, to Mariette Austin, who was born Oct. 30, 1803, and died June 8, 1883. In their family were two children: Sarah, born Nov. 18, 1827, married Amos Dickinson, and died July 26, 1876; and Henderson, born Jan. 2, 1831, now makes his home with our subject. He is a painter by trade, but is now living a retired life. On Jan. 6, 1859, he married Miss Cornelia Williams, who was born in Wallingford Oct. 18, 1836, and four children were born to them, namely: Carrie, born Aug. 10, 1860, is the wife of our subject; George, born Feb. 14, 1863, is a butcher of Wallingford; Charles, born Feb. 25, 1873, is a resident of New Haven; and Sarah, born Nov. 3, 1875, is the wife of Arthur Mansfield, of Lynn, Massachusetts.

JAMES D. CARROLL is one of the leading business citizens of New Haven, where, since 1887, he has been connected with the browning department in the Winchester Arms Co., as contractor, occupying a most responsible position.

Mr. Carroll was born in Monterey, Berkshire Co., Mass., Sept. 4, 1852, a son of Levi N. Carroll, a native of Herkimer county, New York.

Levi N. Carroll acquired his education in Massachusetts, and for some years he was a resident of Beartown, in that State. He married Mary Breckenridge, who was born in Massachusetts, where she died at the age of thirty-six years. His death occurred in Middlefield, Mass., at the age of sixty-six years. Their children were: Frances, who married William Ecker, and died in Missouri; and James Dwight, of this sketch.

James Dwight Carroll spent his early school days at Beartown, Mass., being obliged to walk a distance of four miles each way. At the age of eleven years he found himself obliged to look after himself, and went to work in Monterey for John D. Bidwell, also having the privilege of going to school. Then he went to live with his uncle, James Breckenridge, and worked in Jerusalem, Mass., for two years for \$65 and board, going to school during the winters, and then went back to his father and attended the old Stockbridge Academy. Mr. Carroll's next work was under Lucien Moore, who drove the stage from Tyringham to Lee, but after eight months our subject went to Strickland, Ill., where his sister lived, and accompanied them soon after to the West in order to look up some government land. James stopped at Walnut Creek, Iowa, and went to work in a saw and grist mill, where he remained for one year, going then to Kenyon Grove in the same State, and carried on a butchering business there for the succeeding year. Mr. Carroll decided then to see something more of the country, and with a team he made his way to the Cherokee Nation, in Indian Territory, going from there, with his team, to Arkansas, where he worked

on the railroad. In the following spring he started East, stopping in Page county, Iowa, where he bought a forty-acre farm, which property he still owns.

After his return to South Lee, Mass., he was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Cordonnier, of Chatham, N. Y., who was born in Paris, France. After this event Mr. Carroll went to Ilion, N. Y., where he entered into the employ of E. Remington & Sons Co., and continued with them until March, 1875, when he moved to Frankfort, N. Y., buying there four lots and building houses upon them. Until 1886 he continued with the Remingtons as a contractor. In 1887 Mr. Carroll came to New Haven, Conn., as a contractor in the browning department of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., employing from ten to fifteen men. Mr. Carroll has a secret process of browning that requires but four men to do what it formerly needed ten to accomplish. Every time the weather changes Mr. Carroll changes his chemicals, and thus his work is constantly an experiment. Ever since he has been in New Haven Mr. Carroll has resided on Henry street. Fraternally he is connected with a number of orders. While living at Frankfort he became a member of the order of Knights of Pythias, joining Mohawk Lodge, No. 226. He also belongs to Olive Branch Lodge, No. 84, F. & A. M., and Franklin Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. One son has blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, James Levi, born Feb. 11, 1888. Mr. Carroll is a thorough business man and possesses a knowledge of his special line quite different from others who engage in it. His secret process has proved successful and may lead to future improvements.

CAPT. EDGAR J. HARDY, of the steamship "Chester W. Chapin," was born in Fair Haven, New Haven county, Aug. 23, 1864. His father, John A. Hardy, was born on Staten Island, and was a son of John Hardy, also of Staten Island, where the founder of the family located when he came from England to America. The grandfather died in Jersey City at the age of ninety-eight years, and of the numerous children born him four are still living, all residents of New Jersey with the exception of the father of our subject, who is living retired in New Haven. The grandmother died when comparatively a young woman. Both she and husband were faithful members of the Episcopal Church.

John A. Hardy, the father of our subject, was reared on Staten Island, and while still a lad began making trips on an oyster sloop, gradually rising until he became captain of a vessel that sailed from New York to the West Indies, in the fruit business. This was his occupation for forty-five years, and he became well known in many ports and was highly regarded in shipping circles. His life is now one of ease, as he lives retired in New Haven. Mr. Hardy married Georgiana Hayden, who

was born in Westbrook, Conn., daughter of John Hayden, a boat-builder there. She was one of five children, viz.: Georgiana; Edgar, deceased; Nellie, deceased; Myrtle, who married Charles Hill, and died in Clinton; and Theodore, who died in Florida. Four children were born to the parents of our subject, namely: Addie, who married John Brand, in New Bedford; Aaron, who resides in New York; Edgar J., our subject; and Georgia, who married T. Sherman Foote, of Providence, R. I. The parents are members of the Congregational Church.

Edgar J. Hardy spent his early years in Fair Haven and attended the Woolsey school. His natural inclination was toward a life on the water, and he began his career on a sailing vessel, the "C. I. Vannam," of New Haven. In this position he continued but a short time, being rapidly promoted and soon became mate, and he coasted with his vessel to the West Indies. In 1883 he entered the employ of the New Haven Steamboat Co., as watchman on the boats, and filled all the positions up to captain, to which he was promoted Dec. 1, 1893. His first vessel was the steamer "C. H. Northam," and later he took charge of the steamer "Richard Peck," and subsequently of the steamer "Chester W. Chapin," which is one of the finest boats on Long Island Sound. Capt. Hardy became very popular among travelers, his skill, care and seamanship being such as to inspire perfect confidence.

In 1897 Capt. Hardy was married to Miss Anna Pearsall, who was born in New York City, a daughter of Charles Pearsall, a successful dealer in fruit, and a granddaughter of John Pearsall, who was the first dealer to obtain a load of fruit by sailing vessel to New York. Mrs. Hardy's maternal grandfather was the first hatter on Broadway, New York City; his store was located at the corner of Broadway and Canal street. One child has been born to Capt. and Mrs. Hardy. Capt. Hardy is a member of the Union League Club; the Pequot Club and the Kings County (N. Y.) Club; the American Brotherhood of Pilots Association; and Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

WILLIAM EDWIN HUNTER comes of a family of English origin, the first of whom to emigrate to this country was Ebenezer Hunter, from whom the line of descent runs through Nathaniel, William, Solomon and Jethro D. to the gentleman whose name appears above.

Solomon Hunter, the grandfather of William E., a native of Sharon, Conn., married Anna Fowler, and four children were born to them, of whom Jethro D. was the second; Sarah married L. D. Benson; Ruby became Mrs. Horace Reynolds; and Mary married John McDonald.

Jethro D. Hunter was born in Sharon, Conn., and passed his life in farming. In 1873 he removed to Amenia Union, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where he died in 1880. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religion a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

He married Cynthia A., daughter of Lyman Chapman, a farmer of Sharon, and they became the parents of eight children: William E., Sarah A., Charles H., Ida A., Minnie, Horace R., Lorin B. and Ira. Charles, Minnie and Ira are deceased. Sarah married Frederick Morehouse, a liveryman of Sharon. Horace married Carrie Ramsey, and lives in Naugatuck. Lorin married Grace M. Odell, and lives in Amenia Union, N. Y. Ida is unmarried and lives at home.

William E. Hunter was born in Sharon, Conn., July 20, 1853. His boyhood was passed in hard work upon the farm, alternated with attendance at the district school winters, and he also had a private tutor. He accompanied his father to the new home in Dutchess county, and was for a time engaged in farming there, after which he conducted a grocery store in Winsted for a time, but in January, 1886, he returned to Connecticut, and took up his residence in Naugatuck. There he has ever since made agriculture his vocation, and he has met with signal and well-merited success. Possessed of a fine physique, his mental powers are also of no mean order, and have been well trained, he having been a teacher in both Connecticut and New York States. Mr. Hunter owns a farm of 340 acres, and rents 225 additional acres. Both farms show the result of his intelligent, constant supervision. On his rented farm he cultivates hay, grain and other crops. Mr. Hunter always brings to the management of his affairs keen intelligence, quick perception, sound judgment and tireless industry. Old, dilapidated buildings have been remodeled, and new ones constructed after modern ideas, and Mr. Hunter himself is abundantly qualified to prepare the plans, estimate the cost and supervise the construction. It is this happy union of brains and brawn—a combination as valuable as rare that has made him the man of substance he is to-day. He has made a specialty of dairy farming, and his daily sales of milk at retail average about seven hundred quarts. He owns a large number of horses and cows. His home farm is situated at the summit of what is known as "Hunter's Hill," an eminence some five hundred feet above the level of surrounding country. From this point of vantage the view is one of surpassing loveliness. For miles in every direction may be seen highly cultivated, well improved farms, with the charming borough of Naugatuck in the foreground, and the bustling city of Waterbury only five miles distant. The smoke of many factories rises lazily and floats away, while the narrow stream of the river winds in and out, a silver thread among green pastures and board fields of nodding, golden grain.

Mr. Hunter is a member of the Second Advent Church, and socially he is a member of the Grange and of the Order of Heptasophis. He is independent in politics. He has been twice married, having chosen a wife each time from among the maidens of Dutchess county, N. Y., where he passed the



W. E. Wheeler. Mrs. L. C. Hunter.

years of his early manhood. His first bride was Adelia Thompson, to whom he was joined May 15, 1877. They had three children: Cora D., who married George P. Young, of Naugatuck; Herbert E.; and Katie W., deceased. On October 2, 1889, Mr. Hunter married Miss Alice E. Sincerbox, whose portrait accompanies his. This union has been blessed with four children: Ethel A., Raymond W., Hazel K. and Roy W. (deceased).

ELBERT W. CARTWRIGHT, a prominent farmer of Centerville, Hamden, was born in Sharon, this State, Jan. 12, 1857. His father, Watson Cartwright, a son of Anson and Mary (Smith) Cartwright, was also a native of Sharon, where he grew to manhood and engaged in farming for some years. There he married Miss Ammarillis Peck, a native of that town and a daughter of George W. Peck. In 1864 they removed to Cheshire, New Haven county, where the father engaged in farming for a year and a half, and in 1866 came to Hamden, where he purchased the Joseph A. Rogers farm of seventy acres near Centerville, and upon that place he successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until his death. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, but was never an office seeker. He died March 25, 1891, and his wife departed this life Feb. 28, 1899, the remains of both being interred in the Whitneyville cemetery.

Elbert W. Cartwright, the only child of this worthy couple, pursued his studies in the schools of Sharon and Hamden, and when his education was completed devoted his entire time and attention to the operation of the home farm, which he now owns. It is a valuable tract of seventy-five acres, under excellent cultivation and well improved. He is a thorough and systematic farmer, and has met with well-deserved success in his labors. He holds membership in the Mount Carmel Congregational Church, and in politics supports the men and measures of the Democratic party.

On Oct. 22, 1890, Mr. Cartwright was united in marriage with Miss Hattie B. Leek, a native of Hamden, and a daughter of Jeremiah B. and Catherine (Sanford) Leek. Three children blessed this union: Florence Peck, Ralph E. and Reba Sanford. The wife and mother entered into rest March 27, 1901, aged forty-two years and six months, and her remains were interred in the family lot in the Whitneyville cemetery. She, too, held membership in the Mount Carmel Congregational Church.

FREDERIC A. FINCH, the popular publisher of *The Branford Opinion*, is a native of Connecticut, born in Southington Jan. 25, 1868, a son of Dennis Porter and Sarah (Lamkin) Finch. In September, 1877, his parents moved to New Haven, and in the public schools of that city he obtained his education, graduating in 1884. When he started out in life for himself he began to learn the printer's trade in May, 1884, with Hoggson

& Robinson. The work proved congenial to him, and he rapidly mastered all the details. From 1888 until October, 1891, he was employed as pressman with O. A. Dorman, and then went to Lyme, Conn., where he was similarly employed on *The Sound Breeze*. On Jan. 18, 1892, he came to Branford and purchased *The Branford Opinion* on the 5th of the following April. He has met with much success in his chosen calling, and his paper has steadily improved in general makeup, as well as in its subscription lists.

On June 27, 1894, Mr. Finch was united in marriage with Edith A. Knapp, and one son, Donald Porter, born Aug. 8, 1899, has blessed this union. Politically Mr. Finch is a Republican, and has served as registrar of voters in Branford, 1899 to 1902. Socially he is a member of Woodland Lodge, No. 39, K. of P., and Montowese Lodge, N. E. O. P.

DR. EDWARD SEYMOUR MOULTON, a physician of New Haven, was born April 26, 1868, in New Bedford, Mass., but acquired his education in the public schools at Oberlin, Ohio, and the Grand River Institute of Austinburg, Ohio. He was graduated from Oberlin College in 1891, receiving the degree of A. B., and from the Yale Medical School in 1894, when the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by Oberlin. After hospital service in New York and travel in California and South America, he located at No. 223 York street, New Haven.

Dr. Moulton's father, Rev. Tyler Calvin Moulton, was born in Ascott, Canada, Jan. 26, 1826, a son of Calvin Moulton, Jr., and Adaline Hudson, the latter a daughter of Elisha Hudson, a soldier in the Revolution. Calvin Moulton, Jr., was a son of Calvin Moulton, Sr., and Ruth Blodgett, whose father was a Revolutionary soldier, and was born in Rutland, Vt., Nov. 11, 1797. Calvin Moulton, Sr., was born in Monson, Mass., in 1774. Dr. Moulton's paternal ancestors came to Massachusetts previous to 1650.

Rev. Tyler Calvin Moulton was a Unitarian clergyman, his pastorates having been at Austinburg and Franklin, Ohio, and New Bedford, Mass. He served in the war of the Rebellion as chaplain of the 3d Mass. Vol. Cav., and later became chaplain of the William Logan Rodman Post, No. 1, G. A. R., of New Bedford, Mass. He was known as an able speaker and writer. His death occurred Aug. 5, 1870. He married Susan A. Seymour, who was born in Otsego county, N. Y., in 1834, a daughter of Deacon Hart Seymour, and his wife, Mercy North, who was a daughter of Deacon Stephen North, and descendant of John North, one of the original proprietors of Farmington. Hart Seymour was the son of Deacon Jonathan Seymour and Abigail Hart, who were both born in New Britain, Conn. Jonathan Seymour was a soldier of the Revolution and a lieutenant in the Connecticut State Militia. Lieut. Elisha Savage, of Berlin, Conn.,

another great-grandfather of Dr. Moulton, was a Revolutionary soldier. The maternal ancestors of Dr. Moulton were among the earliest settlers of Connecticut, coming from Massachusetts to Hartford in 1635, settling there and in Farmington; the names of eight of these ancestors, Richard Seymour, Stephen Hart, Thomas Judd, John Steele, Governor Thomas Welles, Elder John White, John Wilcox and William Wadsworth, are recorded on the "Founders' Monument of Hartford."

Dr. Moulton was assistant in the medical clinic in Yale Medical School from 1895 to 1897, and in Gynaecology from 1897 to 1899. He belongs to the city, county and State Medical Societies (being clerk of the County Society), and to the New Haven Grays, and also to the patriotic order of the Sons of Veterans. He attends the Congregational Church.

On Feb. 28, 1868, Dr. Moulton was married to Fanchon Wilson, who was born in California, only daughter of James Thomas and Mary Stewart Smith. One son, James Seymour, born Feb. 7, 1899, in Zaruma, Ecuador, S. A., has brightened their home.

HON. DAVID WALTER PATTEN. The town of North Haven has the distinction of having within its borders some of the finest farms of New Haven county, and among these the one which bears the palm as a dairy farm is owned by D. Walter Patten, and is located in the eastern part of the town. This farm contains 225 acres, and has been in the possession of the Patten family for nearly forty years, being the original Pierrepont farm upon which the late Hon. Edwards Pierrepont, ex-minister to England, was born. David Patten, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Salem, New London county, Conn., where he became a farmer and a dealer in lumber for shipping.

Daniel A. Patten, son of David Patten, was also born in Salem, where he received a district-school education. After teaching there a number of years, in the meantime studying medicine, he went to New York and was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He first located for practice in Park Row, in that city, and later he removed to Baltimore, Md., where he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice for a number of years, when failing health caused him to abandon the profession. He returned to his boyhood home, in Salem, where he remained until 1861, at that time coming to North Haven, desiring the health-giving life on a farm. Dr. Patten then purchased the farm now owned by his son, and continued to operate it until 1885, when he disposed of it to his son, and, retiring from active life, died in 1887. Dr. Patten was an ardent Republican, and served the town of Salem in the Legislature, even representing that town shortly after his removal to North Haven, in a special session. During 1869-70-73 he represented

North Haven in the Legislature, although the office was none of his seeking, his peculiar fitness for the office causing his fellow citizens almost to thrust it upon him. He also served the town for several years as first selectman, and for many years was a member of the Society's committee of the North Haven Congregational Church. His widow, Mary Belcher Hyde, a native of Greenwich, Conn., is now residing in North Haven. The children born to this union were: Henry, a graduate of Yale, married Rose M. Sloan, and resides in Philadelphia, where he is instructor in the Central High School; David Walter; Lillian W. married George B. Todd, and lives in North Haven; and Marion is teaching in the public school in South Norwalk.

David Walter Patten was born Feb. 7, 1862, in the house which he now occupies, and received his primary education in the district schools. After a two-years' course at Bacon Academy, in Colchester, he prepared at Joseph Giles' private school for the scientific department of Yale University. Previous to entering Yale Mr. Patten was for two years assistant instructor of mathematics in the famous "Collegiate and Commercial Institute," of which the late William H. Russell was president. He was graduated from Yale Scientific School in 1887, and then returned to the farm which he had purchased in 1885, and to which he has since added by additional purchases and has made improvements which have placed this farm in the front rank of dairy farms in the State. For thirty years the Clover Dairy Farm has practically supplied the most fastidious patrons of the New Haven market. Mr. Patten has introduced modern methods, rendering his products the purest to be obtained anywhere, and the reputation of his produce has extended over a wide territory. He also has a peach orchard of 1,500 trees.

On Oct. 16, 1880, Mr. Patten was married to Erminie Ivison Emley, who was born in Moodus, Middlesex county, Conn., a daughter of George I. Emley, superintendent of the New York Net and Twine Company's mills of that place. Three children have been born to this union, Edna L., Mable S. and Martha Alberta. Mr. Patten is a staunch Republican, has been president of the North Haven Republican Club for several years, and ably represented the town of North Haven in the General Assembly during 1898-9, serving as clerk of the committee on Incorporations. In 1900 he was elected first selectman and re-elected in 1901. In 1901 he was elected by the General Assembly as a member of the State Board of Agriculture for New Haven county. Mr. Patten is an educated, intelligent farmer who understands and enjoys his agricultural experiments, and by the exercise of energy has been able to show the country what intelligent farming can accomplish. Fraternally he is connected with Corinthian Lodge, No. 36, A. F. & A. M., of Northford, and is a charter member of North Haven Grange, being one of its organizers.

Prominently identified with all of the leading farming interests of the State, he is connected with the State Pomological Society, and is a life member of the Connecticut Dairymen's Association. Although occupied with both public affairs and private business, Mr. Patten is a factor in the social life of the community, and entertains hospitably in his handsome home. Both he and his wife are valued and consistent members of the Congregational Church of North Haven.

REV. C. REINHOLD TAPPERT, the beloved pastor of the Immanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Cook avenue and Hanover street, in Meriden, was born in Hameln, Hanover, Germany, Dec. 13, 1866, a son of Charles Tappert, born at Eisenach, Thuringen. Charles Tappert was an architect and builder by occupation and a man of education and influence. His death occurred while still in the prime of life. His wife, Mrs. Alvina (Hancke) Tappert, was a native of Luechow, Germany, and after the death of her husband came to America with her family, and now resides in New York City. Of the ten children of the family those who still survive are: Emma, a Lutheran Deaconess; C. Reinhold; Mary; Franz; Gustave, a clergyman of the Lutheran Church, in New York City; Charles; Ernest August, a clergyman of the Lutheran Church, at Washington Heights, New York City; and Alwine.

Rev. Mr. Tappert attended the schools in his native land, and was seven years old when the family removed to Muender, where the father engaged in a manufacturing business and our subject had the advantages of excellent educational training. At the age of sixteen he graduated from the Latin school. His inclination being in the direction of the ministry, he entered then the Krupp Theological Seminary, and remained four years, until he had finished his course in the spring of 1887. When the call was made by the Home Missions of the General Council for young men for mission work among their countrymen in America, Mr. Tappert responded, and that same year came to this country and took charge of St. Peter's Church at Greenport, L. I. Although not yet of age, he continued to administer to this congregation for fifteen months. On Dec. 18, 1887, he was ordained by the president of the first district of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York, and in 1888 he was called by the president of the Synod to take charge of a mission in New York City, and eagerly entered upon his Christian labors. Having rented an unoccupied store on Tenth avenue, at a cost of \$48 per month, he started into school teaching, and had 140 pupils who contributed one dollar a month. He continued faithfully to perform his duties as missionary and teacher until his health completely failed him. In 1889 he received a call to Meriden as successor to Rev. E. Wittman, as pastor of the Immanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church and also

of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southington, and for the past twelve years has faithfully attended to the spiritual needs of both congregations. Mr. Tappert has had much to encourage him. During his pastorate the church and parsonage have been built and his congregation numbers 500 members. When he first came to Meriden he was obliged to hold his services in the hall of the Y. M. C. A.

Rev. Mr. Tappert married Magdalena Drach, in her home in Greenport, L. I., a daughter of Peter Drach, a lady of high character, and one who is well fitted to be a helpmate for her worthy husband. The children of this union number five: Johanna, Ruth, Martha, Reinhold and Gustav.

FREDERICK WARD BROWN, D. D. S., who has been successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry in New Haven since 1888, is a native of that city, born July 14, 1863. The family have resided there for several generations; the Doctor's grandfather, Andrew L. Brown, was engaged in business as a soap manufacturer in New Haven with his brother Charles. Their factory was located on Union street. He had three children: William H., father of our subject; Robert A., who is secretary and treasurer of the New Haven Savings Bank, and also president of the New Haven Mfg. Co.; and Mary, who married Henry Holt, of Springfield, Mass. Mrs. Brown was a member of the First Baptist Church.

William H. Brown was born in New Haven and there reared, receiving his education in the common schools and in the Lancasterian school. He was engaged in business as a dealer in cigars and spirits, carrying on same up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1888, when he was aged fifty-one. He married Cornelia Camp, and they had four children: William H.; Frederick Ward, whose name opens these lines; and Albert R. and Andrew L., both of whom are dentists in New York City, where Mrs. Brown, the mother, also makes her home. Mrs. Brown is a daughter of Horace Camp, who died at the age of eighty-four, and his wife, whose maiden name was White, and who lived to the age of eighty-six.

Frederick W. Brown attended the public schools of New Haven during his boyhood. His early studies in dentistry were pursued with Drs. Austen B. Fuller, Frank C. Swift and J. S. Cairol, of Bridgeport, and H. J. Stevens, of New Haven. He then took a course at the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated in 1888, and he has since engaged in practice on his own account. Dr. Brown commands a large patronage, which keeps himself and his assistants constantly busy. His offices, which are finely fitted up and completely equipped, are located at No. 112 Orange street. Dr. Brown has been quite active in the social and fraternal life of the city, being a member in good standing of Pyramid Lodge, A. O.

U. W.; Yale Lodge, Heptasophs; and of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, belonging to Wooster Lodge, F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter; New Haven Commandery; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and the Scottish Rite Ma-sons. The Doctor's great uncle, Charles Brown, was the first master of Wooster Lodge. Dr. Brown is also a member of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard, of which he is commissary sergeant. Professionally he belongs to the New Haven Dental Club, and the State Dental Society. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party.

In 1892 Dr. Brown married Miss Jennie A. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Halsey C. Thomas, of New Haven. Two children, Mildred and Leonard, have blessed their home. The Doctor and his wife are singers of note, and they have sung at different times in the principal churches of New Haven.

HARRISON B. TOLLES. "Man's sociality of nature," says Carlyle, "evinces itself, in spite of all that can be said, with abundance of evidence by this one fact, if there were no other—the unspeakable delight he takes in biography," and in the record of our successful business men and leaders of thought there is much to interest and instruct the reader. The subject of this sketch, a prominent resident of Ansonia, is deserving of special mention as a self-made man who has made the most of his opportunities and achieved a substantial success.

Mr. Tolles was born April 28, 1845, in Pine Bridge, town of Seymour, this county, and belongs to a well-known family of this section. Daniel Tolles, his grandfather, followed farming in the town of Bethany throughout a long life. Isaac Tolles, our subject's father, was born and reared in Bethany, and became a merchant in Naugatuck. He continued business for forty-five years with different partners, becoming regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the town. He was an ardent supporter of the anti-slavery cause, and later became a staunch Republican, and for many years he was active in municipal affairs, serving as ward inspector and tax collector. His death occurred in Naugatuck, when he was aged eighty-three years. He married Maria W. Buckingham, a devout and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who is still living at the age of seventy-nine. She was born in Middlebury, one of the eight children of Hezekiah Buckingham, now deceased, who came from Ohio and made his permanent home upon a farm in Middlebury. His wife, whose maiden name was Matilda Wooster, lived to the age of seventy-two, while her mother lived to be ninety-nine. Our subject was the first of a family of eight children, the others being: Ulysses, deceased; Eliza, deceased; Fremont, now in Naugatuck; Ralph, a resident of Plainfield, N.

J.; Lulu, who married William Ward, of Seymour; Arthur, a resident of Naugatuck; and Eliza (2), wife of Ira Bennett, of Vermont.

During his boyhood our subject attended the common schools of Naugatuck and the Wesleyan Academy at Willbraham, Mass., and when a young man he engaged in butchering in Naugatuck. After five years he removed to New Haven, where he continued the business three years longer, in connection with licensed groceries. He then spent a year in Waterbury, in the bottling business, and a year in Harrisburg, Pa., and in 1873 he returned to Ansonia and opened a bottling establishment in company with S. W. Billam, under the firm name of Billam & Tolles. He conducted same until May, 1897. At the time of selling out he was the second oldest man in the business in the town, and for years he did the largest bottling business between Waterbury and Bridgeport, keeping a number of men and teams, and sending goods to all the surrounding towns and cities. In 1886 he built his present beautiful residence at No. 19 William street, being the fourth to build on the street, and he is interested in the real-estate business to some extent.

In 1868 Mr. Tolles married Miss Alice Tuttle, daughter of Zopher Tuttle, a wood and charcoal dealer of Naugatuck, who also conducted a watch factory there for a time. He died aged seventy-four years, and his wife, Nancy (Sherman), died at the age of sixty-two. Mrs. Tolles was born in Naugatuck, and was one of a family of ten children. Our subject has one son, Burton L., now twenty years old, who graduated from the Ansonia high school, pursued a course in the Applied Sciences at Yale College, graduating in the class of 1901, and is now a student in Yale Medical School. The family is identified with the Episcopal Church, Mrs. Tolles being a member, and politically our subject affiliates with the Republican party. He belongs to the F. & A. M., holding membership in George Washington Lodge; Mt. Vernon Chapter, R. A. M.; New Haven Commandery, at New Haven; and Pyramid Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Bridgeport. He is also an active worker in the Ansonia Club, the leading social club of the town.

MRS. EMMA J. POWE, a highly respected resident of Ansonia, is prominent in the social life of that locality, the influence of her active and cultured mind and strong womanly character being recognized in various lines of work. She is a member of the Bartholomew family, which has been well known in this section from an early date, and two brothers and two sisters are represented elsewhere.

William Powe (deceased), husband of our subject, was identified for many years with the manufacturing interests of the town, holding positions of unusual responsibility and trust. His death oc-



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curred in 1895, when he was aged forty-five. He was born Dec. 6, 1850, in Derby, this county, son of Lewis Powe, and grandson of Major Powe, an Englishman, who came to America as an expert workman in the refining of copper, locating in Belleville, N. J. Lewis Powe was trained to his father's business in his youth, and after following it for a time in Belleville, took a position in Derby, later going to Ansonia, where he was employed for years by the A. B. C. Co., as foreman. In 1854 he went to South America, and on his return was for some time employed as an expert refiner by the Park Bros., of Pittsburg, being manager and member of the firm, and by the Duvall Co., of Brooklyn; his last work, however, was done for the A. B. C. Co., of Ansonia. About the time of his retirement he became interested in orange culture in Florida, where he died at the age of seventy-three. He was a man of ability, and was much respected wherever he was known. He married Harriet Blackman, a native of Oxford, who died in 1854, aged thirty-six. They had two children: Louise, professor of art in Wells College; and William.

William Powe was reared in Ansonia, and completed his education in the School of Mines, Columbia University, New York. He started business life as a bookkeeper for the Brass & Copper Co. Possessing rare discrimination, his services came into demand as a general buyer and utility man with the Ansonia Brass & Copper Co., of Ansonia, and after twenty-one years of responsible work there he became connected with the Aluminum, Brass & Bronze Co., of Bridgeport. Socially he was connected with Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., at Ansonia.

On Sept. 17, 1873, Mr. Powe married Miss Emma J. Bartholomew, and they had two children: (1) Harriet married Dr. F. G. Baldwin, a dentist in Ansonia and has had one child, Lewis Powe. (2) Fannie Louise died in 1889, aged ten years and eleven months. Mr. Powe was a genial, hospitable gentleman, and made many friends, among all classes. He was a Republican in political sentiment, but not active in party affairs, or for that matter in public life of any sort, though he served twenty-one years as foreman of the Hose Company. He sang in the choir of the Congregational Church, but was not united with any religious body.

Mrs. Powe was born in Ansonia, in the house now occupied by her brother Arthur. Her father, the late J. H. Bartholomew, was a prominent citizen of Ansonia, and an account of his life appears elsewhere. In 1833 he married Polly H. Root, who was born in 1811 in Plymouth, Conn., and died in 1881. She was the daughter of Truman Root, a successful farmer whose last years were spent in Ansonia. He married Lewina Hemingway, of Plymouth, Conn., who lived to the age of eighty, and they had thirteen children, two of whom are living. Mrs. Powe is one of a family of six children, of whom four survive, namely: Mrs. P. T. Terry, Mrs.

Frances E. Bristol, Arthur and Mrs. Powe. Dana died recently. All reside in Cliff street, Ansonia, where the parents also resided, and Mrs. Powe's home, at No. 134, is the center of a refined hospitality. She is well read, especially in historical lines, and extensive travel in the United States and abroad has added to her store of information upon general subjects. As recording secretary of the D. A. R. she is influential in the local branch, and she is also an active worker in the Congregational Church, to which her parents belonged, and of which her daughter and son-in-law are also members.

WILLIAM C. KLEINECKE is one of those hustling and energetic characters who give Waterbury quite a distinctive character among cities of its class in New England. Push and determination mark all his actions, and he is widely known as an honest, able and upright man.

Mr. Kleinecke was born in Hartford, Conn., Nov. 3, 1854, son of Henry Kleinecke, who was born in Brunswick, Germany, in 1812, and died in 1865. He married Johanna Kutscher, who was born in 1820 and died in 1886. She was a native of Prussia, where her father was a locksmith. Henry Kleinecke was a soldier in his native land, and served in the Ducal army. Having participated in the German Revolutionary movements in 1848, he came to the United States the following year, settling in Hartford, Conn., and learning the tailor trade. During the Civil war he made soldiers' overcoats, on a subcontract. He was the father of five children: Hermine, Louise, Augusta, William C. and Albert H. Augusta is deceased. Albert H. is an assistant superintendent at Lincoln Park, Chicago, and an ex-alderman of that city. Henry Kleinecke was a Democrat politically. He and his family belonged to the Lutheran Church.

William C. Kleinecke spent the first eleven years of his life in Hartford, where he received all his schooling. For three years he worked on a farm near Hartford, and then learned the trade of a barber, which he followed until about three years ago. Taking his fortunes into his own hands so early in life, he had a rather limited education, and as he grew older he felt a lack which he partially corrected by attendance at night schools, and close and systematic reading. On Aug. 10, 1877, Mr. Kleinecke came to Waterbury, which has since been his home. For the last three years he has been connected with the New York Life Insurance Co. His name is enrolled among the members of the A. O. U. W., the Woodmen of the World and the Foresters of America, and he is now holding the position of Grand Secretary of the Grand Court of Connecticut, Foresters of America, a salaried position, his work covering the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Kleinecke and Miss Catherine E. Burke were married in November, 1878, and to this union have been born two children: August Edward,

who is at home; and William Frederick, deceased. Mrs. Kleinecke was born in Waterbury, and is a daughter of John Burke, of Queens County, Ireland. Mr. Kleinecke is a Democrat, and has taken an active part in political affairs. At the present time he is a member of the board of public safety. With all his family he attends the Catholic Church.

HOWARD P. TREAT is one of the popular, public-spirited citizens of Orange, where he was born Jan. 20, 1857. He is a descendant from the first Colonial governor of Connecticut, and well maintains the traditional reputation of the family for courage, energy and probity. His grandfather was named Isaac, and his father Isaac P. Some uncertainty exists as to whether the town of Orange or that of Milford was the birthplace of his grandfather, but, however that may be, he is known to have been an early resident of the last named town, and to have been an extensive land owner both there and in Derby, presenting three of his sons with a farm, and setting the fourth up in business in New York. He was a farmer, and a man of prominence and influence in the community, dying at the age of sixty-six years and six months. His wife, Martha Platt, of Milford, survived him, passing away in her seventy-fourth year. They were earnest members of the Congregational Church and two of their seven children are yet living.

Isaac P. Treat, the father of Howard P. Treat, was born in Orange, and passed his youth after the fashion of most farmers' sons of his day. He enjoyed such educational advantages as were afforded by the district schools of the time, and on reaching manhood established himself upon the farm given him by his father. For many years he managed this property with such skill that he was recognized as one of the township's most successful farmers. As he grew older, however, he abandoned active toil and surrendered the control of his farm to his son Howard, and retired to a home in Orange village, where he still lives. He is a Republican in politics, and has always taken an active part in public affairs, having served as selectman and a member of the school board, and for thirty years as acting school visitor. His religious creed is that of the Congregational Church. He married Mary J., a daughter of Capt. Merritt Barnes, who passed his life of ninety-four years as a farmer in Water-town, loved by his friends and respected by all who knew him. He was noted for his untiring activity. Whether bound on an errand of business or pleasure he always drove two fleet horses. He was a man of broad, enlightened public spirit, and inherited a martial disposition from an ancestor, Jonathan Barnes, who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. He was for many years a captain in the militia, and was always recognized as a capable, efficient officer. He was the father of eleven children, of whom Mary J., the wife of Isaac P. Treat, and the mother of the well-known citizen of Orange

whose life is under review, was the ninth. To Isaac P. and his wife three children were born, all of whom are yet living: Emma married Henry Beers, of New Haven; Arthur is a prosperous mason and builder, and a member of the firm of Sperry & Treat; and Howard P. is our subject. The mother of this family died before she was thirty years of age, leaving her youngest born, Howard P., bereft of a mother's care when but ten days old. After her death her husband married again, taking for a second wife Sarah Booth, of Woodbury. She bore him one child, Flora Bell, who married Wellington Andrew, of Orange, who owns and successfully manages a large farm. The second wife of Mr. Isaac P. Treat is also deceased.

Howard P. Treat was a pupil in the common schools and the Orange high school. At the age of nineteen he went to the city of New York, intending to learn the trade of a plumber; not finding that pursuit to his taste, he returned to the farm within a few months, where he continued to remain as his father's assistant and lieutenant for many years. Since he has succeeded to its sole management he has carried on general farming.

On Dec. 2, 1880, Mr. Treat was married to Isabelle Rogers, who was born in New Haven, an adopted daughter of John Rogers, a Milford farmer. Four daughters and two sons have blessed this union: Lottie B., a high school graduate; Arthur P., an electrician in Newark, N. J., in the employ of the Crocker Wheeler Co.; Laura, a pupil in the high school; Howard B.; Helen, who died in infancy; and Alice.

Mr. Treat's disposition is genial, generous and wholesouled; yet his character does not partake of frivolity. He wins friends readily through affability, and retains them through his moral force. He is a consistent member of the Congregational Church of Orange. Politically he is a Republican, and though he can not be called an active partisan, he has been honored by election to important local offices through the suffrages of his fellow townsmen. For three years he was registrar of voters, and in 1896 was chosen selectman, to which office he was re-elected in 1897 and 1898. He became a member of Harmony Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New Haven, in 1878, and of the Grange, as well as a member of the Orange Agricultural Society.

GUSTAVE CORNELIS is one of the important factors in the business circles of Wolcott, and his life is an exemplification of the term "the dignity of labor." He has utilized the possibilities that America offers to her citizens, for coming to America in limited circumstances he has steadily and perseveringly worked his way upward, leaving the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few. He is now engaged in the silver plating business, and is also interested in the breeding of fine trotting horses.

Mr. Cornelis was born near Brussels, Belgium,

April 27, 1840, a son of Charles Louis and Celleta (Poppe) Cornelis, life-long residents of that country. The father, who was a merchant, died at the age of forty-nine years. Only two of the eight children reside in America, viz.: Gustave, our subject; and Clement, a merchant of Woodtick, town of Wolcott, New Haven county. Religiously the family were all members of the Catholic Church.

During his boyhood Gustave Cornelis attended the schools of his native land, was quite a student, and became an expert in arithmetic. After his father's death, which occurred when he was quite young, he was thrown upon his own resources, and worked for an uncle for a time. At the age of eleven he obtained a position as bookkeeper with a grain dealer, and soon became quite proficient in that line, although he had previously no knowledge of the business. He went to Paris, France, at the age of eighteen years, and found employment at a railroad depot, where he remained until 1872. He then resolved to try his fortune in America, where he believed better opportunities were afforded ambitious and industrious young men. He sailed from Liverpool, England, and landed in New York without money or friends, but he possessed a stout heart, willing hands and a determination to succeed. Going to Winchester, Conn., he found employment at cutting wood and making charcoal, for which he received \$40 per month, and from there came to Waterbury, where he learned the silver-plating business. He continued to work for others until 1881, when he embarked in the same business on his own account at Woodtick, and in the undertaking has met with well-deserved success, although his factory was destroyed by fire in 1890. With characteristic energy he at once rebuilt, and now has a fine plant. He is also engaged in the breeding of horses and owns some fine blooded stock, including a trotting stallion, "True Roseman." His place is known as the Applewood Stock Farm.

In 1875, in Waterbury, Mr. Cornelis married Miss Julia Bernier, a native of Quebec, Canada, who died in May, 1898, and was buried in St. Joseph's cemetery, Waterbury. She was a member of the Catholic Church. To that union were born two daughters, Laura M. and Emily, young ladies of culture and refinement: they are still at home with their father. Although Mr. Cornelis takes a deep interest in local affairs he has never been an office seeker and is not identified with any particular party. He is strictly a business man, and the prosperity that has crowned his efforts is certainly well merited, as it is due entirely to his own unaided efforts.

WILLIAM C. SHARPE, well known as an historian and as publisher and editor of the *Seymour Record*, is one of the representative men of Seymour, and a descendant of an old Connecticut family, his line of descent being traced from Thomas Sharpe, who was one of the original thir-

ty-eight grantees of the town of Newtown, in 1708. Mr. Sharpe received a good education in the public schools of Seymour, completing his studies at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass. After leaving school he engaged for some time in teaching, his last experience being as principal of the school at East Derby. In 1868 he opened a printing office in Seymour, and three years later established the *Record*, which was enlarged in 1887 to its present size—eight six-column pages—and is one of the best weekly papers in the State. His work as an historian has been crowned with success. "The History of Seymour," in two volumes, is from his untiring pen, as well as "The Annals of the Seymour M. E. Church" and "South Britain Records and Sketches," and he has also compiled several genealogical works. In all the affairs of the town Mr. Sharpe takes an active interest, especially in educational matters, and for nine years he was a member of the board of education, during which time he served as secretary and as acting school visitor. In religious connection he is a member of the Congregational Church, of which he has been clerk for about ten years. He is also a member of New Haven Commandery, Knights Templar, of the Connecticut Historical Society, and of the following orders: Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Red Men, New England Order of Protection and the Temple of Honor.

FREDERICK J. WOOSTER, whose business ability, mechanical skill, and executive force are attested by the facts of his personal history well-known to many of his Waterbury fellow townsmen, was born in Naugatuck July 8, 1854, a son of Horace B. Wooster, who was also born in that town in 1827, and who died in Seymour, Conn., in 1883. Albert Wooster, his father, a native of Connecticut, married Miss Mitty Chatfield, and reared a family of four children: Horace B., Letsome T., Emma E. and William H. H. Letsome T. is superintendent of the Seymour Mfg. Co.'s brass and German silver mills, and is mentioned elsewhere; Emma E. is unmarried; and William H. H. is a member of the Seymour Brass Co. Albert Wooster was a farmer, and died many years ago. His widow died April 24, 1898, at the age of ninety-two years.

Horace B. Wooster, the father of Frederick J., grew up in Naugatuck, and was a millwright by trade. For many years he filled the position of superintendent of the Brass Works at Seymour. The brass mills there were built by him, and it was in them that he was accidentally killed. Miss Nancy E. Riggs, who became his wife, was born in Oxford, Conn., a daughter of Stephen Riggs, a farmer. The death of this excellent lady left Frederick J. motherless at the tender age of two and a half years. To Mr. and Mrs. Horace B. Wooster were born three children: Martha, Mary and Frederick J. Martha married W. A. Church, of Derby, Conn.,

and Mary became the wife of C. J. Wallace, of Waterbury, Conn. Horace B. was a strong Republican, and belonged to the Methodist Church.

Frederick J. Wooster spent the greater part of his early youth in Waterbury, whither his parents had come when he was very young. In the public schools of this city he laid the foundations of his education, and acquired a very good preparation for practical life. As a young man he worked a year on a farm, and then came back to Waterbury, where he and his father were in the concrete business, and the two worked together for some eight years. Then Frederick J. took himself to Ansonia, Conn., where he learned the brass rolling trade of his uncle, L. T. Wooster, of the Osborne-Cheeseman Co. Having mastered this trade, he joined his father in building the Seymour Company's plant, and remained in that enterprise about two years. Mr. Wooster learned much about the business, and liked it so well that after keeping books for a year in a grocery in Waterbury he took a position as roller for the Waterbury Brass Co. His promotion was rapid, and he was soon put in charge of the shipping department. The charge of the mill was given him July 8, 1886, and he is now general superintendent of the rolling, rod and wire mills.

Mr. Wooster and Miss Carrie M. Buckland, a daughter of A. J. Buckland, formerly of Springfield, Mass., were married July 8, 1875. To this union were born seven children: Mabel B.; Henry M.; Edward H., deceased; Jennie M., now deceased; Horace B.; Frederick J., Jr.; and Florence E. Mabel B. married Dr. George A. Faber, and lives in Waterbury. Mr. Wooster is a Republican, and belongs to Nosahogan Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the A. O. U. W. Mr. and Mrs. Wooster attend the Methodist Church.

FREDERICK N. SPERRY, M. D. Among the young professional men of the city of New Haven none have brighter prospects of attaining an exalted rank in medicine and surgery than Dr. Frederick N. Sperry.

As far back as Mansfield Sperry, his great-grandfather, we find an honorable family record of industrious and energetic citizens bearing the family name. Mansfield Sperry was a stone mason, a trade which he had learned from his own father, and passed on to his son Lewis, who was also born in the family homestead, in Woodbridge, Conn. Lewis Sperry reared a family of several children, one of whom was Alfred, the father of our subject, born in Westville, in 1843, who still survives, having for twenty-five years been connected with a large factory in New Haven, as a contractor. Dr. Sperry's mother, Lois E. (Ryerson) Sperry, who was born in Abington, Mass., was a daughter of William and Rhoea (Whitmarsh) Ryerson, natives of Sumner, Maine, and Dighton, Mass., respectively. Mrs. Sperry still survives. She was

the mother of Alfred William, who is a civil engineer in New Haven; and Frederick N.

Dr. Frederick N. Sperry was born Dec. 29, 1872, and attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school in 1891, and from Yale Medical School in 1894. For the following year and a half he was an interne at the New Haven General Hospital, and in October, 1895, began his career as a practitioner. Dr. Sperry has been well received by his brother physicians, and is a member of the city, county and State medical societies, and of the American Medical Association. In the Yale Medical School he has been an assistant in the clinics, and at present operates in the ear and throat clinics, and is demonstrator of anatomy. Dr. Sperry is a valued member of the Masonic fraternity, being a thirty-second-degree Mason, Knight Templar, and a member of the Mystic Shrine. Socially he is a member of the Greek letter college society, D. E. I.; and in his religious belief he is a Congregationalist. On account of his pleasing personality, the Doctor is popular in New Haven, and is successful in his chosen profession.

REV. JAMES LAWRENCE WILLARD, D. D. (deceased), for over thirty-eight years the beloved pastor of the Westville Congregational Church, needs no eulogy at our hands. His consecrated Christian life bore the evidences of high character, firm faith, unfaltering purpose, cultivated intelligence, knit and strengthened by a spirit of tolerance and unmistakable kindness of disposition which won him friends on every side, in every walk of life. For a minister to occupy one pulpit continuously and satisfactorily for over thirty-eight years implies continued energy, as well as development and progress not possible to every mind. That Dr. Willard possessed these traits in large measure was apparent to all who came within the sphere of his influence.

James L. Willard was born Oct. 11, 1825, in Madison, Conn., where the family has long been settled. His father, James Willard, was also born in Madison. The latter married Susan Channing, who was born at Newport, R. I., of Scottish ancestry, and seven children blessed this union, namely: Sophia W.; John A.; William B.; James L., our subject; Capt. Samuel, who was killed in the Civil war, at the battle of Antietam; Amelia; and Edward N., a former judge of the supreme court at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

In 1852 Dr. Willard married Miss Victorine E. Hopson, who was born in Madison, Conn., daughter of Nathan W. and Lucy (Hand) Hopson, and their union was blessed with one child, Katharine, now the widow of S. Arthur Marsden. Their only child, Arthur W., born Sept. 16, 1880, is a law student in Columbia College.

James L. Willard grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Madison, and prepared for college



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in the local schools. Entering Yale College, he was graduated from the Academic Department in 1849, and immediately thereafter took his three years' theological course at the Yale Seminary, completing same in 1852. His classmates included many men who later became famous in the various professions. He was in the seminary when Dr. Taylor, though past his prime, was still the ruling spirit, and the impress of that noble life was a lasting influence in the life of Dr. Willard. Our subject had gained renown as a preacher before his preparatory days were over, and immediately after their close he preached in the Congregational Church at Seymour, Conn., remaining there nearly three years. He then received a unanimous call to the Congregational Church at Westville, where he was ordained pastor on Oct. 17, 1855, and he continued in that charge until his death, Jan. 7, 1894. Several times during the latter part of this long pastorate, realizing that his strength was failing, he had thought of laying aside the heavy burden of pastoral work, though reluctant to give up the labors so dear to him, and he had decided to hand in his resignation the very Sunday on which the bond between him and his congregation was severed by a higher power. As preacher, as pastor, as friend, he ministered lovingly to the many with whom he came in contact in all those years, and though not an ostentatious man under any circumstances his influence for good was widespread and deep, a quiet but potent force among a wide circle of parishioners, friends and acquaintances. Dr. Willard received several calls to fields wider and affording greater opportunity for one of his ambitious nature, but he could never bring himself to sunder relations which had become so dear to him, or to shirk responsibilities exacting, though often self-imposed. The Doctor was sociable and friendly to all; kind and considerate to the bereaved and distressed; benevolent to the needy; tolerant to the weak; and possessed a tact in his relations with everybody which made his presence an ever-welcome one. However, with all his desire to give offense to no man, he was positive in his convictions of right, and never yielded an inch to expediency or popularity in defense of a righteous cause or when attacking an evil. The Doctor was an ardent patriot, and his political views were those of the Republican party. He was public-spirited to the last degree, and, believing that the material, moral and intellectual welfare of a community throve side by side, strove ever to uphold advancement in one line with due reference to its effect on the other. His love for literature was among his most prominent intellectual traits, and was manifested in his conversation and sermons. The Doctor's degree, conferred upon him by Maryville (Tenn.) College, was never more worthily bestowed. Dr. Willard never neglected his pastoral duties to prepare himself for ornate pulpit oratory; he never indulged his tastes for literature at

the expense of the studies and research necessary for his effective work as a preacher; but he nevertheless succeeded in keeping fully abreast of the times, both as theologian and a thinker on all up-to-date subjects, and it is this fact which accounts for his continued success, over so long a period, in one pastorate, conditions which cause many an able-bodied man to rust. That he never fell into a rut, that he could appreciate and adopt the best in both the old and new, without inconstancy to the one or an eager desire for the other, was recognized especially by his brethren in the ministry, all of whom loved and revered him. Many a home and many a friendly circle were sorely bereaved by his death, and his remains were followed to their last resting-place in Westville cemetery by a large concourse of people besides those of his congregation. The ministers of the various local churches of all denominations vied with each other in tributes of respect and love.

CHARLES YOUNG WOODRUFF, a well-known resident of Ansonia, is one of the leading contractors and builders of that locality, many of the largest and most important buildings of the city having been constructed by him. Among these we may mention the Gardner block; the Foresters Hall block, occupied by the Foresters and Ansonia Furniture Co.; front on the Lindley block and Fellows clothing store; the Episcopal parsonage; the additions to the Farrell foundry; all the buildings of the Schmeller, Osborne & Cheeseman Co., one being 325 feet long and three stories high; the Stillson House blocks, across the river; and several additions for the Ansonia Electrical Co., including one 40x90 feet, and 40 feet high, with an office forty feet square.

Mr. Woodruff was born Feb. 22, 1859, in Sharon, Conn., and comes of an excellent family which has been identified with that section for many years. Daniel S. Woodruff, our subject's father, spent his life in Sharon, following the shoemaker's trade, and his death occurred there at the age of sixty-one. He and his wife, Harriet Benton, who died at the age of seventy-eight, were devout and consistent members of the Congregational church. They had three children: Jane, who married Henry S. Lindsey, of Ashley Falls, Mass.; Charles Y., our subject; and Gilbert H., a tinner, who died in Sharon, aged twenty-seven.

Charles Y. Woodruff was but eleven years old, when his father died, and he remained at home until he reached the age of eighteen, receiving a common-school education. At fifteen he began to learn the carpenter's trade in Sharon with L. Van Aletyne and at eighteen he located in Ansonia, the first year being spent in work under instruction for Charles H. Stillson, of the firm of Powe & Stillson. Later, as a journeyman, he worked two years for this firm and four years for F. A. Lines & Co., where he was made foreman. In 1883 he formed a partnership

with W. R. Mott, and bought out the business of Lines & Co., and they continued a general contracting business until the death of Mr. Mott in 1895. They built up the largest business in their line in that section, employing from ten to twenty-five men, and under Mr. Woodruff's management there has been no decrease of prosperity. He contracts for brick, wood or stone work, and completes the entire building from cellar to roof, and much of his draughting is done by him. He has won praise by his fine cabinet work in interiors, and in many of the stores in town the fittings, as well as the building, have been completed under his supervision. His office is located at No. 3 Mechanic street, where he has a shop and improved machinery, and he also owns a house which he rents. He is a charter member of the Ansonia Board of Trade, and he is active in municipal affairs as a member of the Republican party, having served as councilman from his ward on the first board elected after Ansonia became a city. For sixteen years he has been a prominent worker in the I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the chairs, and he is a leading member of Eagle Hose Co., in which he has held various offices, including those of steward and second assistant foreman. He attends the Congregational Church, of which his wife is a member, and at present he is a member of the Ecclesiastical Society.

In 1888 Mr. Woodruff married Miss Emma J. Tiffany, who was born in Ansonia, the only child of Joseph Tiffany and his third wife, Margaret Davidson. Her father, who was a weaver by occupation, was an early settler in the town, and his death occurred there in 1868. Her mother now makes her home with our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff have had three children, of whom two are living, Margaret H. and Elsie T.

GEORGE BEAUMONT is a noteworthy descendant of the Beaumont family, which is of French origin remotely, during the days of William the Conqueror entered England, and has long been settled in Hartford county.

Deodate Beaumont, the grandfather of George, was born in East Hartford, and was the first of that name in Wallingford. He was a son of Edmund Beaumont, who was a native of East Hartford, and was a soldier in the French and Indian war and the Revolutionary war. He spent his life in East Hartford. During the latter part of the eighteenth century Deodate Beaumont left the family homestead in East Hartford and established himself in Wallingford, where he became the owner of 200 acres of land. A mechanic in early life, he was an active and energetic man, and amassed a comfortable fortune. A member of the Congregational Church, a veteran of the Revolutionary struggle, he was a man well known and highly esteemed. Six children were born to him: Esther, Saphina, Edmund, John, Elijah and Elizabeth.

John Beaumont, son of Deodate and father of

George, was born in Wallingford, where he received a common-school education. At a very early age he went to sea as a cabin boy, and was a sailor the greater part of his life, becoming mate of a sealing vessel in the service of John Jacob Astor, the great fur trader. In his later years he settled on the farm owned by his son, consisting at that time of 120 acres. Here he spent the remainder of his life, a good and true man, who followed closely the Golden Rule, and here he died in 1879, and was buried in Center Street Cemetery. A Whig in early life, he became a Republican on the formation of that party. Mr. Beaumont married Ann Tyler, who was born in Branford, Conn., a daughter of John Tyler, a soldier of the Revolution, a sketch of whom appears in the biography of his grandson, Henry W. Tyler. To this union came ten children: Elizabeth; Edmund, who died in California in 1852; Julius, now residing in New Haven; Lucina, who died in 1890; Harvey; Francis, of North Haven; Lewellyn; Albert; George; Cynthia, who married Palmer Townsend. Mrs. John Beaumont died at the home of her son George, and was buried in the Center street cemetery.

George Beaumont attended the district schools of Wallingford and grew up on the old homestead, which has now become his property. He remained with his father as long as he lived, and, in company with his brother Albert, bought out the other heirs in 1881. They farmed together a number of years, engaging in general farming, fruit growing and wine making until 1898, when George Beaumont bought out his brother, and is now the sole proprietor of the place. Here he has a fine home, an elegant dwelling house, ample barns and every improvement necessary to conduct the place profitably. Mr. Beaumont has good judgment and is well read, being thoroughly posted on all current topics. He is a strong Republican in his political convictions.

On Sept. 1, 1892, Mr. Beaumont married Miss Nettie M. Edell, who was born in Wallingford, a daughter of John Edell. They are the parents of three children: Esther, born July 30, 1893; George, born June 29, 1897; and John, born Jan. 26, 1901. The Beaumonts are good people, highly respected by all.

WILLIAM H. BORCHARDT, one of Waterbury's well-known and prosperous citizens, is a native of that city, born Oct. 10, 1858. He is a son of William Borchardt, and a grandson of Gustav Borchardt, who followed the trade of baker in Berlin, Germany.

William Borchardt, father of William H., was born in 1824, in Berlin, Germany, whence when a young man he came to the United States, settling in Waterbury. Here, in 1857, he married Charlotte Giertz, also a native of Germany, born at Rostock, and children as follows were born to them: William H.; Florence, wife of Thomas Guest, of Water-

bury; and Jennie, wife of Walter French, of Bridgeport, Conn. For some twenty years Mr. Borchardt was a toolmaker in the employ of the Steele & Johnson Co., Waterbury.

William H. Borchardt, whose name introduces these lines, received a liberal education at the local schools of Waterbury, and at the age of sixteen years entered the employ of the Plume & Atwood Co., remaining with that firm about twelve years, serving his time as toolmaker, and afterward making good wages as journeyman. In 1884 he purchased his present bottling business, of which the Hellmann Brewing Co. are the proprietors, and he has met with well-merited success in the undertaking.

In 1883 Mr. Borchardt married Agnes M. Kunkel, of Waterbury, daughter of Joseph Kunkel, a native of Germany, and formerly proprietor of the "Germania Hotel," Waterbury. Six children, all yet living, have blessed this union: Joseph, William, John, Louisa, Louis and Margaret. In his political preferences Mr. Borchardt has always been a Democrat; for two terms he served as councilman of the Third ward, and for one year was on the committee of Public Lands and Buildings. He is a member of several societies, among which may be mentioned the following: Frederick Wilhelm Lodge, No. 47, K. of P., of which he was treasurer ten years, and is now past chancellor; Stephen J. Meany Lodge, No. 37, Foresters of America; the New England Order of Protection; the Improved Order of Heptasophs, Silas Bronson Conclave; the Harmony Benevolent Association; Steuben Lodge, No. 391, D. O. H.; the Concordia Singing Society, of which he is a prominent member; the Waterbury Turnverein; and the Schull-Verein. He is also a member of the German Lutheran Church of Waterbury, having been one of the prime movers in starting a German Lutheran Church in the city.

JAMES E. SWEENEY, a well-known real-estate and insurance agent of Naugatuck, is pre-eminently a self-made man. Depending upon his own resources, looking for no outside aid or support, he has risen to a place of prominence in the business world, and his career illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote of a man's life.

Mr. Sweeney was born in Naugatuck, Nov. 6, 1856, a son of Edward and Ann (McKeon) Sweeney, both natives of Ireland, the father born in County Cavan. When a young man he came to the United States, and shortly after his marriage, which was celebrated in Tarrytown, N. Y., he came to Naugatuck, Conn., where he has since made his home, and for forty years has been employed as watchman by the Goodyear Glove Co. In his family were eight children, namely: John M., a lawyer of Naugatuck; James E., our subject; Mary, wife of Daniel McCarty, of Naugatuck; Eliza A., prin-

cipal of the High street school of Naugatuck; Patrick, who died in infancy; Teresa M., principal of the Rubber street school; Winnifred, stenographer for our subject; and Frank J., who is clerking in New Haven.

James E. Sweeney grew to manhood in Naugatuck and there acquired the greater part of his education, graduating from the high school at that place. Subsequently he attended Cargill Commercial Institute, New Haven, from which he was graduated in April, 1878, and he engaged in school teaching for two years thereafter in Naugatuck, and also one year in Litchfield, Conn. He was next employed as bookkeeper in a dry-goods store in Naugatuck, and later clerked in the office of Baldwin & Sweeney, attorneys and insurance agents, of that place. He had charge of their insurance business until the firm dissolved partnership, Feb. 1, 1887, when he purchased that branch of their business, and has since carried it on in connection with the real-estate business. He represents the leading insurance companies of America, England and Germany, and also furnishes bonds, etc. He has settled more estates than any other man of his age in this section of the county, and is now doing a large and profitable business. He occupies quite a fine suite of offices.

In February, 1884, Mr. Sweeney was united in marriage with Miss Frank E. Platt, a native of Naugatuck, and the only child of Samuel Platt, who was born in the town of Orange, this county, of English extraction. Our subject and his wife have three children: James Platt, Arthur Lewis and Emily Frances.

Religiously Mr. Sweeney is a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, and politically he is a Democrat, but not an aggressive partisan. On June 1, 1884, he was appointed deputy sheriff, which office he has filled ever since; has served as assistant town clerk; was tax collector of the Union Center school district, of Naugatuck, and also of the town taxes, from 1882 to 1888, and again in 1891. By strict attention to business, and by the conscientious discharge of all duties imposed upon him, he has been successful in life, and has won the respect and esteem of all.

EDWIN P. PITMAN, M. D. Among the disciples of Esculapius in New Haven, Conn., one of the leaders is Dr. Edwin P. Pitman, who, although still a young man, has gained an enviable position for himself in the profession.

Dr. Pitman was born in Boston, Mass., Sept. 26, 1863, a son of John W. and Anna R. (Kelley) Pitman. The family is of English extraction, the grandfather, Stephen Pitman, having come from that country to America and married Olive B. French, a native of New Hampshire. To them were born four children: William H., Oscar V., Charles J., and John W. William H. and Oscar V. were merchants for many years in Concord, N. H.;

Charles J. was a carpenter and contractor; and the youngest, John W., the father of our subject, was a noted Baptist clergyman. The latter removed to Boston, Mass., prior to the birth of our subject, but later located in Concord, N. H. His wife was born at St. Johns, N. B., and our subject was their only child.

Dr. Pitman was taken by his parents, when but three years of age, to Concord, N. H., where he acquired his elementary education, graduating with distinction from the Concord High School. He then went to Dartmouth, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1886. The next step in his upward progress was the acceptance of a professorship in a Soldiers' Orphans School, at Chester Springs, Pa., where he remained one year, and then entered Martha Washington College at Edington, Va., as professor of French and German and teacher of vocal music. Although very successful, Dr. Pitman felt that his calling was that of a physician, and he therefore began the study of medicine. With this idea in view, he entered the Medical Department of Dartmouth College, graduating in the class of 1891; thence to the New York Polyclinic for a post-graduate course. After this labored preparation for his life work, Dr. Pitman settled in Colchester, Conn., where he remained six months, and in September, 1891, located in New Haven, and has since built up one of the finest practices in this locality.

On Aug. 30, 1887, Dr. Pitman married Miss Catherine Crowley, who was born in Maine, a daughter of James and Mary Crowley, natives of Ireland. Mr. Crowley was a railroad contractor and a man of considerable prominence. In politics Dr. Pitman is a Republican, and takes an active part in the fraternal organizations of New Haven, being a member of the I. O. O. F.; New England Order of Protection; Woodmen of the World, and also the Heptasophs of New Haven. In medical circles Dr. Pitman has always borne a prominent part, and is a member of the city, county and State medical societies. Both he and Mrs. Pitman are consistent members of the Baptist Church, and are highly respected not only among its congregation but throughout the community.

MARK WALLACE HOBSON, a die sinker and molder of Wallingford, was born in Birmingham, England, April 3, 1856, a son of Edwin Hobson, one of the respected citizens of Wallingford.

Mr. Hobson was only ten years old when he came to this country with his parents. His schooling, which began in his native town, was continued in Newark, N. J. Coming to Wallingford with his father, he mastered the art of die sinking under the instruction of that gentleman in the factory of Simpson, Hall & Miller. Here he began when only fourteen years of age, and for more than thirty years he has remained in the employ of that famous firm. His close application, thorough knowledge of

his work, and his absolute trustworthiness have commanded the respect and confidence of his employers to a marked degree.

In 1877, in Wallingford, Mr. Hobson and Elizabeth Folsom Valentine were united in marriage. Mrs. Hobson was born in Albany, N. Y., a daughter of Edward Valentine, but was living with her parents in Wallingford at the time of her marriage. To this union were born two children: (1) Richard Thurston, now a student in the high school; (2) Russell Valentine, also in school. Mr. and Mrs. Hobson belong to the Baptist Church. He is affiliated with no lodges of any kind, and is regarded in the community where he is so well known, as a man far above the average both in intelligence and character.

ZERAH PIERPONT BEACH, one of the leading agriculturists and fruit growers of Wallingford, was born on what is known locally as Parkers Farm, in West Wallingford, Nov. 7, 1845. Mr. Beach is a descendant of one of the oldest and best families of New Haven county.

Stephen Beach, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1751 in this locality, where he engaged in farming all his life, leaving his plow to become a drummer in Capt. Stanley's company during the Revolutionary war. His death occurred on Parkers Farm in 1821. In 1774 he married Miriam Parker, who was born in 1753; the children of their family were: Jason, Eleanor, Miriam, Silvia, Chancey, Whiting, Stephen, Lyman and Polly.

Jason Beach, the grandfather, was born on the homestead, and was a farmer all his life, well known and respected, being remembered especially on account of his musical talent. In the church he led the choir and played the bass viol, and was a man of exceeding intelligence. He married Susanna Hotchkiss, and the children of these worthy people were: One that died in infancy, William, Roger, Norman, Susan, Lucy, Nathan and Eliza.

Nathan Beach, the father of our subject, was born in 1811, on the old homestead, where he grew to manhood, receiving a common-school education, and he lived near the old home all his life, engaged in general farming, being one of the pioneers in tobacco growing. In 1882 this worthy man was prostrated, and many mourned his decease, as he had been a good neighbor, and one whose example was for the benefit of the community. On May 1, 1834, he married Lucy Pierpont, who was born in North Haven in 1814, a member of one of the oldest and most distinguished families of New Haven, being a daughter of Joel and Abigail (Cooper) Pierpont, and granddaughter of Giles Pierpont. This intelligent and lovely old lady is a member of the family on the homestead, possessing a bright mind and wonderful memory, but for several years has not had the use of her limbs. Mr. and Mrs.



Gerah P Beach

Beach had children as follows: Joel, born in 1835; Stephen E., born in 1837; Zerah P., our subject; and Esther, born in 1850.

Zerah P. Beach was given the advantages of the best schools of the locality, and was also sent to the United States Business College, in New Haven. Returning to the farm he took up the business as a profession, and has been one of the pioneers in the peach-growing business, having now an orchard covering twenty-five acres, his trees all in prosperous condition.

Mr. Beach was married, June 5, 1875, to Sarah M. Beard, of Bethany, daughter of Allen and Abigail (Smith) Beard. She was a woman of rare Christian character, and a consistent member of the Congregational Church, in which faith she died Nov. 28, 1896; her remains rest in the Centre Street cemetery, in Wallingford. The children bereft of a devoted mother are: Lorenzo A., born in 1876; Flora C., born in 1880; and Zerah N., born in 1885. Mr. Beach has taken a prominent part in town and county affairs, has served in the National Guards, being corporal five years, sergeant twenty-three years, and company treasurer for twenty years; has been a justice of the peace whose judgments have been upheld by the higher courts; and was assessor. Fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F. at Wallingford, and in 1885 he was the first lecturer of the Grange of this place, was in 1900 its master, and with some of his children still takes an active interest in that organization. His associations with his fellow citizens are pleasant, and he possesses the esteem and confidence of the community, and is regarded as one of the substantial residents of Wallingford.

ANDREW JAMES COYLE, the leading tonorial artist of Branford, was born in New Haven Sept. 23, 1859, a son of John and Rose (Gallagan) Coyle. The parents, who were natives of County Cavan, Ireland, came to this country in 1850, locating in New Haven, where the father was employed as a section boss on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad until 1871, when he was made track-walker, which position he filled until his death, in 1875. He was the father of ten children, eight of whom lived to reach adult age: Mary A., Mrs. Nicholas H. O'Brien; Andrew J., whose name appears at the beginning of this article; Charles H.; Rose, wife of Michael Fitzgerald; Maggie; John; Lena, Mrs. John H. Toby; and Nicholas.

Andrew James Coyle spent his early life in New Haven and Branford, receiving his education in the public schools, and early applying himself to work, for his own support. In 1871 he came to Branford, and when he was a little over eleven years of age entered the Branford Lock Works, where he was steadily employed until 1897. During these years he had learned the barber's trade with his brother, assisting him evenings, and in January, 1898, he set up in the barber business for

himself, and to-day owns one of the best equipped shops in Branford. He is capable and energetic, and is much liked and esteemed for his many good qualities.

Mr. Coyle was married, April 19, 1880, to Frances Evelyn, a daughter of James and Eliza (Regan) Clancy, of Branford. Mr. and Mrs. Coyle are the happy parents of a bright and attractive family of three children: Helena, William and Francis. Mr. Coyle and his wife belong to St. Mary's Catholic Church, and he is a member of the T. A. B., the Foresters, the K. of C., the N. E. O. P., the Emerald Social Club, and the Branford Fire Department. In politics he is a Democrat.

GEORGE C. SUMMERS, a well-known business man of Derby, New Haven county, was born in that town July 12, 1854, son of Stephen N. Summers, who was for almost half a century prominently identified with the business interests of this county.

Stephen N. Summers was a native of the town of Trumbull, Fairfield Co., Conn. At the early age of thirteen he began his business career, working as a farm hand at \$6 per month for one year. Having saved \$100, he went to New Haven, and there learned the cabinetmaker's trade, which he subsequently followed in Stratford and Bridgeport, Conn., for some time. At the age of twenty-three years he came to Derby and opened a small furniture store in East Derby. While there he was married, in 1835, to Miss Mary E. Phillips, who was born in Fairfield, Conn., and he afterward located in Birmingham, where he was engaged in the furniture business on a limited scale for about a year. He then erected a building on Minerva street, Derby, which he occupied for many years, doing an extensive retail furniture business under the name the Birmingham Furniture Co. He was in partnership first with a Mr. Coe and later with a Mr. Lewis and continued his connection with the furniture trade for forty-nine years. He was also a director in the Birmingham National Bank, and president of the Birmingham Water Co. He belonged to that class of men whom the world terms self-made, for, starting out in life for himself empty-handed, he conquered all obstacles in the path to success, and not only secured for himself a handsome competence, but by his efforts materially advanced the interests of the community with which he was associated. In political sentiment he was a Republican, and in religious belief both he and his wife were Methodists. He died Dec. 23, 1884, and she has also passed away. To them were born seven children, namely: Jennie M., Carrie, Sarah, Sadie, Henry, George C. and Charles. All are deceased with the exception of Jennie (a resident of Waterbury) and our subject.

The early education of George C. Summers was acquired in the public schools of Derby, and was

supplemented by a course at Wilbraham, Mass. On returning home he worked for his father for a time, and then went to New Haven, Conn., where he attended the National College of Business. He then acted as bookkeeper, collector and general manager in his father's furniture establishment, where an extensive wholesale and retail business was carried on, employment being given to as many as seventy-five men. Mr. Summers remained with his father until the latter's death, and became thoroughly familiar with every department of the business, including the cabinetmaking. For the past two years he has engaged in the manufacture of extracts and essences, for which he finds a ready sale, and has built up a good trade in that line. A portion of his time is also devoted to his property interests, as he owns and rents many houses in Derby.

In 1892 Mr. Summers married Miss Jennette Clapper, a native of Albany, N. Y., and a daughter of William Clapper, who was also born in that city. To this union have been born four children: Lester E., Grace E., Millicent L. and Alton B. Mr. Summers and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are quite prominent socially. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party.

GEORGE W. LIVINGSTON, a brass caster in Ansonia, was born in Canada, Sept. 2, 1843, a son of Samuel Livingston, also a native-born Canadian, who was a farmer and spent his entire life in Ontario, where he cleared a farm of 200 acres, and died at the age of sixty years. Anna Gale, wife of Samuel, was born in Philadelphia, but early made her home in Canada, and she died at the age of eighty-nine. Both she and her husband were faithful adherents and members of the Baptist Church.

George Livingston spent his early life in Canada, where he grew to manhood on the paternal acres, and acquired his education in the public schools. When he was twenty years old he left home, and engaged in farming in Illinois, but after a year he returned to his native country where he was at work for three years. He spent five months in Pennsylvania, and then came to Connecticut, locating in Ansonia in 1866, where he took a place with Wallace & Sons as a helper for a brass caster. When he learned the trade, he became a brass caster himself, working for eighteen years in the same factory in which he began. He was connected with Osborne, Cheeseman & Co., and later entered the employe of the Birmingham Brass Co. With the latter house he has been engaged fourteen years, and he is the oldest caster in the factory, and among the oldest in the neighborhood.

On Aug. 26, 1868, Mr. Livingston was married to Martha Woodin, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of Aner F. Woodin, who was born in Pines Bridge, Beacon Falls, a son of John Woodin, also a native of Pines Bridge, where he spent his

life. Aner F. Woodin was a carpenter, and worked at that trade many years in Waterbury. The latter part of his life was spent in Michigan, where he died at the age of seventy-five. His second wife, Delight Bronson, daughter of Polly (Hotchkiss) Bronson, was the mother of Mrs. Livingston, and to that marriage three children were born: Ella J., who married Theodore Manville; Martha; and Charles Woodin, in Texas. Mrs. Delight (Bronson) Woodin was born at Prospect, and died at the age of forty-three years, and with her husband belonged to the Methodist Church.

Mr. Livingston is a member of Washington Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the Naugatuck Lodge, I. O. O. F. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Church, where they are active and interested workers in every department of the church and the Sunday-school. He is a trustee of the church, and with his wife teaches in the Sunday-school. Both are prominent people, much esteemed for their good character, kindly spirit, and unswerving integrity.

WILLIAM J. STANLEY is an expert machinist, and holds an honorable position in Waterbury. The Scovill Manufacturing Co., that has an eye for men of mechanical genius, early discerned the kind of a man he was and gave him work, pushing him forward, until he now occupies a responsible place in their factory. Mr. Stanley was born in Bergen, Hudson Co., N. J., Sept. 2, 1858, and is a son of James A. Stanley, whose biography and family history appears in connection with the sketch of his son, F. E. Stanley, a sketch of whom may be found elsewhere.

William J. Stanley came to Hopeville, near Waterbury, when a child, and lived there until he was five years old, when his parents moved into the city, and here has been his home to the present time. His education has been largely acquired at odd moments, but it is surprisingly good, and covers a much broader field than one would imagine, considering the very limited schooling he has had. He is a wide reader, and a close student of the world about him. At the age of ten years he became the second messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Co., and at an early age he entered the factory of the Carrington Manufacturing Co., and has made rapid progress in industrial matters. Mr. Stanley was with the Matthews & Stanley Co. from 1873 to 1875, and since that time has been associated with the Scovill Manufacturing Co., where he has achieved a large success as a tool maker. For fifteen years he has been the foreman of a department, and has a thorough mastery of every one of its details.

At the early age of ten Mr. Stanley manifested a decided musical gift. In 1876 he became a student of Prof. Baier, and studied with him for several years, and in 1877 became the organist at the Old Baptist Church, where he officiated until

1881. From 1881 to 1883 he played the organ in the Thomaston Congregational Church; from 1883 to 1886, in the Waterbury Baptist Church; from 1886 to 1888, the Congregational Church in Watertown; from 1888 to 1899, the First Baptist Church of Waterbury.

On April 28, 1887, Mr. Stanley was united in marriage with Miss Flora Brown, who was born in Ashland, Mass., a daughter of Benjamin G. and Ella (Hudson) Brown, natives of Ashland and Framingham, Mass., respectively. Mr. Brown is living, but his wife died Oct. 31, 1894. The Hudson family are of Scotch extraction, while the Browns came from England. To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley have been born two children: (1) Louise and (2) Ada. In politics Mr. Stanley is a Republican. Socially he has been a member of Noshogon Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., for more than twenty years, and is also affiliated with Waterbury Lodge, No. 95, A. O. U. W. He is a Mason of prominent standing, and belongs to Harmony Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., Eureka Chapter, and Clark Commandery, No. 7, K. T. Mr. Stanley and his family are all Baptists, and he has taken an active and efficient part in the musical affairs of that church.

EMMETT A. CARLEY, a well-known citizen of Cheshire, who is successfully engaged in the express business between Cheshire and New Haven, was born in New Milford, Litchfield Co., Conn., Aug. 28, 1846, a son of Eli A. and Laura (Hubbell) Carley, and grandson of James and Betsy (Dawson) Carley. The grandfather was also a native of Litchfield county, was a farmer by occupation, and was a great hunter and trapper. He died in Naugatuck, Conn., his wife in Danbury, this State. To them were born three sons, John, Eli A. and Hugh.

Eli A. Carley, father of our subject, was born in Litchfield county April 9, 1809, and was reared and educated in the town of Kent, that county. He was a builder and millwright by trade, and continued to follow the latter occupation throughout life. In 1855 he came to Oxford, New Haven county, where he died Jan. 18, 1867. His wife died in Shelton, Fairfield Co., Conn., in 1890. In their family were nine children: James F., who died young; James F. (2); Lucy Ann, widow of Julius W. Munson, of Wallingford, Conn.; Ellen Sophia, Mrs. Curtis H. Dodge, of the same place; Horatio H., who died in Wolcott in 1889; Eli Alfred, superintendent of the Housatonic Water Co. at Shelton; John, a resident of Waterbury; Emmett A., our subject; and Charles W., who died in Oxford at the age of nine years.

The boyhood and youth of Emmett A. Carley were passed in Oxford, where he attended school and where he continued to make his home until thirty years of age. In early life he drove a stage in Connecticut and later in Pennsylvania, having

charge of a line running from Mauch Chunk, but he was obliged to leave that State during the troubles with the "Molly Maguires." For a time he was engaged in the livery business in Bristol and New Haven, and in 1895 he located on a farm in Cheshire, and engaged in the milk business and in dealing in horses and cattle. He had a large milk route in Waterbury.

In 1878, in Bristol, Mr. Carley married Miss Frances Lane, a native of Wolcott, New Haven county, and a daughter of Asahel and Harriet (Mansfield) Lane, both of whom are deceased. To this union have been born four children, three of whom are now living, namely: Mabel F., Julius M., and Russell Henry. Politically Mr. Carley is a staunch Prohibitionist, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Cheshire. He served as constable of Oxford at one time, but has never been an office seeker, though as a citizen he is always ready to discharge any duty that devolves upon him.

JOHN F. McGRAIL, well known to those familiar with the operating force of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., at New Haven, as a man of high character, unswerving integrity, and unwearied industry, was born at Mt. Carmel, Conn., May 22, 1860, son of John McGrail, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, Dec. 4, 1831. Stephen McGrail, the grandfather of John F., was a farmer in Ireland, came to the United States, and died seven days after first setting foot on the American shore.

John McGrail came to this country in 1844, landing in Boston, Mass. In 1856 he married Eliza Rourke, an Irish compatriot. Two of the five children born to them are living: John F.; and Annie M., who married James R. Mercer, of New Haven. The father was engaged for twenty-one years in Mt. Carmel as an axle maker.

John F. McGrail spent his boyhood and youth at Mt. Carmel, where he attended school, and very early began the labor of his own support, going into a bolt shop while still a lad of only eight years. In New Haven he attended public school three years, and then secured a situation in the factory of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., where his industrious habits, intelligent nature and trustworthiness brought him forward step by step; he now holds a responsible and profitable connection with the Company as a contractor in the bullet room.

Mr. McGrail was married Oct. 22, 1890, to Elizabeth A. Shannon, of New Haven, a daughter of James Shannon, a native of Ireland. To this union were born a family of six children: Gertrude; Estella; Sylvester and Vincent, twins; Raymond; and Clement. Mr. McGrail has always been a Democrat, and has a very vivid comprehension of the political issues of the hour. Socially he belongs to the N. E. O. P., and in religion is a mem-

ber of St. Mary's Parish, Catholic Church. His summer home at Farview Beach is a very pleasant spot, and while not as costly as some, it is in good taste, and presents an inviting appearance.

DENNIS H. TIERNEY, one of the most prominent business men of Waterbury, at present engaged in the real-estate, insurance and bond and surety business, is a native of Ireland, born at Abbeyleix, Queen's County, in the year 1846.

John Tierney, father of our subject, was also a native of Queen's County, born at Portarlinton, a son of Matthew Tierney, who carried on the sale of timber and lumber at that place. John Tierney married Margaret McDonald, and six children were born to them, all of whom are now deceased except our subject. One died in Ireland. Michael died of fever in Mississippi, while serving in the United States regular army. Margaret passed away at the age of seven years. In 1848 the parents, with five children, emigrated to the United States on a sailing vessel, the voyage—which, owing to storms (the masts and rigging being twice carried away), lasted fourteen weeks—being made via Quebec. Fever having broken out among the passengers, the ill-fated ship was quarantined at or near Quebec, and a large shed, provided with roof only, the sides and ends being open, was utilized as a temporary hospital. Here the father died shortly after landing, leaving a widow and five children, two of whom also died at or near Quebec. Mrs. Tierney journeyed to Waterbury, Conn., where she had two brothers and one sister living, but as their means were not sufficiently ample to afford much aid to their widowed sister and her three children, she was confronted with the vital necessity of providing some immediate means of support. So she bravely set her face to the task, and, laundry work being the most available at the time, for six long years, day and night, the brave woman industriously labored, washing and ironing. At about the end of that time she secured a position in the Hotchkiss & Merriman web shop (now known as the American Mills), inspecting and pressing webs. She died in Waterbury in 1888.

Dennis H. Tierney, the subject of this memoir, was about eighteen months old when the family came to Waterbury, and here he received his elementary education, partly in the district schools and partly, by the advice of his mother, at night school. At the age of nine years he was employed in the buckle factory, and afterward in many of the factories of Waterbury, becoming somewhat skilled in the manipulating of metals. When about eighteen years old he began work in the thimble department of the Scovill Manufacturing Co., remaining three years; and while there, under the guidance of B. S. Curtiss, of Woodbury, Conn., he learned the craft of toolmaking, also the machine business, in a limited way. After three years' service in Water-

bury, having decided that New York offered a more extended field for advancement, he took his tool chest and traveling bag into the big city, with high hopes of learning something new, yet not without grave fears and misgivings lest he should be unable to cope with the greater mechanics of the city, which fears and misgivings were overcome only after many sleepless nights. During the years 1867-68 he took a course of instruction in the Cooper Union for Advancement of Science and Art, particularly in the mechanical drawing department. He divided his time between this and the common evening school of New York City. At the Cooper Union he graduated with the class of 1868, and took a first-class certificate for superior ability. Afterward he had experience in various machine shops, and in perfecting machinery for Ketchum Brothers, McDougal & Co., New York, for the making of silver thimbles from a solid disk of silver. He invented a bevel and tapering gauge, a necktie fastener, and a lathe chuck by the use of which work may be adjusted to the one-thousandth part of an inch in the lathe.

After a residence of three years in New York Mr. Tierney worked for a short time in Danbury, Conn., in a sewing-machine factory; then went to Forestville, Hartford county, where he made dies in the Bristol Brass & Clock Co., in the burner department; and after ten years there he invented what is known as "Tierney's Diamond Dust Hardening Powder," for hardening steel, and which afterwards proved a great success. He also invented a toy that gained considerable popularity.

Returning to Waterbury, Mr. Tierney in the year 1881 opened the Naugatuck Valley Patent Agency, shortly afterward adding the real-estate, general insurance, and bond and surety business. His first office, a room about 4x9 feet, made from a small hallway, was at No. 59 Bank street; he was then on East Main street, and later moved to No. 167 Bank street, where he is now located. In addition to his regular business interests he was president of the Globe Publishing Co., Waterbury (who publish the *Evening Globe*), and a stockholder in the *Commercial Record*, published in New Haven. In 1893 he was chairman of the Central school district financial committee.

Mr. Tierney has been three times married, first time, Jan. 28, 1873, to Julia A. Smith, who was born in County Westmeath, Ireland, whence she came to Waterbury in childhood. She died in 1875, the mother of one child, Henry S., who was in Cuba, as chief engineer of the government steam launch "Percy." In 1885 our subject married Annie Fisher, of Danbury, who was born in the city of Cork, Ireland, whence she came to this country in childhood. She died June 20, 1887, without issue. In 1886 Mr. Tierney married Margaret E. Cassidy, who was born in Greenwood, N. Y., and seven children came to this union: John D., Mathew D., May M., Mark, Madeline C., Ger-



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aldine J., and Luke (deceased). The family are identified with the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and Mr. Tierney is very prominent in Catholic circles, as well as in all matters of public interest, irrespective of creed or politics.

Socially Mr. Tierney is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and was grand knight of Carrollton Council. He was president of the Second Division, A. O. H., and was chairman of the Reception committee, which had in charge the care and feeding of thousands of Hibernians who came from all parts of Connecticut, as well as other States, to the centennial celebration on May 23, 1898. He is president of an association organized for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of James Reynolds, the Irish patriot, and he was treasurer of the committee in raising funds to send the remains of Stephen J. Meany (another Irish patriot) to Ireland. He also belongs to the American-Irish Historical Society. In 1880 he was president of the Young Men's Catholic Institute, of Naugatuck, Conn., and he was one of the foremost to advocate the use of its books to the public without regard to color, creed, or nationality, and the Institute so voted. In 1882 he organized a Father Matthew Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society, in Bristol, Conn., and was its first president, and he has adhered to the principles of total abstinence from that time to the present. Our subject was one of the active workers, treasurer as well as a member, of the "Manila Testimonial Committee," representing the people of Waterbury in showing their appreciation of her loyal citizens by presenting a highly embellished sword to a lieutenant, and a gold watch and chain to a common seaman, both of whom were with Commodore Dewey and took part in that memorable engagement in Manila, May 1, 1898; through the same committee the town presented a solid silver medal to each and every one of the Waterbury people who served their country in the Spanish-American war. Mr. Tierney has been active to aid the Boers in South Africa. He was chairman of a mass meeting composed of all classes of citizens, held at Waterbury March 6, 1900, which adopted resolutions of sympathy with the Boers in their struggles for liberty. These resolutions were sent to many prominent men, including the President of the United States. Our subject is intensely patriotic, and is loyal to his native land. Like all true Irishmen, he is a lover of liberty. In politics Mr. Tierney is a Democrat, and as a man of refinement and sterling qualities of character he is most highly esteemed.

JAMES CLIFFORD DOOLITTLE, an energetic and progressive farmer and lumber manufacturer of West Woods, Hamden, New Haven county, was born there, on the Doolittle homestead, Feb. 22, 1874, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored old families of the county. His great-grandfather, Daniel Doolittle, was born in

the town of Wallingford, but when a young man came to Hamden and purchased a farm, on which he spent the remainder of his life, engaged in general farming and stock raising. He married Miss Druce Chatterton, who also died in Hamden, and both were laid to rest in the Mt. Carmel cemetery. They were consistent members of the Congregational Church and most estimable people. In their family were six children: Lura, who died unmarried; Julia, wife of William Ellis; Percy; Arilla; Heman and Morris.

Heman Doolittle, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Hamden, March 10, 1799, and was educated in the district schools of the town. He spent his entire life in Hamden, where he owned and operated a large tract of land, was successfully engaged in general farming, and also dealt in wood quite extensively. He died upon his farm, July 26, 1875, and was buried in Mt. Carmel cemetery. On Nov. 11, 1824, he married Julia Allen, who was born in Wallingford, Dec. 24, 1802, a daughter of Ernest Allen, and died July 26, 1854. She was an earnest member of the Baptist Church. In their family were eight children: Emily, born Sept. 2, 1826, died Dec. 30, 1885; Amanda, born May 18, 1828, was married, Sept. 8, 1852, to Anson Doolittle; Oswin, the father of our subject, was next in order of birth; Julia A., born Oct. 9, 1832, was married, Sept. 9, 1860, to Lewis Joyce, of Hamden; Samuel D., born March 12, 1835, was married, Nov. 28, 1861, to Cornelia A. Sanford; Caroline, born April 20, 1836, died Sept. 10, 1836; Ellen M., born March 30, 1840, died Oct. 1, 1843; and Sarah J., born Oct. 5, 1844, married Jerome C. Munson.

Oswin Doolittle, father of our subject, was born in West Woods, Hamden, July 30, 1830, was reared upon a farm, and educated in the district schools. Throughout life he followed agricultural pursuits, and owned and operated a fine farm of seventy-five acres, upon which he made many useful and substantial improvements. He also owned a sawmill and was engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He was a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but never a politician in the sense of office seeking. On May 10, 1865, he married Sarah Josephine Root, widow of Capt. Henry G. Gerrish, and to them were born five children, namely: Howard, a resident of Torrington, Conn.; Sherwood, of New York State; Warren; Christina, wife of Edward Haynes; and James C., our subject. The father died in 1893, the mother in 1886, honored and respected by all who knew them, and were laid to rest in the Mt. Carmel cemetery.

James C. Doolittle obtained his education in the district schools of Hamden, and a business college of New Haven. During his youth he aided his father in the labors of the farm and mill, and resided upon the old home-stead until 1896, when he purchased the farm of 100 acres, in Hamden, upon which he now resides. In connection with farm-

ing, he is also engaged in the dairy business and carries on the mill once owned by his father. He is one of the most enterprising and progressive young men of the town, is industrious and energetic, and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. In September, 1899, he was married, in Hamden, to Miss Mabel Gilman, of Glover, Vt., a daughter of Marshall Gilman. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and religiously is an active and prominent member of the Congregational Church, in which he serves as a teacher in the Sunday school.

THOMAS F. McGRATH, proprietor of the cigar manufactory at No. 119 South Main street, Waterbury, was born in County Limerick, Ireland, May 1, 1856, son of Thomas and Margaret (Powell) McGrath, of whom mention in full is made elsewhere.

Thomas F. McGrath was about five years of age when brought by his parents to Waterbury, and there he attended school until eleven years old, when he went to work in the old woolen mill, well known at that day. After laboring there for a short time he started out on a tour of the country, sight-seeing and working in various towns and cities, and was gone about fifteen years, during which period he was employed chiefly in silk factories.

On his return to Waterbury, in 1882, Mr. McGrath sold cigars for T. J. Jackson for a while, and then handled beer and cigars together. In 1890 he began the manufacture of cigars on his own account, and this has been his business ever since. He employs ten or fifteen men, and his sales are made largely in the neighboring towns, as well as at home. He makes private brands a specialty, and his product is principally of the higher grade, cigars that retail at ten cents apiece.

In 1889 Mr. McGrath married Miss Margaret E. Lynch, who was born in Wallingford, Conn., daughter of John Lynch, a native of Wallingford. Two children have blessed this union, Florence and Irene, who are being reared in the faith of the Catholic Church, of which the parents are members. Mr. McGrath is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen; of the Catholic Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Waterbury; and also of the Union club. In politics he is independent, and casts his franchise for the candidate he deems best fitted for office. He is an industrious and sagacious business man, and is respected wherever known.

JAMES G. CURTISS, the well-known liveryman of Ansonia, is a representative of a prominent family of the town of Woodbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., where he was born Sept. 13, 1863. His ancestors located at Woodbury at an early day, and his grandfather, David H. Curtiss, was a native of the locality and spent his entire life there, his home-

stead being located on the main road between Woodbury and Southbury. This worthy citizen died at a good old age, the father of two children.

James G. Curtiss, Sr., our subject's father, was born and reared at the old homestead in Woodbury, where he still resides at the age of sixty-seven, having followed farming all his life. He is respected by all who know him for his intelligence, culture and sound judgment, and has taken an active part in political affairs, being one of the leading Republicans of the town. His fellow citizens have frequently chosen him to office, and he has served two terms as selectman and two as representative in the Legislature. For many years he has been an active worker in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Woodbury, in which he has held numerous offices, including those of superintendent of the Sunday school and teacher of a Bible class. In the absence of the rector he has read the service in the Church for months at a time. His estimable wife, Mary J. Styles, who died in 1894, was born in Southbury, and was one of three sisters of whom Nellie and Alice still reside at their old family homestead. To James G. Curtiss, Sr., and his wife seven children were born, of whom four are living, namely: Henry S., Annie M. (Mrs. Somers, of Woodbury), James G., Jr., and Flora P. (Mrs. L. N. Carrington, of Woodbury). Nellie, now deceased, married H. E. Barnes, of Watertown.

The common schools of Woodbury afforded James G. Curtiss his early educational opportunities, and at the age of seventeen he went to Waterbury, where he was employed for three years by Megg & Trott as a clerk in a bakery. He then spent a year in Iowa, after which he went to Chicago, and then returned to the homestead, where he was engaged in farming for two and a half years. For two years he was employed as a clerk in H. M. Heine's grocery and meat market in Chicago, and on his return to Connecticut he spent two years on a farm in Woodbury. In 1891 he settled in Ansonia, purchasing a trucking business with a stable on Water street. Later he bought his present stable, No. 26 Water street, and in 1897 he leased a stable at No. 267 Main street, and later bought his extensive business, requiring offices at both. He has a fine line of livery teams, fourteen horses being kept at the Water street stable for that purpose, and there are usually twelve boarders there. At the Main street stable he keeps about forty-five horses for trucking, and in this line he does the largest business in the city, being regularly employed by the principal firms, including the S. O. & C. Co., the Union Fabric Co., the Ansonia Lumber Co., the Ansonia O. & C. Co., the Ansonia Novelty Co., the A. B. C. Co., the Coe Brass Co., and the Farrell Foundry Co. He also runs a line of express and freight teams to the different depots, and has the contract for watering the streets, for which he keeps two carts especially con-

structed. At one time he was a member of the Board of Trade, and as a business man he is held in high esteem. In politics he is a Republican, and he is identified with the A. O. U. W., the Eagle Hose Company of Ansonia, and King Hiram Lodge, No. 12. He attends Emmanuel Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a member, and both are interested in the work of the society.

In 1890 Mr. Curtiss married Miss Alma M. Bassett, daughter of William H. Bassett, a well known agriculturist of Bethlehem, and they have one son, James G. (3).

LOUIS A. MANSFIELD. Since 1855 the business of which Louis A. Mansfield is the capable and efficient owner and manager, has been one of the most prosperous among the business circles of New Haven. The original firm name was Gower & Mansfield, the owners being George D. Gower and Austin Mansfield, later becoming Austin Mansfield & Son, and still later, Louis A. Mansfield, all these years representing a policy of strict honesty and unimpeachable integrity.

Louis A. Mansfield was born in New Haven, March 11, 1863, a son of Austin and a grandson of Jesse Merrick Mansfield. The latter was a farmer in Hamden, Conn., where he married a member of the Eaton family, and settled down on a farm in that locality, where they reared three children: Austin; Ellen, who married George D. Gower, of New Haven; and Susan, who, after the death of her sister, married Mr. Gower.

Austin Mansfield was born in Hamden, Conn., April 7, 1833, grew up on the farm and attended the district schools. In 1855 he removed to New Haven and started a lumber business, in association with George D. Gower, which continued until 1885, when Mr. Gower died and the business continued until 1890, when Mr. Mansfield associated his son Louis with him, and the firm style became Austin Mansfield & Son. In 1899, upon the death of his father, Louis Mansfield assumed sole charge under the name of Louis A. Mansfield, dealer in lumber and coal, located at No. 505 Grand avenue.

On May 12, 1858, Austin Mansfield was married to Emily A. Ford, who was born in Hamden, Conn., a daughter of Merritt Ford, a farmer of Hamden, and died Aug. 13, 1879. The only child of this union was Louis A. Politically, Mr. Mansfield was a Democrat, and both he and wife were consistent and devoted members of the Episcopal Church. In 1885, Mr. Austin Mansfield married Charlotte E. Judson, of New Haven, who survives him.

Louis A. Mansfield spent his early boyhood in New Haven, and had exceptional educational advantages, attending private schools, and later passing through the Hopkins' Grammar school. He entered Yale College, and graduated with the class of 1885, immediately becoming associated with his father in business. Since taking charge, Mr. Mans-

field has carried out the former policy of the house, and enjoys all of the old patronage and a constantly increasing one.

On August 14, 1890, Mr. Mansfield was married to Miss Mary F. Hurd, of New Haven, a daughter of Frances (Wheeler) Hurd, of Southford, Conn., a member of an old and honored family of that locality. In politics, Mr. Mansfield is in sympathy with the Democratic party, and is fraternally connected with the D. K. E. College society; the Graduate Club, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Builders' Exchange. Since 1892, he has been secretary of the Lumber Dealers' Association of the State, in all lines being one of the most progressive among the younger business men of the city. His church connection is with the Episcopal Church, where both he and wife are highly esteemed.

WILLIAM A. FABER, a progressive and enterprising citizen of Waterbury, who is successfully engaged in dairy farming on Bucks Hill, was born at that place April 27, 1858, son of George Faber, one of the most highly respected citizens of Bucks Hill.

Our subject attended the district schools near his boyhood home, and also the Waterbury high school. After his education was completed he worked at general farming on his father's place four years, and then learned the trade of a caster with the Scovill Manufacturing Co., by whom he was employed three years. He then bought a milk route and engaged in the dairy business three years, after which he sold out and worked for the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co., as caster, for the same length of time. He next turned his attention to farming, near his father's place on Bucks Hill, where he purchased a tract of 105 acres, and in connection with its operation he carries on his father's farm of seventy-five acres. He keeps thirty cows, and is one of the largest dairy and vegetable farmers in the town of Waterbury. He is very industrious, enterprising and energetic, and is meeting with well-deserved success in his labors.

Mr. Faber married Miss Harriet Scott, also a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Merritt E. Scott, and they have four children: Lucy, Sarah, Mabel and George. Politically Mr. Faber is a supporter of the Democratic party and its principles, but has never been an office seeker. However, he has served since 1880 as secretary, treasurer or member of the committee of the Bucks Hill school district. He is a prominent member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Waterbury, in which he is serving as vestryman, and is a trustee of the Bucks Hill Union Chapel, and also Sunday-school superintendent. He is a charter member of Mad River Grange, of which he has been master and member of the executive committee, and is now the trustee of the Grange hall and property. He is quite popular with the members of that organization, and

takes a deep interest in its affairs. He is secretary and sexton of the Bucks Hill Cemetery Association. Wherever known Mr. Faber is held in high regard, and his friends are many.

GEORGE B. MUNGER, a member of the firm of Munger & Son, and one of the leading business men and prominent manufacturers of Madison, was born May 18, 1854, in East River, New Haven county, and is a descendant of one of the oldest families of New England.

Nicholas Munger was the first of the name in Guilford. Emigrating to America with William Chittenden, he left his home at the age of sixteen years. Locating in Guilford, he spent the remainder of his life there, and died in 1668. He was buried in Guilford. On June 2, 1639, he married Sarah Hall, who, after his death, married Dinis Crampton. To her first marriage were born two children, John and Samuel, of whom the last named married Sarah Hand, and died March 5, 1717.

John Munger, son of Nicholas, was born in Guilford April 26, 1640, and died there Nov. 3, 1732. On June 3, 1684, he married Mary Everts, who was born May 1, 1664, and died in June, 1734. Their children were: (1) Mary, born June 10, 1685, died young; (2) John, born Aug. 19, 1687, married Oct. 5, 1725, Deborah French; (3) Mary, born Aug. 19, 1689, married Joshua Leete, and died March 18, 1722; (4) Abigail, born Feb. 26, 1691, married Jonathan Dudley, and died Oct. 23, 1766; (5) Ebenezer was born July 4, 1693; (6) Caleb was born May 16, 1695; (7) Jonathan, born April 14, 1697, married Sarah Graves; (8) Josiah, born July 20, 1699, married Elizabeth Hubbard, and died Feb. 21, 1750; (9) Rachel was born in 1706.

Ebenezer Munger married, in Guilford, Annie Scranton, who was born Dec. 22, 1693, and died April 20, 1725. On July 7, 1726, Mr. Munger married, for his second wife, Susanna Hubbard, who married for her second husband Josiah Crampton, and died March 25, 1788. Ebenezer Munger died June 29, 1729. His children were: (1) Ebenezer, born Sept. 2, 1718, married Ann Lee, who died June 20, 1793. (2) Caleb, born Sept. 24, 1722, married Sarah Stanard, and died Feb. 15, 1797. (3) Reuben and (4) Simeon, twins, were born March 28, 1725; the latter died May 11, 1725. Reuben married Elizabeth Dudley. (5) Simeon (2) was born in April, 1727.

Simeon Munger lived in Bergen, N. Y., where he died March 16, 1815. On July 3, 1751, he married Sarah Scranton, who was born Jan. 26, 1733, and died Dec. 15, 1815. Their children were as follows: (1) Simeon, born Dec. 7, 1752, died Oct. 18, 1833; he married Lois Lyon. (2) Josiah was born Oct. 16, 1754. (3) Mary, born Nov. 3, 1756, married Andrew L. Stone, and died in June, 1840. (4) Willis, born Feb. 9, 1761, married Esther Haml, and died June 31, 1815. (5) Mabel, born

Dec. 17, 1762, married Timothy Graves, and died Nov. 19, 1837.

Josiah Munger was born Oct. 16, 1754, in East Guilford, and made his home in his native community, where he was engaged in farming. He was a private in the Revolutionary war, and died in August, 1838. His first wife was Anne Lee, Hannah Coe, his second wife, died Jan. 14, 1837. His children were: (1) George was born Feb. 17, 1781; (2) Sarah, born Feb. 10, 1784, died Jan. 30, 1816; (3) Anna, born March 4, 1792, married Deacon Josiah Prudden, and died in January, 1820; (4) Mabel, born Sept. 21, 1802, married George Cram; (5) Josiah, born Nov. 3, 1804, married Maria Fowler, and died Dec. 18, 1863.

George Munger, great-grandfather of George B., was an artist, and also taught school. He died in Madison June 2, 1822. On Dec. 23, 1802, he married Parnel Kelsey, who was born Jan. 21, 1781, and died Oct. 25, 1860. She married for her second husband Minor Bradley. Mr. and Mrs. George Munger were the parents of the following children: (1) George Nicholas, born Sept. 23, 1803, is mentioned below; (2) Clarissa, born May 20, 1806, married Rev. Milton Badger, and died Dec. 14, 1889; (3) Caroline, born May 15, 1808, married Horace Washburn; (4) Amanda Ann, born Nov. 9, 1813, married Samuel C. Chittenden; (5) Susan, born March 22, 1821, died July 19, 1826.

George N. Munger, grandfather of George B., was born in Madison, grew to manhood under the parental roof, and spent the greater part of his life in New Haven, where his old age was passed. For a number of years he was engaged in making mathematical instruments, principally for college use. He died Aug. 1, 1882, in East River, while on a visit to that place. He was an old-time Whig, and a man of force and character. His first wife was Amy Merwin, whom he married June 2, 1825, and his second wife was Mary Merwin. His children were: (1) Caroline Amanda, born April 5, 1826, married Alfred N. Wilcox; (2) George, born Nov. 27, 1827, is mentioned below; (3) Susan A., born May 15, 1829, died Aug. 6, 1854; (4) Emily, born April 10, 1831, died Sept. 2, 1879; (5) Edwin Miles, born March 5, 1833, died March 10, 1898; (6) Elizabeth was born Oct. 8, 1836.

George Munger, father of George B., was born in New Haven, where he attended the public school and also the select school kept by John A. Lovell. After reaching manhood he went to East River and took up the sash and blind business, in partnership with his uncle, Samuel C. Chittenden. In 1859 Mr. Munger removed to New Haven, where he was engaged in the manufacture of slates, globes and school apparatus. In 1866 he located in East River and built a plant for the manufacture of school apparatus, in which important industry his time has since been fully occupied. He has his son George B. as a partner, and they constitute the firm of Munger & Son. Politically Mr. Munger is a Repub-



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lian. For years he has been deeply interested in the cause of education, and is a member of the board of education. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He attends the Congregational Church. He is one of the best known and most highly respected men of Madison.

On Nov. 28, 1850, Mr. Munger was married to Cornelia Ives Jacobs, daughter of William Jacobs, of North Haven, and they have had two children: Emma L., born April 5, 1852, married William T. Foote, who is engaged in business with his father; George Badger was born May 18, 1854. Mrs. George Munger is a lady of refinement, and has many warm friends.

George B. Munger was a student in the Madison schools, in Lee's Academy and in a select school in New Haven. Growing up in business with his father, he has taken naturally to it, and is a substantial man in the school supply industry. A genial manner and a winning way have made him many friends, and contributed materially to his success. Mr. Munger belongs to the Madison Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he has been past master. In politics he is a Republican. He has served on the board of education, and represented the town of Madison in the State Legislature in 1889, where he served on the committee on Constitutional Amendment.

Mr. Munger married Anna Bushnell, who was born in Madison, daughter of William C. and Cynthia (Griswold) Bushnell, both of whom were natives of Madison. Mrs. Munger is a niece of the well-known C. S. Bushnell, of "Monitor" fame. Mr. and Mrs. Munger have had the following children: George A. is deceased; Alice Cornelia graduated from the high school of Madison and is now attending Anderson's Gymnasium and School of Music, at New Haven; Caroline Washburn is a student in the local high school.

FREDERICK A. SMITH, the well-known and popular superintendent of the United States Reclaiming Rubber plant at Naugatuck, is a native of this county, born in Southbury, April 21, 1863, a son of James Smith, and a grandson of Horace W. Smith.

Horace W. Smith was a native of Middlebury, Conn., and there engaged in farming. He was twice married. His first wife, Nancy Tyler, bore him the following children: James, William L., Monroe, Marcia and Nancy. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Smith married Emeline Thompson, and three children blessed this union: Eli T., Thomas and Emeline Hall.

James Smith, father of our subject, was born in Middlebury, grew to manhood in his native town, and was educated at Yale. In early life he engaged in merchandising in Middlebury, and later followed farming in Exeter, N. Y., and also in Middlebury and Southbury, Conn. He died in 1895. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary

Curtis, was born in Exeter, N. Y., and was a daughter of Amos Curtis. By this union were born nine children, namely: Floyd B., now a contractor of Waterbury, Conn.; Mary E., Sarah D. and Julia M., all unmarried; William H., foreman with the Wales Goodyear Rubber Co.; George, who died at the age of one year; Robert, who died at the age of three years; Edward C., a contractor and builder of Waterbury; and Frederick A., of this review.

Frederick A. Smith was reared in Middlebury until ten years of age, and then came to Naugatuck, where he attended school. On the completion of his education he worked one year for the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Co., and was then with the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co. until 1895, when he accepted the position of foreman with the United States Reclaiming Rubber Co., and has since been promoted to superintendent of the plant. He thoroughly understands the business in all its details, and is therefore well qualified to fill that important position.

In 1892, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Mrs. Sadie (Bristol) Phelps, a native of Naugatuck and a daughter of B. H. Bristol, and to them has been born one child, Lucy. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both active and prominent members of the Congregational Church, where his father served as deacon for many years. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. A public-spirited and enterprising citizen, he never withholds his support from any object which he believes calculated to advance the moral or material welfare of his town and county.

JOHN L. RICE, a representative agriculturist of Beacon Falls, owns and operates a fine farm of 100 acres, pleasantly located only a mile and a quarter from the village of Beacon Falls. He makes a specialty of dairy and fruit farming, and his well-directed labors have been crowned with success.

In the town where he still continues to reside Mr. Rice was born Oct. 20, 1866, and comes of good old Revolutionary stock, his great-great-grandfather having served as a captain in the Continental army. His grandfather, Reuben Rice, was a native of Barkhamsted, Litchfield Co., Conn., and after his marriage located on a farm in Colebrook, same county. There his only child, Anson B. Rice, father of our subject, was born and reared. By occupation he was a farmer, and he also dealt in wood and lumber. He was married in Colebrook to Miss Hannah Dayton, also a native of Litchfield county, and the daughter of a farmer. Both were active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics the father was a Republican. In their family were nine children, namely: Emma, Anson, Annie, Mary, Richard, Albert, Harriet, Ida and John L.

During his boyhood and youth our subject at-

tended the public schools of Beacon Falls, and when his school days were over entered the employ of the Home Woolen Co., at that place. After the failure of the firm he remained with its successors in the same building for some time, and also worked in the rubber shop at Naugatuck at intervals for three years. On Jan. 1, 1893, he purchased his present farm, and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, meeting with marked success in the undertaking. He is extensively engaged in general farming, dairying and fruit raising, and has the finest herd of Jersey cattle in the town.

Mr. Rice was married Feb. 28, 1893, to Miss Hortense D. Bradley, a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of Saul C. Bradley, who was a member of the Union army during the Civil war. To them have been born two children, John W. and Ruth M. In his political views Mr. Rice is an ardent Republican, and he is now serving his third year as selectman. He was once the candidate of his party for representative to the State Legislature, and although the town is strongly Democratic was defeated by only five votes, a fact which plainly indicates his personal popularity. He is a prominent member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and has served as treasurer of the local organization.

JAMES A. McENERNEY. Few young men in this section have displayed the enterprise and business acumen which have marked the career of the subject of this sketch, a leading druggist of Ansonia, and the story of his life will furnish a useful object lesson to an ambitious youth.

Mr. McEnerney was born Nov. 27, 1868, in Derby, this county, and like many of our successful citizens, has Irish blood in his veins. His father, Patrick McEnerney, was born in Ireland and came to America in early manhood, locating in Derby, where he established a grocery in 1850. He continued this business successfully until his death in 1882, and although only forty-five years of age, he was then one of the oldest merchants in the locality. As an intelligent and public-spirited citizen he took an active part in local affairs, serving for a number of years as selectman and for a time as first selectman. He married Ellen Maguire, a native of New York, who is still living. They had eight children of whom seven survive: John is commissioner of the poor in Derby, where he and his brother, Edward, now conduct their father's business; Edward was the next in order of birth; James A., is the subject proper of this sketch; William is connected with the General Electric Co., of Schenectady; and Anna, Mary and Frank all reside in Derby.

As a boy James A. McEnerney attended the public schools of Derby, and on leaving the high school he took a course in the Yale Business College. In 1895 he engaged in the drug business in Derby, but during the following year he sold out and established another store on Main Street,

where he remained two years. He then located at No. 45 Bridge street, where he has a store 40 feet deep by 25 feet in width, and carries a full line of drugs and chemicals, patent medicines, toilet articles and perfumery.

In 1896 Mr. McEnerney married Miss Ella Stuart, who was born in Ansonia, one of the five children of James Stuart, a well known clock maker of that place, and they have two children, Edward and Stuart. Both Mr. McEnerney and his wife are leading members of the Catholic Church in Ansonia, and are popular in social life. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of St. Patrick of New Haven; the Catholic Benevolent Legion; the American Order of Foresters and the Independent Order of Foresters, of which he is treasurer; the Welcome Wheel Club, of Ansonia; the Derby Driving Club, of which he was treasurer at one time; and the Derby Lodge, B. P. O. E. He is an active member of Webster Hose Co., of Ansonia, and was formerly a member of the Board of Trade. He has also taken a prominent part in local politics, being an ardent Democrat as was his father. For two years he served as tax collector in Derby under appointment from Mayor Sullivan, and in 1897 he was elected councilman from his ward to serve until 1899.

DAVID H. BEATTIE. one of the prominent residents of Leete Island, New Haven county, was born Aug. 11, 1865, in Newport, R. I., a son of John and Mary (Harrington) Beattie. His father, who for years was one of the best-known business men in this section, is mentioned fully elsewhere in this volume.

Our subject received his education in the public schools, and at the age of sixteen he commenced to learn the quarry business in his father's quarries, where for the past fourteen years he has been foreman stone cutter and foreman quarryman, noted for his industry and good management.

In 1884, at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, David H. Beattie was married to Miss Julia Delany, who was born at Kilkenny, Ireland, a daughter of Dr. Barry Delany, and niece of the late Bishop Delany, of Cork, Ireland. To this union have been born ten children, named as follows: Helen Regina, John Bagwell, Margaret Mary, David (deceased in infancy), Irene Elizabeth, Josephine, Katharine Ursula (deceased in infancy), David Bagwell, Edwin Ignatius (deceased in infancy) and George Dewey. Mr. and Mrs. Beattie and family are all members of the Catholic Church. Politically he is liberal in his views; socially he is affiliated with the K. of C. of Branford.

EMERY L. TERRELL. a well-known merchant of Beacon Falls, where he is also postmaster is a man whose sound common sense and vigorous able management of his affairs have been important factors in his success, and, with his undoubted

integrity of character, have gained him an honorable position among his fellow men.

Mr. Terrell was born in Colebrook, Litchfield Co., Conn., May 9, 1866, a son of Henry Terrell, a native of the same county. There the grandfather, Josiah Terrell, followed farming throughout life, and the father was also an agriculturist. Henry Terrell was one of the prominent Democrats of his community, representing the town of Colebrook in the State Legislature in 1876. He married Miss Emeline Whiting, a native of that town and a daughter of Seth Whiting, and two children were born to them: Henry S. and Emery L. The elder has been a member of the State militia for fifteen years; served as captain in the Cuban army on the Island of Cuba, during the recent war with Spain, and rendered good service against the Spaniards; later he became second lieutenant in the United States army, in which he served in the Philippines. The father died June 22, 1879, in Colebrook, and the mother passed away May 26, 1866. Both were consistent members of the Congregational Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them.

Reared in Colebrook, Emery L. Terrell obtained his early education in the schools of that town, and later attended high school in Winsted, Conn., for a time. In 1883 he came to Beacon Falls, where he clerked in the general store of Terrell & Bacon for four years and then purchased an interest in the business, as a partner of E. J. Terrell, under the firm name of E. J. Terrell & Co. On the death of the senior member in June, 1896, our subject purchased his interest, and has since been alone in the business, which he has successfully conducted under the name of E. L. Terrell. He carries a well selected stock of merchandise, and by fair and honorable dealing receives a liberal share of the public patronage. The store is located on Main street, opposite Beacon Falls Rubber Shoe Co.'s office.

Mr. Terrell is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and in 1895 he represented his town in the State Legislature, being one of the youngest members of that body. He served as town clerk in 1889 and 1890, and from 1896 to 1900; is filling the offices of town treasurer and postmaster at Beacon Falls, having been appointed to the latter position in 1896. He has been a member of the board of relief and the school board, and was tax collector for three years. Mr. Terrell is one of the most prominent young men of the town, is deeply interested in public affairs and the good of the community in which he resides, and he is popular in business, social and political circles.

C. FRED LANE. The Lane family, of whom C. Fred Lane, of Wallingford, is one of the present representatives, is an old and honored one in Connecticut. Robert Lane, the first of that name in New England, was born in Derbyshire, England, about 1635, and came to the Colonies when a young

man. He located first in Stratford, where he became a leading member of the community. He went to the General Court from 1699 to 1715; in 1686 he was Deputy, County Court of Elections. In 1695 he removed to Killingworth, Middlesex county, where he died April 2, 1718. On Dec. 19, 1665, he married Sarah Picketts, daughter of John Picketts. The following children were born to them: Hannah, born Dec. 26, 1668, married Nathaniel Wilcox in 1695; Daniel, born July 27, 1671, died in infancy; Robert, born in 1672, died March 17, 1673; John; Elizabeth, born Jan. 31, 1677, married Thomas Fitch; Margaret; Rebecca, born March 7, 1682; Jonathan, born Oct. 16, 1685, married Mere Wellman, and after her death wedded Patience Strong; Mary, born Sept. 23, 1688.

John Lane, son of Robert, the emigrant, was born in Stratford, July 12, 1674, and removed to South Killingworth with his parents. There he married Lydia Kelsey, daughter of Lieut. John Kelsey, Dec. 31, 1700, and for his second wife, Hannah Parks, Jan. 16, 1711. He was Deputy to the General Court for twenty years, and was justice of the peace for many years. He was Deacon of the Church, and an accomplished man, his ability as a penman being especially noteworthy. He died Oct. 2, 1759, and was buried in Killingworth. The children born of the first marriage were: Sarah, born Sept. 17, 1701; Robert, July 1, 1704, died April 7, 1709; Lydia, born June 9, 1706; John, born April 20, 1708, married Experience Edgerton, March 9, 1732, and died in 1755; Daniel. By the second union were born: Hannah, Oct. 14, 1711, married Obadiah Platts in 1737; Robert, born November, 1713, married Mary Thatcher; Joseph, born Feb. 11, 1716, died March 25, 1718; Stephen, born Aug. 1, 1719, married Rhoda, daughter of John Hull; and Joseph, born May 8, 1723, married Rachel Pond, and after her death, Lydia Kirkland.

Daniel Lane, son of John, was born in Killingworth, Sept. 11, 1710. He married Jemima Crane, Jan. 8, 1736, and removed to Wolcott, New Haven county, in 1773, where he and his wife were enrolled church members. He died there in 1794, and was buried in Wolcott cemetery. He was the father of the following children: Daniel; Mary, born Sept. 5, 1740, married Sarah Dudley, Aug. 25, 1766; Sarah, born Nov. 12, 1742; Jemima, born July 12, 1744; Hannah, born Feb. 25, 1747, married Enoch Smith; Eliza, born Jan. 23, 1750, died young; Joel, Oct. 18, 1751; Elijah, baptized Sept. 12, 1754, married Mary Scannell, April 19, 1779; and Margaret, baptized Sept. 1, 1759.

Joel Lane, son of Daniel, was born in Killingworth, and removed with his parents to Wolcott, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life as a land owner and farmer. A soldier of the American army under Col. Joseph Spencer, during the Revolution, he did valiant service for the relief of Boston. In 1777 he served under General Putnam; and he was at the storming of Stony Point,

and participated in many of the most memorable scenes and incidents of that great struggle. He was married May 22, 1776, to Elizabeth Atkins, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wheeler) Atkins, and died Aug. 18, 1806, in Wolcott, where he was buried. To him were born the following children: Josiah, 1778; Mark, born July 10, 1784, married Rhoda Shepherd; Richard, born Sept. 29, 1786; Elizabeth, born in 1793, died in 1809; Ada, married Sela A. Barns.

Josiah Lane, son of Joel, was born in Wolcott, where he spent his entire life as a cabinet maker, and died Nov. 30, 1812. He married Mehitabel Woodruff, who was born in Southington, Conn., and died in Wallingford, in 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Lane were parents to the following children: George, born in 1803; Betsy, who died in July, 1816, at the age of eleven years; and Harriet, who died April 19, 1829, when twenty-one years old.

George Lane, son of Josiah, the grandfather of C. Fred Lane, was born in Wolcott, where he grew to manhood. When a young man he came to Wallingford, where he engaged in the manufacture of razor strops in company with Asahel Andrews. He died in middle life in Wallingford, July 18, 1851, and was buried in Center Street Cemetery. He was an Old-line Whig, and a devout member of the Episcopal Church. He was married in Wallingford in 1829, by Rev. Mr. Noyes, to Miss Janette Atkins, daughter of Thomas and Lucy (Dutton) Atkins, of Wallingford. Her father was a prominent sea captain. Their children were as follows: George Dutton, born Oct. 28, 1830, married Ellen F. Carrington; Harriet Cornelia, born in 1832, graduated from the Munich Art School in Bavaria under Prof. Siltz, and is now an artist in Wallingford; Charles Nelson, born April 16, 1834; Josiah Woodruff, born March 18, 1838, married Mary Elizabeth Pomeroy; Oscar Burton, born June 11, 1843, married Mary Wilcoxson; Theodore F., born March 26, 1844, married Julia R. Yale, daughter of Henry and Charlotte (Hunter) Yale; and William F., born April 7, 1847, married Augusta J. Smith.

Charles Nelson Lane was born in Wallingford, and received his education in the district school, which on account of the death of his father, he was compelled to leave at the age of sixteen years, and go to work to help support the family. In early life he was a clerk for Lorenzo Lewis, of Wallingford, and then worked in a button shop, being in the employ of E. M. Pomeroy until 1857, when he worked for Hall, Ebbin & Co., and later in the button shop of Hall & Miller. In 1861 he enlisted and spent a year at the front, when he returned home. In 1865 he again enlisted, being commissioned Second Lieutenant under Col. George N. Lewis and Capt. James E. Smith, serving until the end of the war. He participated in the Grand Review at Washington, and was honorably discharged at Hartford. Mr. Lane resumed his position with

Hall & Miller, and in 1866, when the firm became Simpson, Hall & Miller, he was made its machinist, which position he has held for thirty-four years. A part of this time he has also been in partnership with his son, C. Fred. He is still quite active and energetic, and is a kind and genial gentleman.

Charles Nelson Lane was married to Elizabeth Morse, who was born in Detroit, Mich., a daughter of Eldridge and Augusta (Smith) Morse, a granddaughter of Capt. Benajah and Lois (Hall) Morse, a granddaughter of Judge Solomon Smith, who was a Major in the Revolutionary army, and a great-granddaughter of Levi and Martha (Fenn) Morse. To this union were born three children: (1) Edward C., born in Wallingford, May 25, 1860, is now a resident of that city, where he married Elizabeth Dunn, a daughter of Thomas Dunn. He is the father of five children: Emma Gertrude, Florence, Maria Alma, Charles R. and Dorathe Sybill. (2) C. Fred. (3) Fanny Elizabeth, born Sept. 11, 1876, married Arthur H. Whiton, of Wallingford, and is the mother of one child, Grace Isabelle. Mrs. Charles Nelson Lane was educated in Wallingford, and taught school at North Farms. Mr. Lane belongs to the Arthur A. Dutton Post, G. A. R., at Wallingford, and for a number of years has been a member of the Wallingford band. In his political views he is a Republican, and in his religious belief an Episcopalian.

C. Fred Lane was born in Wallingford Oct. 27, 1867, and acquired his education in the public school. He learned the machinist trade in the factory of Simpson, Hall & Miller, and was three years in their employ. In 1887 he started in the book and news business on Main street in company with his father, and was quite prosperous. In 1894 he sold out and removed to the Kirkman farm of seven acres, near the town, and for the last six years has been extensively engaged in the poultry business, breeding different varieties and has developed a very successful industry. He has extensively improved the farm, and adapted its equipment to his business, and is known as the largest poultry raiser in Wallingford. A Republican, he is no office seeker, and works for the benefit of the community. He belongs to several societies, and is a member of the Episcopal Church.

In 1892 Mr. Lane married in Wallingford, Miss Caroline V. Moore, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter of J. Willard and Etta (Butler) Moore.

JOHN JAMES VANDERPOOL CUNINGHAM, bookkeeper and paymaster for the Bradford Lock Works (Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.), was born Jan. 10, 1865, in the city of Cork, Ireland, a son of Edward Harte and Isabella Charlotte (Shine) Cunningham.

On the paternal side Mr. Cunningham descended from the old Conynghame family, the branch that were natives of Lincolnshire, England, in the



John J. V. Cunningham.

fourteenth century, and who later removed to Ayrshire, Scotland; in the transition of the family, and during the period of the Middle English, with the Stuart or Lowland Scotch, the family separated, one portion going to the County of Edinburgh, Scotland, and changing the name to Cuninghame from Conynghame, which former spelling has been retained by the above to the present time. The latter branch is still extant, and belongs to the Scottish peerage, the present Marquis De Conynghame representing the family in England.

On the maternal side the subject of this sketch claims, as his great-granduncle, Rear-Admiral James Nott, commanding the British East India Station for the Crown during the latter part of the eighteenth century. This family was also part of and identified with the Blenner-Hassett and Floyd families of Ireland and the West Midland counties of England, in the early part of the nineteenth century.

Uncles and great-uncles of our subject have served in the British army and navy, and two of his paternal uncles—William Woods Cuninghame and John Harte Cuninghame—have been identified with service in the Crimean war, and in India with the Sepoy Rebellion, including the siege of Lucknow. William Woods Cuninghame spent nearly a score of years in the British service, and lost nearly all his family (two wives and four children) in British India. He is now and has been for upward of fifteen years a citizen of Liverpool, England.

John Woods Cuninghame, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, born in 1792, and died in 1842. He was a shipbuilder and coppersmith by occupation, and spent most of his life in Scotland. He married Charlotte Matilda Harte, who was born in 1797, in the North of Ireland, and died in 1885. Their children were: (1) John Harte, born June 29, 1810, in Scotland, died in May, 1875. He was a shipwright and coppersmith, and for a time was engaged on the Clyde. (2) Letitia, born in October, 1820, married in England and died there. (3) William Woods, born in January, 1822, served in India. (4) Catherine Caroline, born in February, 1823, never married. (5) Dora W. died in infancy. (6) James Harte, born in 1826, came to America in 1859, and died in Syracuse, N. Y., about 1879 or 1880. (7) Dora Matilda, twin of James H., married Thomas Hornidge, in Kildare, Ireland. (8) Charlotte died young. (9) Elizabeth, born in 1828, married, first, Christopher Warren, and after his death married an Englishman, Edward Hawkins. (10) Ann, born about 1830, married John Thomas Brereton, and is deceased. (11) Edward Harte, our subject's father, is next in order of birth. (12) Thomas Woods, born in 1834, when young served in the English navy. After coming to America he was captain

of a coasting vessel. He died about 1880-81. (13) Charlotte (2), born about 1837-38, married John Hornidge, and died in Manchester, England, about 1875.

James Shine, our subject's maternal grandfather, was a native of the North of Ireland, born about 1796, and died in Ireland in 1858. His wife Margaret (Nott) was born in 1794 in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England, and died in the United States in 1866, in Virginia. Their children were: (1) Frances married John Harrold, of Richmond, Va. (2) Ann married J. Hayes, of London, England. (3) William was a physician in Ireland, and postmaster of the town of Bandon, County Cork. (4) James came to America, settled in Virginia, and fought in the Confederate ranks during the Rebellion. (5) John Nott married and went to England, later to India, where he was connected with the army. (6) Elizabeth married Paul Wood, a schoolmaster in Ireland. They came to America in 1866, living in New York for a time, and later moved to Branford, Conn., where she died in 1881, he in 1879. (7) Alexander died when eleven years old, his death being caused by an accident. (8) Charlotte died when four years old. (9) Isabella Charlotte became the mother of our subject. (10) Mary Jane was married in 1870 to Edward B. Knowles, of Branford, Conn., where she resides. The father of this family for some years conducted a bakery in Halifax, Nova Scotia, later returning to Ireland, where he embarked in the same business. He was a thirty-third-degree Freemason, taking his thirty-third degree in London.

Edward Harte Cuninghame, father of John J. V., was born in Kildare, Ireland, May 27, 1832. He was a coppersmith by trade, and a master mechanic, worked at same in England and Scotland, and for several years before coming to America was in Cork, Ireland, as manager of the Woods & Cuninghame Copper Manufactory. In 1881, after the death of his uncle, he came to America with his family, landing in New York City, whence, in 1882, he came to New Haven county, Conn., locating in Branford. Here he was employed in the Branford Lock Works as a bronze finisher, serving in that capacity until his death, which occurred Aug. 4, 1883, after but two days' illness. On Jan. 5, 1864, Edward Harte Cuninghame married Isabella Charlotte Shine, and children as follows were born to them: John J. V., sketch of whom follows; Margaret Jane Elizabeth, Mrs. John George Pool, of Lynn, Mass., who has three children, George Edward, Harold J. and Bertha M.; and Charlotte Isabella, who died in Branford, Aug. 21, 1883, aged eleven years. In Ireland Edward H. Cuninghame was an active worker in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, but after settling in Branford he was identified with Trinity Episcopal Church. Mrs. Cuninghame belongs to the Church of England.

John J. V. Cuninghame, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared in Cork, Ireland, and is a

graduate of the public schools of that city. In 1881 he came to America with his parents, and at once located in Branford, where since Jan. 1, 1882, he has been in the employ of the Branford Lock Works (Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.) in various capacities, occupying his present position since 1889.

On Oct. 17, 1895, Mr. Cuninghame was married to Mary Wilson, daughter of Stephen Wilson and Augusta (Lacey) Buck, of Leraysville, Bradford Co., Pa., and one son, Edward Wilson Buck, came of this union. He was born Dec. 21, 1896, and died May 15, 1897, at Branford. Mrs. Cuninghame on the paternal side is a direct descendant of James Wilson, of Pennsylvania, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and also of Lieut. John Waterman, who was with Gen. Washington's army at Valley Forge during that famous winter campaign in 1777-1778. He there fell a victim to the American cause, April 23, 1778, and his was the only marked grave in Valley Forge of all the men who died there during that campaign. A monument was erected and dedicated, in the fall of 1901, on the spot which marked his grave, to the memory of Lieut. John Waterman and the other three thousand soldiers who gave their lives for the cause of American independence. Mrs. Cuninghame's ancestors on both sides are of New England origin. She is eligible for membership in the D. A. R.

Mr. Cuninghame and his wife are active members of the First Congregational Church of Branford, of which he is clerk and treasurer, and of which he was elected a deacon Feb. 15, 1895. Socially he is a charter member and present worthy patriarch of Branford Division, No. 16, Sons of Temperance, which he joined in 1885; is a charter member and noble commander of Fidelity Commandery, No. 343, United Order of the Golden Cross, which he joined in 1887; and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Widows Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., of Branford; to Pulaski Chapter, No. 20, R. A. M., Crawford Council, No. 10, R. & S. M., and New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T., all of New Haven. He is a charter member of Georgia Chapter, No. 48, O. E. S., organized Jan. 15, 1899, and to which Mrs. Cuninghame also belongs. A Republican in politics, Mr. Cuninghame has been a member of the Branford school board since 1891, and secretary of same since 1893. Since 1891 he had been town auditor, and also bank auditor.

ANDREW C. BRENNAN, a representative and prominent business man of Naugatuck, was born in Union City, this county, Nov. 7, 1863, and is a son of Andrew Brennan, a well-known coal dealer of Naugatuck, whose sketch may be found on another page of this volume.

Our subject attended the public schools of Naugatuck until about fifteen years of age, and during the following five years was employed in

the Naugatuck Malleable Iron Works, then known as the Tuttle & Whitmore foundry. Subsequently he worked in his father's coal office as bookkeeper for a year and a half, and at the end of that time formed a co-partnership with N. J. McGrath, in the bottling business, under the firm name of Brennan & McGrath. They began business Aug. 10, 1885, and continued together for a year and a half, when Mr. Brennan purchased his partner's interest, and has since been alone. He has also bought out other competitors, and is now doing a fine business, bottling all kinds of carbonated beverages. His trade is in Naugatuck and Beacon Falls. After the death of his brother William, Aug. 16, 1900, our subject became manager, treasurer and stockholder in the Union City Coal Co., and his brother Francis took the management of the bottling works in Naugatuck.

On June 10, 1885, Mr. Brennan was united in marriage with Miss Nellie E. Mooney, of Naugatuck, a daughter of John Mooney, who was born in Ireland, and died in New Haven. Mrs. Brennan died Jan. 21, 1898, leaving four children: Mary, Andrew, Carleton and Nellie. Another child, Teressa, died young.

Mr. Brennan affiliates with the Democratic party; has been a member of the board of charities; and in 1895 was elected to the board of burgesses from the Third ward. He was quite a popular and capable official. Religiously he is a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, and socially belongs to the Foresters, the Hibernians and Salem Club.

JAMES THOMAS KANE, a prominent grocer of Branford, was born in New Haven, Conn., June 16, 1863, a son of James and Ellen (Connolly) Kane, natives of County Cork, Ireland, who came to this country in 1852, and located in New Haven, where the father was employed by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., until 1865. That year he made a visit to his native Ireland, and while there was taken sick, and died.

James Thomas Kane, the only child of his parents, was reared in the city of New York, where his mother located when he was less than three years old. He acquired his education in the public schools of that city, and in Cargill Business College in New Haven. In 1881 he came to Branford, and for fifteen years was employed as clerk in the grocery store of M. P. Harding. Affable and accommodating, he made many friends, and when he purchased the establishment in 1895, it was to enter at once upon a large and satisfactory trade with a host of customers who were already his personal friends, and who were prepared to take an active interest in extending his custom. To-day it is not too much to say that Mr. Kane is one of the most popular grocers in this part of the county. He carries good goods, is contented with reasonable profits, and is anxious to make of every

customer a friend, if honest dealing and courteous treatment can accomplish it.

Mr. Kane is a faithful member of the Catholic Church, and socially belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Emerald Social Club of Branford, and is active and reliable in these various connections. In politics he is a Democrat, but gives little attention to party manipulations.

JOHN AUGUSTUS MARTIN, Judge of the Probate Court, District of Wallingford, was born in that town, Aug. 4, 1863, a son of Henry Martin. This branch of the Martin family was first represented in America by Samuel Martin, the great-grandfather of John Augustus. He was born in Fair Haven, England, was a sea captain by occupation, and died while in command of a vessel in the West Indies.

Wooster Martin, son of Capt. Samuel Martin, was born in Prospect, Conn. In his early days he was a wagon maker, and from 1832 onward conducted a wagon shop at North Farms, Wallingford. In the later years of his life he lived in Wallingford, and died in 1862, aged seventy-two years. He was thrice married. Methea Hall, the daughter of David Hall, of Wallingford, became his first wife, and bore him the following children: (1) Almer died at the age of ten years in Meriden. (2) Cornelia died when nineteen years old. (3) Othniel Ives died Nov. 1, 1900, and left a reputation as one of the most capable officials of Wallingford. In 1872 he was elected town clerk, and at the next election Judge of Probate. At the time of his death he was regarded as the oldest town clerk in the State in point of continuous service. From 1872 to 1892 he held the office of Judge of Probate, and only the bar of age prevented his continued re-election. In 1861 he was a representative from Wallingford in the State Legislature. He was one of the incorporators of the Dime Savings Bank. Fraternally he was a Mason, and religiously a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Martin was twice married, first to Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Judge Augustus Hall, and then to Sarah A. Cook, daughter of Thaddeus Cook, who served in the war of 1812, and whose father, Col. Thaddeus Cook, was an officer in the Continental army. (4) Wooster died at the age of ten years. (5) Henry is mentioned below. (6) William died in Wallingford at the age of two years. For his second wife Wooster Martin married Mrs. Delilah (Morse) Hull, the widow of Sylvester Hull, and the daughter of Capt. Benajah Morse. To this union was born one daughter, Delilah C., who has never married, and is still living in Wallingford. Wooster Martin married for his third wife Laura Payne, of Prospect.

Henry Martin, son of Wooster Martin, was born in Meriden, Feb. 14, 1829, and acquired his preliminary education in that town, after which he was for three years a student in the Suffield

Institute. He left school at the age of twenty, and went to California by the Isthmus Route. After spending two years in the mines, he went to San Francisco to set up in the auction business in company with A. I. Hall, and the two presently joined with themselves H. M. Newhall. The three continued in business until July, 1851, when Mr. Martin sold out, returned to Wallingford, where he became a stockholder in the New England Cutlery Co. In 1855 and 1856 he served as Bank Commissioner of the State. Mr. Martin is a Mason, being affiliated with Compass Lodge, of Wallingford, of which he was Master fourteen years, and he also belongs to Keystone Chapter, of Meriden. With his family he belongs to the Congregational Church of Wallingford. He has always been a staunch Republican, but has never sought office. On May 24, 1853, Henry Martin and Julia A. Hall, daughter of Joel Hall, were united in marriage. Mrs. Martin died May 5, 1898, the mother of the following children: Charles W., a grain merchant in Grand Meadow, Minn., who married Alba Paddock, a daughter of Selden Yale Paddock; Harry H., who married Martha L. Judd, and died Feb. 26, 1896, leaving two children; Cornelia J., who married George M. Judd, and is living at Wallingford; John Augustus; Almer L., mentioned below; Mary Alice, Jessie Beach, and Mabel Hitchcock are all at home.

Almer Ives Martin, son of Henry Martin, was born Aug. 28, 1865, and received his education in the schools of Wallingford, his native village. Leaving school when sixteen years old he entered the employ of Simpson, Hall & Miller Co., to learn the trade of a solderer. Remaining there three years, at the expiration of that time he bought out, in company with his brother John A., the grocery and grain business of C. N. Jones. The firm of Martin Brothers continued until 1889, when Almer Ives bought out the business. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F.; and politically he is a Republican, but has never sought office. He is an attendant at the Congregational Church. On Nov. 11, 1891, Almer Ives Martin married Miss Caroline R. Cook, of Wallingford, a daughter of Edward F. and Emeline (Cook) Cook.

John Augustus Martin, the subject proper of this review, was born in Wallingford, where he acquired his education. At the age of sixteen years he became a clerk in the store of Charles N. Jones, which later he and Almer I. purchased. After remaining there a few months the young man was taken into the office of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., with which celebrated concern he remained for seven years, and there received a good business training. In 1885 he purchased an interest in the store of C. N. Jones, in company with his brother Almer I., as noted above, retaining, however, his position in the office of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co. for two years. Ill health, however, compelled him to give up his office position, and after sev-

eral months in the store he had to abandon that work. Devoting his time to the restoration of his health, he spent his winters in Georgia, and his summers in Colorado and Nebraska, engaged in the real estate business in company with his father and brothers. In 1893 he returned to Wallingford, and bought out the real estate and fire insurance business of E. B. Camp, which he has since conducted. He has been active in the work of the Republican party, and in 1894 he was elected Judge of Probate and in 1897 clerk of the town of Wallingford.

On Dec. 10, 1901, Judge Martin was married to Miss Guevieve Louise Persiani, of Wallingford. They attend the Congregational Church. Mr. Martin has risen to high rank in the Masonic fraternity, and has received the thirty-second degree and he is also a member of the Pyramid Temple, Shriners of Bridgeport. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F.; the O. U. A. M., of which he has been trustee; the K. of P., being identified with Ivy Lodge, No. 43, in which he has been a trustee and keeper of records and seals, and of which he is also a past chancellor. He also belongs to the Foresters of America.

GEORGE FRANCIS HUCKINS, who is successfully engaged in market gardening on the old Daniel Hitchcock farm of twenty-six acres in the town of Cheshire, was born in Derby, this county, Feb. 7, 1867. His parents, David and Catherine (Lay) Huckins, were natives of Oxfordshire, England, where they were reared, educated and married. In 1858 they crossed the broad Atlantic and took up their residence in Derby, where the father was employed in the iron and steel works for a period of twenty-four years. During the Civil war he enlisted at Derby, in Company D, 23d Conn. V. I., for three years, had previously been in the nine months service, and remained at the front until hostilities ceased. Returning home, he worked some years in an iron axle factory in Derby. He died at Shelton, this state, in 1877, and his widow now lives with our subject. They had five children, namely: Addie, born in England, and who is now Mrs. Joseph Lyons, of Cheshire; Frank, born in Derby, who died when three years old; David, a resident of Shelton; Walter, of Mixville, town of Cheshire; and George Francis.

During his boyhood and youth George Francis Huckins attended school in Derby and also in Cheshire, and in early life worked at drawing brass and copper wire in the former place for five years. Since then he has engaged in agricultural pursuits, raising principally fruits and vegetables, in which undertaking he has steadily prospered. In Prospect, in 1894, Mr. Huckins married Miss Emma Blackman, a native of Derby, and a daughter of Miner and Hattie (Johnson) Blackman, now residents of Prospect. Mrs. Huckins died Jan. 7, 1895, leaving one child, Raymond. On July 3, 1900, Mr.

Huckins married Dora Jane Brooks, a native of Cheshire, and daughter of Simeon and Julia (Bottsford) Brooks, natives of Cheshire and Newtown, respectively.

In his political views our subject is a Republican. He is a member of L. A. Thomas Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., and of the Patrons of Husbandry, Grange No. 23, in which he has served as steward and assistant steward.

MRS. JANE (REILLY) McDONNELL is a daughter of Farrell and Bridget (Reynolds) Reilly, who were both born in the same county in Ireland, and were residents of Derby, New Haven county, for many years.

Farrell Reilly was one of the first of his race to settle in that city, with whose growth and development he was long identified. He was a citizen who took a deep and lasting interest in all measures calculated to promote the public welfare, and a liberal supporter of every good work. Possessed of keen intelligence and sound business sense, he accumulated a handsome competence. Shrewd and far-seeing, his advice was constantly sought in both public and private affairs. His generosity and genial disposition won for him numerous friends, while his sterling character and blameless life earned the universal respect of his neighbors and fellow townsmen. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religion a devout Catholic, one who attested the vitality of his faith in his daily dealings with the world. He was a liberal contributor to the work of the church, aiding in the erection of its house of worship by generous gifts and purchasing and donating the ground for a cemetery. He died June 6, 1861, his widow passing away May 23, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Reilly were married in Brooklyn, N. Y., and were the parents of six children: James, Bernard, Bridget, Jane, John and Farrell. James and Farrell died in young manhood. Bridget died unmarried. John and Bernard are residents of Derby. Jane, the fourth of this family in order of birth, is the widow of Charles McDonnell.

CHARLES McDONNELL was for a quarter of a century actively and honorably identified with the police force of New York City. His father, Peter McDonnell, was a native of Ireland, where he married. He emigrated to America, landing at New York, in which city he made his home and where he reared his family of five children, all of whom are deceased. Charles, the third in the family, was born in the historic Sixth ward of the metropolis, where he grew to manhood. He learned the trade of a cooper, and followed same until his appointment on the police force, Jan. 25, 1863. He proved himself a capable, fearless and incorruptible officer, and was promoted, step by step, until he reached the rank of captain. He was fond of Derby, its people and its ways, and for eight years annually spent three months in that city. He built the beautiful home on Hawthorne avenue which his widow



CHARLES McDONNELL.

now occupies, and took an interest in public affairs, being a member of the Derby "Storm Hose Company" for several years. He died in the city of New York Aug. 14, 1888. Capt. McDonnell was considered one of the most efficient officers in the department of which he was so long an honored member. As a disciplinarian he was strict, yet just; as an officer, brave and efficient; as a citizen, progressive and public-spirited; as a friend, generous and true; as a man, courageous and upright.

Capt. McDonnell married Miss Jane Reilly Feb. 17, 1870, and their union was blessed with three children, all of whom died in childhood. The Captain was a member of the Catholic Church, as is also his widow.

WILSON F. CLARK, who is now successfully engaged in the trucking business in Naugatuck, was born in that town, Jan. 3, 1862.

Hezekiah Clark, his grandfather, was born near Schenectady, N. Y., and from there removed to Millville, this county, following the occupation of farming at both places. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and died in Naugatuck, in 1872. In his family were three children: Francis, the father of our subject; Eliza, deceased wife of Edward Marks, a farmer of Naugatuck; and Amos, a farmer, who died at about the age of thirty years.

Francis Clark was born in Millville, in 1830, and reared in that town. On starting out in life for himself he engaged in farming, but he afterward turned his attention to the livery business, and still later was employed in the rubber factory at Naugatuck. He married Miss Mary O'Donnell, a native of Londonderry, Ireland, and both died in Naugatuck, in 1884, honored and respected by all who knew them. They had three children: Wilbur, who was drowned at the age of three years and nine months; Wilson F., our subject; and Frank, who resides at Naugatuck, and is in the employ of our subject.

During his boyhood Wilson F. Clark pursued his studies in the public schools of Naugatuck, and after the completion of his education he worked for the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Co. five years, after which he went to Cambridge Mass., and spent one year in the employ of the American Rubber Co. Returning to his native town, he was with the Goodyear Shoe Co. for nine months, and then went to Framingham, Mass., to take charge of a department for the Para Rubber Co., remaining with them until 1887. During that year he again came to Naugatuck and superintended the placing of the machinery in factory No. 2 of the Goodyear India Rubber Shoe Co., and was in their employ until November, 1889. On Dec. 1, 1889, he embarked in the trucking business, which he has since successfully carried on, and though he started with but one horse, he now has ten, and is doing a large and profitable business. In 1891 Mr. Clark went to Helsingborg, Sweden, to set up

the machinery in a rubber factory, and remained there eleven months, showing how to operate the same. During this time he was still interested in the trucking business in Naugatuck, and so rapidly has his business grown that he now furnishes employment to eight men. He attributes his success to hard work and strict attention to business.

In 1887, Mr. Clark married Miss Susan Burns, of Milford, Mass., who died in 1890, leaving two children, May and Gertrude. He was again married in June, 1892, his second union being with Bridget Dalton, of Framingham, Mass., by whom he has three children, namely: Wilson, John and Frank. Mr. Clark is independent in politics. He is a member of the Foresters of America, and the Naugatuck Fire Department. In his religious connection he belongs to St. Francis Catholic Church. Widely and favorably known, he has a host of warm friends in the community where he resides.

WILLIAM SEYMOUR STRONG, a leading dairy farmer and progressive and enterprising citizen of Prospect, is a native of New Haven county, born in the town of Wallingford April 27, 1865, son of William Henry and Rhoda M. (Hotchkiss) Strong.

The Strong family was originally located in Shropshire, England. One of its members married the heiress of Griffith, in Caernarvonshire, Wales, whither he removed in 1545. Richard Strong, according to tradition a Roman Catholic, was of this branch of the family, and was born in Caernarvonshire in 1561. In 1590 he removed to Taunton, Somersetshire, England, where he died in 1613, leaving one son, John, then eight years of age, and one daughter, Eleanor.

John Strong, born in Taunton, England, in 1605, removed to London, thence to Plymouth, England, and in 1630 formed one of the Warham company, which settled in Dorchester, Mass. On his emigration to the New World he was accompanied by his sister Eleanor, who married Walter Deane, tanner, of Taunton, England. In 1630 John Strong married (second) Abigail, daughter of John Ford. In 1635 he was at Hingham, Mass., and became a freeman of Boston March 9, 1636. In December, 1638, he was an inhabitant of Taunton, Mass., and a freeman of Plymouth Colony. He represented the town of Taunton in the General Assembly in 1641-43-44; removed to Windsor, Conn., and from there, in 1659, to Northampton, where he became the first ruling elder of the church. He was a leading man in church and town affairs. By occupation he was a tanner, and he owned at different times some 200 acres of land. He died at Northampton, April 14, 1699; his wife, Abigail, died in Windsor April 28, 1663. His children were: John, born in England in 1626, died at Windsor Feb. 20, 1698; one died in infancy in Dorchester, in 1630; Thomas, born in 1633, died Oct. 3, 1689; Jedediah, born May 7, 1637, died May

22, 1733; Jacob was born in 1639; Rebecca, born in 1641, died in April, 1726; Elder Ebenezer, born in 1643, died Feb. 11, 1720; Abigail, born in 1645, married Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey, of Hatfield; Elizabeth, born Feb. 24, 1647, married Joseph Parsons, and died May 12, 1736; Experience, born Aug. 4, 1650, married Zerubbabel Filer, of Windsor; Samuel, born Aug. 5, 1652, died Oct. 29, 1732; Joseph, twin of Samuel, died young; Mary, born Oct. 26, 1654, married Deacon John Clark, of Northampton, and died Dec. 26, 1738; Sarah, born in 1656, married Joseph Barnard, of Hadley, Mass., and died Feb. 10, 1733; Hannah, born May 30, 1659, married William Clark, of Northampton, and died Jan. 31, 1693; Hester, born June 7, 1661, married Thomas Bessell, of Windsor, and died March 4, 1726; Thankful, born July 25, 1663, married William Baldwin, of Milford; Jerizah, born Dec. 12, 1665, died April 24, 1754.

Thomas Strong, son of John, born in 1633, was a trooper in 1658, in Windsor, under Major Mason. In 1659 he removed to Northampton, Mass., with his father. On Dec. 5, 1660, he married Mary Herriott, daughter of Rev. Ephraim Herriott, of Windsor. She died Feb. 20, 1670, and Oct. 10, 1671, he married Rachel Hilton, daughter of Deacon William Hilton, of Northampton, Mass. Thomas Strong died Oct. 3, 1689, and his widow married, May 16, 1698, Nathan Bradley, of East Guilford, now Madison. Children of Thomas Strong by first marriage: Thomas, born Nov. 16, 1661, died at Durham, Conn.; Maria, born Aug. 31, 1663, married Samuel Judd, of Northampton, and died May 18, 1751; John, born March 9, 1665, died at Deerfield, Mass., May 21, 1699; Herriott, born Dec. 2, 1666, was one of the first settlers of Durham, Conn., and died Sept. 29, 1689; Ashel, born Nov. 14, 1668, died at Farmington, Conn., Oct. 8, 1739. By second marriage: Joseph, born Dec. 2, 1672, is mentioned below; Benjamin, born in 1674, died Aug. 27, 1755, at East Guilford, Conn.; Adam, born Jan. 25, 1676, died at Woodbury, Conn., Dec. 31, 1749; Waitstill, born in 1677, died at Northampton Dec. 13, 1762; Rachel, born July 15, 1679, married Miles Dudley, of Guilford, Jan. 23, 1705; Selah, born Dec. 23, 1680, died at Brookhaven April 8, 1732; Benajah, born Sept. 24, 1682, died in 1714; Ephraim, born Jan. 4, 1685, died at Milford, Conn.; Elnathan, born Aug. 20, 1686, died at Woodbury May 22, 1727; Ruth, born Feb. 4, 1688, married Deacon William Dudley, of North Guilford; Submit was born Feb. 28, 1690.

Joseph Strong, son of Thomas, born Dec. 2, 1672, at Northampton, married, in 1694, Sarah Allen, who was born Aug. 22, 1672, daughter of Nehemiah Allen, of Northampton. He was known as "Justice Joseph," and was quite a prominent man. In 1716 he removed to Coventry, Conn., where he was among the first settlers. In 1721 he represented the people in the General Assembly, the Colonial Legislature, being the first to represent

that town, and he continued to serve for fifty-two sessions. He was justice of the peace for many years, also selectman and town treasurer, and held other local offices. By occupation he was a farmer, and he was a large land owner in Coventry, where he died Dec. 3, 1763. Children: Sarah, born in 1699 (married Ebenezer Root); Capt. Joseph, July 25, 1701; Rachel, Aug. 13, 1703 (died young); Phinehas, 1704; Simeon, Oct. 17, 1705; Jemima, Dec. 1, 1709 (married in 1727 Noah Rush); Rachel, June 30, 1711 (married Aaron Strong); Elizabeth, July 16, 1713.

Deacon Phinehas Strong, born in Coventry in 1704, married, Nov. 5, 1724, Mary Parker, daughter of Deacon Thomas Parker, of Coventry. He was a member of the General Assembly fifty-three sessions, including extra sessions, having been thirty-eight times elected for the Legislature; was selectman six years; justice of the peace many years, and was deacon of the church many years. His wife died April 13, 1767. Children: Phinehas, born Nov. 9, 1725; Mary, March 11, 1727; Sarah, April 2, 1729; Azubah, Oct. 11, 1731 (married James Pinneo); Iranah, Jan. 27, 1741 (died March 11, 1773); Elijah and Elisha, twins, Aug. 15, 1743; Beulah, March 7, 1746 (died Aug. 22, 1750); Hannah, March 16, 1748 (died April 24, 1767).

Elijah Strong, born Aug. 15, 1743, in Coventry, married Anna Pinneo, who was born in 1746, daughter of Deacon James and Priscilla (Newcomb) Pinneo, of Lebanon, Conn. Mr. Strong was a farmer in Coventry and Sharon, Conn., and later, in 1785, removed to Ashland, Greene Co., N. Y., where he owned a tract of land and where he died April 13, 1805, his death being caused by the kick of a horse. His wife died Nov. 18, 1818, at Ashland, N. Y. Children: Azubah, born in 1769, married Deacon Augustus White, of Ashland, and died March 9, 1838; James, born in 1772, died at Detroit, Mich., March 16, 1865; Hon. Jairus B., born May 4, 1774, died June 12, 1838; Deacon Elijah, born in 1776, is mentioned below; Sylvia, born in 1779, married Noah Rockwell, and died Sept. 6, 1840, in Delaware county, N. Y.; Elisha, born in 1782, died at Friendship, N. Y., in January, 1841; Anna, born in 1784, married James Chase, of New York, and died Dec. 24, 1848; Betsey, born Oct. 19, 1787, married Jacob Reynolds, and died March 7, 1832.

Elijah Strong, Jr., was born in 1776. On Jan. 7, 1798, he married Betsey Sadd, born in 1770, daughter of Noah and Delight (Warner) Sadd, of South Windsor. She died March 14, 1821, and he married July 18, 1821, Lavina Barber, born Sept. 25, 1787, who died in Hudson, Ohio, April 2, 1855. Elijah Strong, Jr., was a carpenter and tanner of New Hartford, Conn., and also taught music. He died Sept. 1, 1850. Children: Irene, born March 25, 1799, married in September, 1820, Ira Hubbell, of Rocky Hill, and died Feb. 10, 1841, in Hartford; Ebenezer Warner, born Jan. 10, 1802, died Aug.

31, 1802; Edward Warner, born May 18, 1804, married Sally Shepard, of Highgate, Vt.; Thomas Parker, born Sept. 11, 1806, is mentioned below; Elizabeth Woodbridge, born April 11, 1809, married Nathan Strong, a hatter of Hudson, Ohio; Mary Lyman, born April 20, 1811, married April 6, 1836, Samuel Eleazer Judd, of Hudson, Ohio; Julia, born June 5, 1814, married Jehiel Hart, of Hartford.

Thomas Parker Strong, grandfather of the gentleman whose name introduces these lines, was born in New Hartford, Conn., Sept. 11, 1806. He married a Miss Gear, and their children were: Louise died young; Edwin, now deceased, resided in West Haven; William Henry was the father of our subject. Thomas P. Strong was reared in New York State, where he died.

William Henry Strong, born in New York State Oct. 7, 1840, came while still young to New Hartford, Conn., where he grew to manhood. He enlisted during the Civil war in Company D, 15th Conn. V. I., served five months, and then enlisted a second time in the same command, at West Haven, becoming sergeant. He was mustered out of the service in 1864 on account of disability, and received an honorable discharge. He had been stationed at New Orleans, where he was deputy sheriff. After his return from the army Mr. Strong located at Wallingford, where he worked as a machinist and caster, and from there he went to Winsted, Conn., where he worked at the same trade. On account of ill health, however, he had to give up, and went to farming in New Hartford, where he remained a year, coming thence to New Haven county, and locating at Prospect in 1870. There he spent the remainder of his life on the farm now owned by his son William S. He died April 29, 1882, and was buried in Prospect cemetery. Mr. Strong was a member of the Adventist Church; he was a Republican in politics. On July 3, 1864, he married, in Wallingford, Rhoda M. Hotchkiss, who was born in Cheshire, daughter of Sheldon and Sarah (Blakslee) Hotchkiss, and granddaughter of Isaac and Rhoda (Atwater) Hotchkiss. Three children blessed this union: William S., who is mentioned below; Frank E., a salesman in Waterbury; and Harry A., who died at the age of sixteen years. Mrs. Strong married for her second husband, in 1897, Thomas Fitzsimmons, of Waterbury, president of the Novelty Mfg. Co., of that city.

Our subject grew to manhood in the town of Prospect, and is indebted to its district schools for his educational advantages. He began his business career as an agriculturist, and engaged in the dairy business on a small scale, at the same time having charge of the Waterbury reservoir. Being industrious, energetic and enterprising, he prospered in his labors, and is to-day the largest dairy farmer in Prospect, where he owns and operates a valuable tract of sixty-five acres, upon which he has made many excellent improvements, including

the erection—in 1895—of a beautiful residence, one of the finest in town. He has upon the place a fine grade of thoroughbred stock, and the products of his farm, owing to their excellence, find a ready sale at the highest market price.

In 1887 Mr. Strong married Miss Hattie R. Hotchkiss, a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Deacon Gilbert Hotchkiss. To this union has been born one child, Emma, who is now attending school. Mr. Strong affiliates with the Republican party, and is a member of the Grange and the Adventist Church. Upright and honorable in all his dealings, he has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and his friends are many throughout the county.

JOHN J. GORMAN is one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Naugatuck, and the respect paid him is neither lacking in sincerity nor destitute of foundation. A bright mind and a keen moral sense have commanded admiration and won confidence. Of Irish parentage, he is of American nativity, born in Naugatuck, Oct. 1, 1860.

Thomas Gorman, his father, was born in Ireland and reared in England. By trade he was a blacksmith. He emigrated to this country while yet a young man, making his home at Litchfield, Conn., and there married an Irish maiden, Margaret McCarty. Not long afterward the young couple removed to Naugatuck, where he worked as a laborer for the India Rubber Co., and there he died in 1887; his wife died twenty-one years previously. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Gorman was a Catholic in religious faith, and he and his faithful wife reared their five children in that communion. Of their family, John J. was third in order of birth, and the eldest son. The first-born died in infancy. The others were Mary E., who married John Dermody, a native of Pennsylvania, and now a resident of Naugatuck; Dennis, a liquor dealer in that town; and James, a contractor at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania.

John J. Gorman was educated in the schools of his birthplace, and after his school days were over learned the trade of carpenter from Michael Shanahan. His apprenticeship completed, he worked for some years as a journeyman. But he possessed energy and ambition which would not permit him to pass through life in a subordinate position, and in 1880 he began taking contracts in his own name. He is still engaged in that business, in which his capacity, industry and integrity have brought him success.

Mr. Gorman was married, July 20, 1887, to Miss Lillian Casey, of Waterbury, whose parents, Christopher and Margaret (Conlon) Casey, were born in Ireland. To the union have been born eight children, namely: Thomas, John, Margaret, Henry, Joseph (deceased), Francis, George and Genevieve.

The respect in which Mr. Gorman is held by the

citizens of the town in which he was born and where he has passed a life of hard work and honesty is attested by his repeated elevation to offices of high trust and serious responsibility. During 1892-93 he served as town clerk. In 1893 he was elected selectman, and in 1894 first selectman. Two years later he was chosen warden of Naugatuck, and in 1898 represented his town in the Legislature, a position which he filled with singular ability. He is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally is a member of the Foresters of America. He and his family are devout Catholics.

FREDERIC N. PERRY, proprietor of the Waterbury Steam Carpet Beating Co. and the City Steam Laundry & Dye Works, Waterbury, is a native of that city, born Nov. 10, 1857.

George F. Perry, his father, was born in New Milford, Conn., a son of Nathaniel Perry, a native of Litchfield county, Conn., and a lawyer by profession, who died in New Milford. When ten years of age George F. removed to Watertown, Conn., and there worked for some time in the shops of the place. For a few years he was station agent at Oakville, Conn., eventually removing to Waterbury, where for several years he was superintendent of the American Suspender Co. He married Aurelia M. Sprague, who was born in Waterville, Conn., daughter of David Sprague, and two children blessed their union: Frederic N., our subject; and Sarah A., deceased at the age of twenty-two years. The mother of these died in 1862, at the age of twenty-six. In church connection she was a Congregationalist. The father passed away in Waterbury in 1890, aged sixty years. In politics he was a Republican, and he served as county commissioner and selectman. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian.

Frederic N. Perry attended the public schools of Waterbury until the age of fourteen, at which time, his father being station agent at Oakville, Conn., he did the work in the office for three years, also attending during two seasons of the time the National Business College of New Haven. At the end of that time he entered the employ of the Elton Banking Co., Waterbury, and remained with that firm until they ceased to do business. He then became bookkeeper for the Novelty Manufacturing Co., with whom he remained some ten years, resigning in order to organize, March 1, 1886, the Waterbury Steam Carpet Beating Co., of which he is sole proprietor. On Jan. 1, 1896, he added the laundry and dyeing business, under the style of City Steam Laundry & Dye Works. The works were located at first on Mill street, but in 1890 he built his brick plant at No. 43 Jefferson street.

On Dec. 9, 1880, Mr. Perry married Lucy M. Hickox, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of Sherman Hickox, of the same city. The Hickox family have resided for generations in Waterbury. Five children have come to this union: Willfred

S., born Oct. 25, 1883; Sarah A. and Lucy H., twins, born Nov. 10, 1884; Sherman H., born July 28, 1886; and George F., born Dec. 20, 1887, who died Oct. 20, 1891. The family attend the services of the Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Perry is a Republican; socially he is a member of Noshogon Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., of Waterbury.

RICHARD HENRY MORGAN is a leading market gardener of Cheshire, where he has ten acres of his twenty-acre farm devoted to garden produce. A portion of the plat is covered with hot houses, containing some 10,000 square feet of glass. During the busy season he gives employment to six men. He thoroughly understands the occupation he has chosen as a life work, and is a business man of more than ordinary ability.

Mr. Morgan was born in the town of Colchester, New London Co., Conn., Oct. 29, 1866, a son of Edward Payson and Emma M. (Loomis) Morgan, and grandson of Frederick and Caroline (Watrous) Morgan, also natives of Connecticut. The progenitor of the family in America was James Morgan, who was born in Wales in 1607. In March, 1636, with two younger brothers, John and Miles, he sailed from Bristol, England, and arrived in Boston the following month. He was a freeman at Roxbury, May 10, 1643; and in that town, Aug. 6, 1640, married Margery Hill. In 1650 he removed to New London, and soon after settled in what is now Groton. He was ten times a delegate to the General Court, and was the third largest taxpayer in New London. He died in 1685. His homestead descended through an unbroken line of James Morgans for six generations.

Capt. James Morgan, eldest son of James, was born March 3, 1644, and in November, 1666, married Mary Vine.

Deacon William Morgan, second son of Capt. James and Mary (Vine) Morgan, was born March 4, 1669, and on July 17, 1696, married Margaret Avery, by whom he had nine children.

Deacon Solomon Morgan, seventh in the family of Deacon William, was born Oct. 5, 1708, and married Mary Walworth, July 1, 1742. Eight children blessed this union.

Dr. Elisha Morgan, youngest in the family of Deacon Solomon, was born March 7, 1762, and was married in October, 1790, to Abigail Morgan. Two sons and one daughter came to gladden their home.

Dr. Frederick Morgan, son of Dr. Elisha, was born Sept. 6, 1791, and died June 18, 1877. Like his father before him, he entered the medical profession, and engaged in practice in Colchester. He was married May 20, 1823, to Caroline Watrous, who was born in Colchester, June 30, 1797, and died in New London, July 25, 1880. She was a daughter of Dr. John R. Watrous, a prominent citizen of Colchester. Eight children were born of this union, of whom Edward Payson was fifth in order of birth.



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Edward Payson Morgan was born in Colchester, Feb. 21, 1834, and was reared and educated in New London county. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, and in 1854 he went to California, where he worked at his trade for a time, on his return East locating in Colchester, where he remained until coming to Cheshire. His home is now in Cheshire Centre. He married Emma M. Loomis, who died in Colchester, Nov. 23, 1867, aged twenty-four years, leaving one child, Richard Henry. Mr. Morgan was married Oct. 2, 1880, to Miss Olivia Laing, who died in 1883, leaving no children. On May 21, 1884, he married Mahala Hewitt, of Preston, Conn., who is still his companion and helpmeet. Edward Payson Morgan enlisted Aug. 25, 1862, in Company C, 24th Conn. V. I., and served until September, 1863, under Gen. Banks, participating in the siege of Fort Hudson, where he received a slight wound.

Richard Henry Morgan passed the first ten years of his life in his native town, and then accompanied his father to Santa Rosa, Cal., where he lived two years. In the fall of 1878 he went to Grinnell, Iowa, to attend school, remaining until July, 1879, when he returned East, locating in Newton, Mass.; there he pursued his studies until coming to Cheshire, in 1881. During his entire residence here he has engaged in gardening, and since 1884 has followed that pursuit in his own interest, meeting with marked success in the undertaking. He was a resident of Meriden from 1889 to 1892, and subsequently lived two years in Waterbury, Conn., since which time he has made his home uninterruptedly in Cheshire.

On Nov. 23, 1887, in Meriden, Conn., Mr. Morgan was united in marriage with Miss Mary McElroy, a native of that city, and a daughter of Theodore and Mary (Turner) McElroy, the former a native of Orange county, N. Y., whence he removed to Meriden; he now makes his home with Mr. Morgan, in Cheshire, the mother having died in 1889. To Mr. Morgan and his wife have been born three children: Bessie Loomis, Ethel May and Edward Payson. Mr. Morgan is an active, public-spirited citizen, who commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact, either in business or in social life. Politically he is independent, and fraternally he is a member of Hancock Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., of South Meriden, and Lee Lodge, No. 81, A. O. U. W.

FREDERICK E. WARNER, one of the most capable and trustworthy machinists of Waterbury, descends from an old and historic Connecticut family, established in the Colony long before the Revolution, and its various generations have given the public many prominent and useful citizens. The gentleman whose name appears above worthily maintains the family name, and is, himself, an honorable and capable man. He was born Oct. 23, 1865, at Roxbury, Conn., which was also the birth-

place of his father, Charles E. Warner, born May 1, 1844, and of his grandfather, Ezra Tilden Warner.

Ezra Tilden Warner was a direct descendant of Seth Warner, of Revolutionary fame, who won an enduring place in the annals of that great struggle as colonel of a regiment of the famous "Green Mountain Boys." Ezra T. Warner followed farming as an occupation, in Roxbury, and died there at the age of seventy-nine. He married Betsy Ann Pulford, who was born in Milton, Conn., a daughter of David Pulford, and died in Oakville, Conn., at the age of seventy-one. This union was blessed with six children: Sarah M., deceased; Mary, deceased; Fannie C., unmarried and living in New Milford, Conn.; Emily, deceased; Henry, a contractor and builder in Oakville; and Charles E., the father of Frederick E.

Charles E. Warner was married on Sept. 14, 1864, to Miss Julia F. Capewell, who was born in Woodbury, Conn., May 23, 1844, a daughter of Joseph T. Capewell, who came from Birmingham, England to Woodbury, Conn., in 1840, and there engaged in the manufacture of shot belts, powder flasks and pouches until in 1876, when he removed the works to Oakville; he died there, July 19, 1882, at the age of sixty-four years. Sarah (Pitt) Capewell, mother of Mrs. Warner, died in Oakville, May 30, 1882, at the age of sixty-two. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Warner were born six children: Frederick E., born Oct. 23, 1865; William N., born July 3, 1867; Charles L., born April 28, 1874; Berton C., born Nov. 11, 1877; Edwin F., born Jan. 5, 1883; and Kenneth L., who died in infancy. Of these, William N. is a merchant in Oakville; Charles is a mechanic in the same place, and associated with the Baird Machine Co.; Berton C. is a machinist with the Baird Machine Co.; and Edwin F. remains on the home farm, where the father of this family has made his residence since April 16, 1866.

Frederick E. Warner spent the earlier years of his life on the farm in Oakville, attending the district school until about the age of fifteen, at which time he entered the employ of the Oakville Pin Co., and learned the trade of pin making. At the age of eighteen he entered his father's store in Oakville, and became quite an efficient clerk. His taste, however, was for mechanics rather than merchandise, and, leaving the store, he entered the employ of the Waterbury Machine Co., then located in Oakville. Mr. Warner became an expert machinist under the instruction of the principal owner and manager, J. H. Baird, in whose interest he for a time had charge of the shop, remaining until Mr. Baird relinquished his holdings in 1880. Mr. Warner remained under the new management for a short time, leaving to enter the employ of the Holmes, Booth & Haydens Co., of Waterbury, Conn., where he remained for a period of two and one-half years. Mr. Warner had by this time become quite widely known as an expert and capable machinist.

with modern ideas and progressive methods, and in 1892 Mr. Baird, his former employer, entered into partnership with him. They engaged in business in Waterbury, under the firm name of Baird & Warner, for the manufacture of automatic wire and metal forming machinery. After doing business for a year in Waterbury they removed to Oakville and the business was continued in the old Capewell plant. This partnership existed for about three years, and in 1894 a joint-stock company was formed under the name of the Baird Machine Co. Mr. Warner remained with the new company for about six months after disposing of his interests in the concern, and then re-entered the employ of the Waterbury Machine Co. in Waterbury, only to sever his connection with this concern one year later and assume a position with the Plume & Atwood Mfg. Co. With them he spent a year in tool-making and subsequently for two years had charge of the machine department of the Anglo-American Cycle Fittings Co. For the third time Mr. Warner has entered the employ of the Waterbury Machine Co., as foreman of the automatic machine department for the building of automatic wire and metal forming machinery and the making of tools for the same. It is a responsible and delicate position, demanding unusual qualifications, and he is meeting all its requirements to the satisfaction of the management.

On Oct. 23, 1887, Frederick E. Warner was married to Miss Etta F. Smith, of Norwich, Conn., a daughter of Charles F. and Lydia (Chapman) Smith, residents of Norwich and descendants of good old English stock. Mr. and Mrs. Warner have one son, Kenneth J. B., born at Oakville, Conn., Oct. 3, 1890. Politically Mr. Warner is a Democrat, and socially is a member of Speedwell Lodge, No. 10, Knights of Pythias. The family are all attendants at the Second Congregational Church in Waterbury.

COL. ISAAC M. ULLMAN was born in the city of New Haven, Aug. 29, 1863, a son of Morris and Mina Ullman, both now deceased. The parents, who were natives of Germany, lived for many years prior to their deaths in New Haven. Mr. Ullman's education was obtained in the public grammar schools of New Haven and in the New Haven high school, which he attended for a short period of time, having entered the latter institution at the early age of twelve years. It was Col. Ullman's hope and ambition to secure a good, liberal education, but the death of his father, leaving a widow and five small children, made it necessary for him to put an end to his school days and go to work to earn money with which to help his mother support the family. He entered the employ of Mayer, Strouse & Co., the well-known large corset concern of New Haven, now Strouse, Adler & Co., as an office boy, but it was not long before the natural ability of the young man became so manifest

that he was rapidly promoted from one position to another, eventually becoming superintendent of the whole establishment. In December, 1890, the firm of Mayer, Strouse & Co. was reorganized, and Col. Ullman was at the time admitted to the co-partnership, retaining, however, his former position of superintendent.

Even before he had obtained his majority Col. Ullman took a strong and active interest in all matters of a public nature, which interest he has continued to the present time. In politics he is a Republican, and one of the prominent men of his party in New Haven county and throughout the State. Of a strong and vigorous personality, and of great executive ability, he is easily a leader among men and the affairs in the community in which he resides. While always manifesting this strong interest in public affairs, Col. Ullman has never sought political office for himself, the only position of a public nature he has held being that of an aide on the staff of Gov. Lounsbury during the two years in which the latter occupied the office of chief magistrate of the State. Col. Ullman is a member of the Union League, the Young Men's Republican Club, and the Harmonie Club in New Haven, and a number of fraternal organizations.

On Feb. 2, 1892, the Colonel married Flora A. Adler, a daughter of Max Adler, of New Haven, and they have one child, a daughter, Marion B.

FREDERICK EUGENE PRENTICE. The fine pasture and fertile farm land of North Haven town, in New Haven county, is well known to all residents of southeastern Connecticut, and the dairying interests are among the most flourishing industries. Among those who have very successfully pursued this line here is Frederick Eugene Prentice, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Prentice was born on Nov. 15, 1865, near Binghamton, Broome Co., N. Y., a son of Luther and Katherine (Darling) Prentice, the latter still residing there. The other children in this family are: Frank, Charles, Walter, Burt, Grace and Alice. In the district schools of his native town our subject obtained his education, and he worked on his father's farm until 1886, when he came to Connecticut, resolving to make his own way in the world. Stopping at Goshen, he was there employed by Sherman Kimberly, remaining with him for some time. He then came on to Hamden, where he found congenial work on the large dairy farm of Robert Dickerman. Later he engaged in the ice business, under a brother of his former employer, continuing with him four seasons, when he went to New Haven, where the firm of S. E. Merwin & Son engaged him to drive a delivery wagon for them, which he continued to do for the following three years.

Locating in Woodbridge on the Bradley farm, he entered the milk business, having a milk route in New Haven, which he followed two years, and

Nov. 1, 1898, became the purchaser of the Bradley place in North Haven. This comprises seventy-five acres, on which Mr. Prentice carries on general farming and dairying, having a great number of cows, and possessing every convenience for the most modern way of conducting the business. During 1899 he ran a milk wagon in New Haven, but since that time disposes of his milk to dealers, its superior quality causing a great demand. Mr. Prentice is a very practical farmer, is energetic and industrious, and the time is not far distant when his farm will be one of the most valuable in the county.

Mr. Prentice was married Oct. 7, 1896, to Jessie Wooding, who was born May 7, 1864, in Woodbridge, a daughter of Dennis M. and Elizabeth S. (Munson) Wooding. Two sons, Clifford D. and Frank L., were born of this union, Dec. 20, 1897, Dec. 12, 1900, respectively. In politics Mr. Prentice is a staunch Republican, although he desires no party recognition. Fraternally he is connected with Olive Branch Lodge, No. 84, A. F. & A. M., of Westville. In the Congregational Church both Mr. and Mrs. Prentice are highly valued, the latter being a member; and throughout the community they are highly respected and esteemed.

DR. CHARLES HOWE PORTER, the leading and most successful dentist of Branford, was born in the city of Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 23, 1871. Dr. Porter's paternal grandfather was Dr. Daniel H. Porter, a native of New Haven, and for many years a resident of Bridgeport, where he was a leading dentist, also a manufacturer of porcelain teeth.

Dr. Porter received his education in the public schools of Bridgeport. In 1888 he began the study of dentistry in the office of Dr. J. S. Cairol, and for eight years was a student and assistant in the office of that distinguished practitioner of dentistry. Dr. Porter was licensed to practice in 1893, and three years later came to Branford to manage a dental office for Dr. D. W. Johnston. This position he filled until Jan. 27, 1900, when he opened an office for himself in the Griswold block, where he succeeded in winning the favor of the public to a marked degree. He is up-to-date in everything that pertains to his profession and is regarded as one of the most trustworthy dentists of the day.

THOMAS A. BASSETT. Prominent among the citizens of New Haven, both in business circles and social life, is Thomas A. Bassett, proprietor of Thomas Phillips & Son, manufacturers of fine monumental work. Mr. Bassett was born Oct. 17, 1869, a son of Samuel A. Bassett, a native of what is now Seymour, Conn., and the efficient vice-president of the New Haven Shoe Co. During his boyhood our subject attended the excellent schools of New Haven, including the high school, and then entered the office of L. W. Robinson for a course of study. In 1887 he became identified with the Thomas Phillips

& Son's marble and granite works, becoming a member of the firm in 1894. Upon the death of Mr. John Humphrey Phillips, his uncle, Sept. 7, 1900, Mr. Bassett assumed complete control, and has most successfully managed the great business since that time. He is of the third generation to engage in business in the same location, No. 143 High street.

On Oct. 30, 1895, Mr. Bassett wedded Miss Natalie Wilson, of Bridgeport, and one child has been born to them, John Humphrey Phillips, born July 28, 1896. Politically Mr. Bassett is a staunch Republican and a member of the Young Men's Republican Club. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason, being connected with Wooster Lodge, No. 79, F. & A. M., and Franklin Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.; he also belongs to Hillhouse Council, Royal Arcanum, and Pyramid Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is an expert golf player on the local field, and belongs to the New Haven Golf Club; and also is a member and governor of the Quinnipiac Club, of which his uncle was one of the founders. Mr. Bassett is an ex-sergeant of the New Haven Grays. In his religious connections he is a regular attendant upon the services of the Episcopal Church, to which both he and his wife belong. Mr. Bassett is a true representative of the progressive and successful young men who will leave an impress upon the 20th century. While a thorough business man, showing decided enterprise and public spirit, he permits himself the relaxation to be found in athletics and social functions, these rounding out the character and making a representative of a class destined to produce its effect in the society and in the business world of the future.

HENRY H. WILSON, head bookkeeper for the Ansonia Brass & Copper Co., Ansonia, was born in Norwalk, Conn., Feb. 25, 1868.

Joseph W. Wilson, his father, was born in Natick, Mass., a son of Robert G. and Rebecca (Conant) Wilson. He studied law at Yale College, and for twenty-five years practiced his profession in Norwalk, Conn., where he died in 1886. He was a justice of the peace and notary public for many years, also member of the school board. In politics he was a Whig and Republican. He married Julia V. Phelps, a native of New Haven, and daughter of Erastus R. Phelps, who was born in Hebron, Conn., and was a mason by occupation, following his trade in Hebron, New Haven and Norwalk, in which latter city he died at the age of seventy-eight. Mr. Phelps married Nancy Wilmot, of Milford, and by her had two children, but Julia V. was the only one to reach maturity. To Joseph W. and Julia V. Wilson were born four children, two of whom are yet living: Robert G., who is with the New York Condensed Milk Co.; and Henry H., our subject. The widowed mother is now living in Norwalk; she is a member of the Congregational Church, as was also her husband.

Henry H. Wilson attended the common and

high schools of Norwalk, graduating from the latter, after which he entered the National Bank of Norwalk as bookkeeper. He remained in that position three years, at the end of which time, in 1888, he came to Ansonia and entered the employ of the A. B. & C. Co., with whom he has since remained, being now one of the oldest, in point of service, in the office.

In March, 1891, Henry H. Wilson married Carrie L. Miles, daughter of H. C. Miles, an extensive real-estate dealer in Ansonia, where she was born, the eldest of three children. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born two children, Warren and Gertrude.

In politics our subject is a Republican. In 1897 he was elected to the common council, and was re-elected in 1899, to serve till 1901, acting as president of the board the second term. Socially he is affiliated with the N. E. O. P. and with the Ansonia Club. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Congregational Church.

THOMAS S. ELLIS, Chief of Police of the city of Ansonia, and railroad police for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., was born in Croghan, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1848, a son of Benjamin R. Ellis, who was born in New Bedford, Mass., and whose father had long been settled in Fairhaven, that State.

Benjamin R. Ellis was reared on a farm, but in his adult years became a ship carpenter at New Bedford and at Fairhaven, where he worked for many years. Later in life he moved to Nantucket, Mass., to work at his trade. There he received an injury that obliged him to lead a more quiet life, and he went into a notion store. His last years were spent on a farm in Lewis county, N. Y., where he died at the age of sixty-five. The Ellises were one of forty-nine families who came into Lewis county, N. Y., in 1835, and Mr. Ellis there purchased a farm of 122 acres, which when it came into his possession was wooded land. He married Elizabeth Hussey, who was the only daughter in a family of thirteen children, all born at Nantucket, Mass. Eleven of her brothers followed whaling, and the one who remained ashore became a preacher. Benjamin and Elizabeth Ellis had eleven children, eight of whom are still living: (1) Benjamin R. is in Minneapolis, Minn. (2) Elizabeth married Myron Spear, and lives in St. Lawrence county, N. Y. (3) William S. is a farmer at Philadelphia, N. Y. (4) Emily W. married Sylvester A. Jones, and lives at Potsdam, N. Y. (5) Deborah married Thomas Starks, of Potsdam. (6) Naomi E. (deceased) married Ransom H. Green, of New Bremen, N. Y. (7) Albert H. was killed at Petersburg, while in the Union service as a member of the 186th N. Y. V. I. (8) Harvey, who is also deceased, was a member of the same regiment as his brother. He taught school after the war, was married, and lived at Bethlehem, Conn. He died in Virginia. (9)

Thomas S. is our subject. (10) Sarah C. married Samuel Simons, of Canada. (11) James is married and lives in Jefferson county, N. Y. The mother died at the age of fifty-eight years. The father took an active part in politics, and in his early life was a Democrat, but later became a Republican. For years he was justice of the peace and school commissioner. In religion he was a man of liberal ideas, and inclined to Universalism.

Thomas S. Ellis spent his early life in Lewis county, N. Y., on the farm, and received his education in the public schools. When he was twenty years old he left his home and went out into the world to care for himself, beginning as a farm hand on monthly wages. In 1872 he came to Ansonia to work as a carpenter, and was thus occupied for several years. He served six years as a police officer prior to 1881, when he was made chief of police of the borough of Ansonia, and held that office for eighteen months. He then worked at his trade again one year, when he was reappointed, and he has been retained in this incumbency ever since. Thus it will be seen that he has been in active service over twenty-six years, and during twelve years of this period he has been constable, having been first elected to that office in 1881, in the town of Derby, and later in the town of Ansonia, which was set off from Derby. Mr. Ellis was repeatedly elected bailiff. His first appointment to his present important office came from the mayor, when the city was chartered, and he now holds his position as chief for life, subject to good behavior. Since 1886 Mr. Ellis has spent all his time at the work of his position, and he is recognized as a most efficient and capable officer. Mr. Ellis is known throughout the State. He has made many important arrests during his career, and some of the most notorious criminals of the State have been his prisoners. He has never shot a man, and has never had a charge preferred against him. In all his career he has never had occasion to strike but two men on the head, and has never had to shoot at any one. He has broken up many "gangs" of law breakers, and Ansonia has the name of a model town so far as its police is concerned. Chief Ellis has seen the growth of Ansonia from a modest farming community to an extensive manufacturing city, and has done his part in keeping it orderly and law abiding.

Mr. Ellis was married Jan. 1, 1879, to Mrs. Alice L. (Sperry) Isbell, a native of Bethany, Conn., who had two sons by her first marriage: Milton, a lawyer of Ansonia; and John A., a draftsman, who served in the Spanish-American war as a member of the Connecticut Naval Reserve. To Mr. and Mrs. Ellis was born one son, Harry T., who died aged three years and five months. Mrs. Ellis has long been a member of Christ Church in Ansonia, and is a lady of many attainments and fine character. She was born in Bethany, New Haven county, daughter of Ezra and Louisa (Terrell) Ellis, of Bethany, and had several brothers and one sister.



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Her eldest brother, Hobart Sperry, now deceased, was for many years a leading grocer in Ansonia, and another brother, E. Frank, was also engaged in mercantile business there for some years, and later in the manufacturing business; he finally went to Orlando, Florida.

Mr. Ellis belongs to Naugatuck Lodge, I. O. O. F., in which he has held the position of warden for one year; to Hope Encampment; and to the Red Men, being a charter member of that local organization.

TERENCE S. ALLIS is of English descent, his ancestors having come from Old to New England in the early days of Colonial history. He was born in Vermont, as were also his father and grandfather. The latter was a farmer and died in the county of his birth. His family consisted of seven children: Andrew S., now deceased, who was a farmer in Orange county, Vt.; Egbert, a physician, who was commissioned a surgeon in the United States Navy during the Civil war, and was lost on the "Bainbridge;" Obadiah D., the father of Terence S., of whom more particular mention is made in the succeeding paragraph; Elisha, a farmer and teacher, now deceased; Ellen, wife of D. S. Brown, a farmer of Williamstown, Vt.; Mary, who survived her husband, Dr. Horace Smith, of the same place, and died in 1900; and Harriet, who became the wife of A. Folansbie, a machinist, and is dead.

Obadiah D. Allis was born in Brookfield, Orange Co., Vt. He was both a clergyman and teacher, filling the dual position of principal of the Chelsea Academy and pastor of the Congregational Church at Randolph. He married Ann E., a daughter of Daniel Colt, a farmer of Brookfield. Mr. Allis died in 1865, and his widow followed him to the grave in 1869. Four children were born to them, of whom Terence S. was third in the order of birth. The others were named Fortis H., Watson C. and May E. The eldest son is a successful clothier in New Britain. Watson C. is with the North American Commercial Co., Alaska. May, the only daughter, is deceased.

Terence S. Allis was born in Randolph, Vt., May 28, 1861, and after the death of his mother went to live with H. M. Hayden, a farmer. Like most country boys in the rural districts of New England, he received his rudimentary training in the district schools. This was supplemented by a course at the State Normal School, from which institution he graduated in 1878. During the next year he taught school in his native town, and for another twelve months at Guilford, Vt. The confinement of the school room, however, proved irksome, and the young man's ambition covered a wider field. Accordingly he went to Bridgeport, Conn., where he began his business career as a clerk in the clothing store of Foster, Besse & Co. From Bridgeport he removed to Ansonia, where he entered the employ of the clothing house of V. A.

Page. In 1881 he came to Derby, where he has since resided. At first he formed a co-partnership with J. G. Redshaw, of Ansonia, under the firm name of Allis & Redshaw, and for ten years the concern did a profitable business as clothiers, succeeding the house of J. W. Mercer & Co. In 1891 Mr. Allis purchased his partner's interest, and has since then conducted the business alone, at No. 231 Main street. In addition to his establishment at Derby Mr. Allis is interested in other concerns in the same line of trade—the firm of A. F. Ould & Co., of Shelton; and Colt & Co., of Winsted.

From what has been said it may be seen that Mr. Allis is a man of quick and keen perception and sound business sense. Beginning on one of the lower rounds of life's ladder, he has mounted steadily and rapidly, the secret of his success lying in well-directed, intelligent effort, aided by untiring industry and dauntless courage. In private life he is genial, hospitable and generous, faithful to his friends, and charitable to those who differ from him. Brought up in the Congregational faith, he has not departed from the creed of his fathers, being an active and consistent member of that communion and a liberal supporter of religious work. In politics he is a Republican, and though a member of the political minority in Derby, he enjoys a popularity and esteem second to that of no man in the community. He stands high in the councils of both the Masons and the Odd Fellows. In the first named fraternity he has attained the thirty-second degree, and is affiliated with King Hiram Lodge, No. 12, Solomon Chapter, No. 3, Union Council, No. 6, Hamilton Commandery, and Pyramid Temple. He is also a member of Ousatonie Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Royal Arcanum. In the business world his standing is high. He is a member of the local Board of Trade, and "his word is equal to his bond."

On Aug. 28, 1886, Mr. Allis married Miss Lottie E. Smith, a daughter of Benjamin and Jane Smith, of Derby, and two children have come to this union, Clarence H. and May E.

ARTHUR W. SMITH, a well-known citizen of Naugatuck, New Haven county, and several years foreman of the fire department, was born in the Millville District of that town, Jan. 17, 1861, and belongs to one of the old families of this county. His paternal grandfather, Philemon Smith, made his home in the town of Oxford, and followed the occupations of a farmer and butcher.

David Smith, father of Arthur W., was born in 1824 in Oxford, where he was reared and educated, but spent much of his life in Naugatuck; he died in Millville, Dec. 15, 1898. He was a butcher and wheelwright by trade. His wife, who died Jan. 9, 1899, bore the maiden name of Grace P. Wheeler, and was born in the town of Huntington, Fairfield Co., Conn., a daughter of Ezra Wheeler. She spent the greater part of her life in Naugatuck. They had

only two children, the elder of whom, Sylvester, died in infancy.

Arthur W. Smith, the younger son, born Jan. 17, 1861, grew to manhood in Millville, and was educated in Naugatuck, graduating from the high school of that place. During his entire business career he has been in the employ of the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Co. As a Democrat he takes quite an active and influential part in local politics, and in 1895 was elected selectman of Naugatuck. So acceptably did he fill the office that he has been continuously re-elected, and is the present incumbent. He has also been a prominent member of the Naugatuck fire department almost since its organization; has served as second assistant foreman, first assistant foreman and foreman for five years, declining further re-election. He is one of the leading members of Centennial Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., of Naugatuck, of which he is a past grand, and also belongs to the Grand Lodge of the State, and the Daughters of Rebekah, having been instrumental in organizing the branch of the latter in Naugatuck. He is also a member of Gavel Lodge, No. 18, K. P., and the Rathbone Sisters, K. of P.

JOHN J. CARROLL, M. D., a prominent representative of the medical fraternity at Naugatuck, New Haven county, was born in Torrington, this State, March 2, 1860.

Patrick and Ellen (O'Malley) Carroll, his parents, were both natives of Ireland, the former born in County Tipperary, the latter in County Kilkenny. The paternal grandfather of our subject spent his entire life as a farmer in the old country. In 1847 the father crossed the broad Atlantic and took up his residence in the town of Winchester, Conn., where he followed farming for a time. Later he became a scythe maker, and was engaged in that business at Winsted, Conn., for twenty-eight years, since which time he has lived a retired life, enjoying the fruits of former toil. The Doctor is the eldest of his eight children, the others being Mary A., wife of Joseph Grant, a mechanic of Winsted; Richard J., a Catholic priest at South Coventry, Conn.; Patrick C., who conducts a store and bakery in Winsted; Edward, who died at the age of three weeks; Catherine, a bookkeeper for her brother Patrick; Joseph, a hardware merchant of Winsted; and Isaiah, a United States postal clerk.

Dr. Carroll was reared in Winsted, and acquired his early education in the public and parochial schools of that place. He subsequently attended St. Anthony's Seminary, Winsted, the University of New York, and Dartmouth Medical College, from which latter he was graduated in 1897, with the degree of M. D. He immediately opened an office in Naugatuck, and has already gained quite a reputation as a skilled practitioner. From the start he has met with most excellent success, and now has an excellent practice. He is an active member of the Medical Society of Naugatuck, and socially belongs

to the Hibernians, the Foresters of America and the Salem Social Club. Religiously he is a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, and in political sentiment is a Democrat.

FRANK P. WELTON was born Aug. 25, 1865, in Northfield, Litchfield Co., Conn., son of Herschel O. Welton, who was born in Wolcott, New Haven Co., Conn., in 1841, and died Jan. 2, 1894, at the age of fifty-three years.

Herschel Welton, father of Herschel O., was born in the same place, and died at the age of forty-two. He married Eunice Prindle, who was born in Waterbury, Conn., and they became the parents of six children, who were born on the farm at Chestnut Hill: (1) David T. went to Iowa, where he located and engaged in farming. He is still living and is more than eighty years old. (2) Sherman S. was a brass caster in Waterbury. He went to Cheshire with his brother Rensselaer N., remained there a number of years, and returning to Waterbury, entered the employ of the Benedict & Burnham Mfg. Co. He died less than a year after, aged fifty-four. (3) Rensselaer N. went to Cheshire, where he was superintendent of the Cheshire Brass Co. at the time of his death. (4) Hector was a mechanic in Waterbury, where he died at the early age of twenty-eight. (5) Hannah A. married Edward L. Frisbie, Sr., of Waterbury, whose sketch appears elsewhere. (6) Herschel O. is mentioned below.

Herschel O. Welton grew up in Waterbury, and at the age of eighteen entered the factory of Brown Brothers' Manufacturing Co., where he learned the casting trade. He followed same throughout life, working for the Holmes, Booth & Hayden Manufacturing Co., and then for the Benedict & Burnham Co., where he was employed, and stood at the head of his trade, at the time of his death. He married Julia Pritchard, a daughter of Leonard Pritchard, of Waterbury. She died in 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Welton were the parents of six children: Frank P., Elizabeth E., Irving N., Mary F., Charles E. and one that died in infancy. Mr. Welton was a Democrat, and in religious connection belonged to the Episcopal Church.

Frank P. Welton spent his boyhood at Bunker Hill, near Waterbury, where he attended the district school until he was thirteen years old, and was a pupil at the Waterbury high school for the ensuing three years. He worked on a farm two years, and then entered the employ of the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co., where he learned the trade of brass and German silver casting. In this work he is still employed as foreman, and ranks among the most efficient workers in his line.

On Oct. 23, 1889, Mr. Welton married Miss Julia E. Upson, of Winsted, Conn., who was born in Waterbury, daughter of Israel Lee Upson. They have had four children: Leonard H., Myriell Lee and Gertrude S., living; one daughter, Helen M.,

died in infancy. Mr. Welton is a Republican politically; he belongs to Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., and is also a member of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F. He and his family are members of Trinity Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the vestry.

HENRY WEYAND, a well-known business man of Waterbury, is a native of Germany, born March 9, 1865, in Staudernheim, near Bingen, on the Rhine.

Charles Weyand, father of our subject, was of the same nativity, born in 1824, and died when his son Henry was but one year old. Like his father before him, Charles Weyand was a farmer. He married Kate Dietz, also a native of Staudernheim, and four children came to their union: Kate married John Dick, and they make their home in New York; Charles is in the tin and sheet-iron business in Germany; Elizabeth is the wife of Peter Conrad, a farmer of Staudernheim; Henry is our subject.

Henry Weyand received his education in his native land, passing his boyhood on a farm at Staudernheim, near Bingen. He learned the tin and sheet-iron business in Neustadt-on-der-Hard, serving a three-years apprenticeship. At the age of seventeen he sailed for the United States, landing at New York, March 10, 1882, and there followed his trade about three years, thence removing to Bridgeport, Conn., where he was in the same line of business until 1889, the year of his removal to Waterbury. Here he formed a partnership with William T. Disley, under the firm name of Disley & Weyand, which continued until March, 1899, since when Mr. Weyand has continued the business alone. In 1895 he built his handsome double brick block, three stories high, at Nos. 16 to 24 Jefferson street, which is embellished with a beautiful metallic front, making it one of the most imposing and attractive buildings in the business part of the city. Among the specialties which he manufactures may be mentioned metal cornices, skylights, ventilators, corrugated galvanized iron or copper conductor pipe, eave troughs, metal clapboards, stove and furnace pipe elbows, etc.; in fact, anything of that description that can be made of sheet metal. He also does plumbing, tinning and heating.

In October, 1892, Mr. Weyand married Fannie Wyant, of Seymour, this county, a daughter of Leonard Wyant, a native of Germany. Three children have graced this union: Carl, Harold and Leonard. Socially Mr. Weyand is a member of the Turnverein, the Concordia Singing Society and the Home Circle. Politically he is a Republican. He has made his own way in the world unaided, and justly merits the success accorded him.

THOMAS FRANCIS FENN, a general merchant and druggist in Yalesville, where he has made for himself an enviable place in the business and social world, was born July 9, 1864, on Staten

Island, N. Y., son of James Fenn, who was born in New York. George Fenn, the grandfather of Thomas F., was born in New York, where he died, though he lived for a time in Rhode Island. He was extensively interested in the boating trade of the coast.

James Fenn was in his younger days interested in the cab business, as was his father before him. Afterward he was engaged as second officer on the line of boats plying between New York and the city of New Orleans, and thus spent more than fifteen years. He died in Sharon, Conn., in 1897, and was buried there. In early life he was a Democrat in political sentiment, but he voted for Gen. Grant, and continued to support the Republican ticket thereafter. He married Ellen James, who was born in New York, daughter of Edward James, and five children came to this union: Richard, of Middletown, N. Y.; Edward, of Pittsfield, Mass.; Thomas Francis; Frank, a farmer of Sharon, Conn.; and Ella M., who married William H. Brem, of Cornwall Bridge.

Thomas Francis Fenn attended the public schools of Sharon and Cornwall, Conn., and secured a business education. The work to which he addressed himself was one suited to his nature and gifts, and by it the whole bent of his life was determined. He obtained a position as clerk in a grocery store, and when he went to Cornwall, it was to take a place in a grocery, which he held for eighteen years. Mr. Fenn came to Yalesville in 1889 and opened a store for himself, and in this enterprise has met with rich reward. He has received a good patronage, and is well liked and highly respected. A thorough business man, and progressive, he stands in the front rank of the mercantile world of Yalesville and Wallingford.

Mr. Fenn was married in 1886, in Cornwall, Conn., to Miss Carrie L. Vollmiller, who was born in West Cornwall, daughter of George and Margaret Vollmiller, both of whom were natives of Germany; her father was a shear manufacturer in West Cornwall, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Fenn were the parents of one child, Violet Winifred, who is attending school at Bridgeport. Mrs. Fenn died in Yalesville, March 10, 1897, and was buried in Cornwall cemetery. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and a woman of fine character and spirit. Mr. Fenn belongs to the I. O. O. F., to Friendship Encampment, No. 11, of Wallingford, and to Anchor Lodge, D. of R., at South Meriden. In politics he is a Republican.

FRANK ELMER BRAINERD, a prominent and successful merchant of Stony Creek, is a native of Connecticut, born July 4, 1861, at Haddam, Middlesex county.

Daniel Brainerd, the founder of the family in Connecticut, was brought from England, when eight years of age, to Hartford, Conn., and here made his home with the Wyllys family until reach-

ing manhood. In 1662 he became a proprietor and settler of Haddam, and was a prosperous and influential citizen, a justice of the peace, deacon of the church, and held various other offices.

Sylvester Brainerd, great-grandfather of Frank Elmer, married Hannah Hubbard, daughter of Job Hubbard. He was a son of Oliver and Sally (Arnold) Brainerd, the former of whom was born Aug. 21, 1757, a son of Eliakim and Lucy (Smith) Brainerd; he a son of Gideon and Sarah (Selders) Brainerd; he a son of Deacon James and Hannah (Spencer) Brainerd, the latter of whom was a daughter of Jerrod Spencer, of Lynn, Massachusetts.

Drantheum H. Brainerd, grandfather of Frank Elmer, was born at Haddam, Conn., became a ship carpenter, and built several large vessels and revenue cutters for the United States Government. He married, Sept. 30, 1829, Maria Dickinson, daughter of Darius Dickinson, and their children who grew to maturity were as follows: Wilson, Ann (Mrs. George Wallace), John W., Sylvester, Clorinda (Mrs. Edward Wallace), Rosabel (Mrs. William Page), Marvin N. and Charles. Of these,

John Whittlesey Brainerd, father of our subject, was born in Haddam, Conn., and was a ship carpenter by trade. In 1866 he settled in Stony Creek, where he has since successfully conducted the "Brainerd House," a well-known and popular hostelry. He married Esther L. Bailey, daughter of Smith and Elizabeth Bailey, of Middlesex county, Conn., and three children were born to them, viz.: Frank Elmer, Harvey B. and Alvin S.

Frank E. Brainerd, whose name appears at the opening of this sketch, was eight years old when taken by his parents to New Haven, and there, at the common and graded schools, he received his education. In 1884 he commenced his business career in a small way as a grocer, gradually expanding his trade from year to year, until he now has one of the largest department stores in the county.

In December, 1883, Mr. Brainerd married Anna A., daughter of Morris and Mary E. (Jackson) Brown, of South Orange, N. J., and they have had two children: Florence A., born March 29, 1885; and John Elmer, born July 8, 1901. The family attend the Stony Creek Congregational Church, of which Mr. Brainerd is a trustee; socially he is a member of Seaside Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., and George B. Shaw Lodge, No. 57, Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Republican.

FREDERICK L. TIBBALS, one of Milford's leading citizens, a man esteemed by all his townsmen, regardless of political affiliations, is a worthy successor of honored ancestry. He fills a prominent place in the public eye, owing to his official position and to his long connection with the George H. Ford Co., of New Haven, importers and jewelers, one of the leading houses of the kind in New England. He is one of the most popular men of his

town, despite the fact that he is one of the most aggressive in measures of importance to its growth, welfare and prosperity, firm and outspoken in his convictions on public matters, and fearless of opposition in any cause he considers essential to the public weal. He is recognized by all as genial and loyal to his friends, thoroughly public-spirited, independent in thought and action, and a reliable public leader, ever abreast of the times.

Mr. Tibbals' family is of Puritan stock, and he traces his descent from Capt. Thomas Tibbals, who was born in England in 1615, and came to America in the ship "True Love" in 1635, landing at Plymouth, Mass. Capt. Thomas Tibbals served in the Pequot war under Capt. John Mason, and while engaged in pursuing the Indians to Fairfield Swamp, in 1638, discovered the Wepawaug river. The following year he led the forty-two settlers from New Haven to Milford, where they settled in 1639. Reference to Thomas Tibbals is made in Atwater's "History of New Haven Colony," and on the east end of the Memorial Bridge at Milford there is a finishing stone with inscription taken from Milford Land Records, the original records being in the town clerk's office in Milford. The line of descent to our subject is through Capt. Thomas Tibbals, born in 1615, died in 1682; Josiah (1), son of Capt. Thomas; Josiah (2), son of Josiah (1), born in 1682; Josiah (3), son of Josiah (2), born in 1708; Lemuel, son of Josiah (3), born in 1740; Lemuel (2), son of Lemuel, who died in 1849.

Lemuel Tibbals (2), son of Lemuel, was a farmer in Milford. He married Sally Baldwin, who was born in 1783, and died in 1864. Of their four children, George L. was our subject's father; Sarah married Rev. C. B. Ford, a Methodist minister, now located in Watertown, Conn.; Harriet S. married Merritt Ford, of Milford, father of Gen. George H. Ford; and Mary (now deceased) became the wife of Rogers Clark, of Milford.

George L. Tibbals, son of Lemuel (2), was born Jan. 11, 1818, and died in Milford, Dec. 6, 1882. He was reared in Milford, but when a young man located in New Britain, Conn., engaging as a contractor and builder. Soon after his marriage he returned to Milford, where he erected many of the most important buildings in the town, including the town hall, public school building and various factories. He also remodeled and enlarged Plymouth church. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion a Congregationalist. His wife, Mary Ann (Hurlburt), who died in 1882, was born in Wethersfield, Conn., daughter of Wealthy Hurlburt. Four children were born of this marriage, of whom Frederick L. is the youngest; James H. is a carpenter and builder in Milford; Kate S. resides in Milford; Fannie is the wife of Prof. Henry D. Simonds, principal of the Bridgeport (Conn.) high school.

Frederick L. Tibbals received his early education in the public schools of Milford, and in Yale



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Business College, graduating from the latter institution at the age of nineteen years. Two years later he spent a short time in Waterbury as clerk in the clothing store of Upson & Singleton. In 1883 he accepted a position as bookkeeper with Gen. George H. Ford, the leading jeweler of New Haven. In 1891 these gentlemen formed a joint-stock company, known as the George H. Ford Co., of which Mr. Tibbals became secretary and treasurer, holding the latter office at the present time. He is also interested in various other business enterprises, and his advice and co-operation are prized among his associates in the commercial world. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of New Haven, and a director of the Milford Savings Bank. He was one of the incorporators of the Milford Street Railroad Co., and it was largely through his energy and discretion that the charter for the company was obtained in the Legislature.

Politically Mr. Tibbals gives his allegiance to the Republican party, and to his work is due much of the change in the political aspect of the town. For several years he was an active worker on the town committee, and for two years was president of the local Republican League. In 1895 he represented his town in the General Assembly, and he was largely instrumental in securing the passage of the law known as the "Gold and Silver Bill," which prohibits the manufacturers and dealers in those metals from selling or having in possession for sale any article upon which the grade of purity is not stamped. The law is recognized as of great importance to the trade and meets a long-felt want, placing Connecticut in line with New York and other States in this respect. In 1899 Mr. Tibbals was appointed postmaster at Milford, which position he still holds and fills to the satisfaction of the people.

In 1897 Mr. Tibbals was united in marriage with Mrs. Grace A. Dillon, of Yonkers, N. Y., daughter of Gideon Cogswell and Mary Elizabeth (Keynolds) Lawrence, of Fordham, that State. Mrs. Tibbals traces her descent on her mother's side through Benjamin Underhill, of Westchester county, N. Y., to the original Holland-Dutch, the first settlers of New York, about 1620. [History of Westchester county.] Socially Mr. Tibbals is a member of the Society of Colonial Wars of the State of Connecticut.

WILLIAM P. BACON, a well-known and popular traveling salesman for the firm of Radcliffe Brothers, manufacturers of knit goods, has made his home in Derby for the past fifteen years. He is a native of Connecticut, born in Woodbury, March 19, 1869, and belongs to quite a prominent and distinguished family, tracing his ancestry back to Jabez Bacon, a shrewd, enterprising and successful business man, who became very wealthy, at one time owning 10,000 acres of land in the Adirondack Mountains, N. Y. He was also extensively en-

gaged in the provision business in New York City. Daniel Bacon, son of Jabez, spent his entire life as a farmer in Woodbury, Conn. He married Rebecca Thompson, a native of the same place, and to them were born eight children: Lydia, who married Charles C. Thompson; Rebecca and Fannie, who died unmarried; Maria, who married Gen. Chauncey Crafts; Julia, who married John Moore; John, a cripple, who married Augusta Walker and spent his life in Woodbury; William T., grandfather of our subject; and Daniel, who married Jane Green, of Woodbury, and lived in New Haven.

William T. Bacon, grandfather of our subject, was also born in Woodbury and was educated at Yale, from which institution he was graduated in 1837. He attended the Divinity School, and for a few years engaged in preaching in Trumbull, Fairfield Co., Conn., but the greater part of his life was devoted to the printing business. He married Elizabeth Ann Knight, a daughter of Dr. Jonathan Knight, of New Haven, and after his marriage located in New Haven, but later returned to Woodbury. In 1866 he came to Derby, where he died in 1880, his wife in 1887. Of their nine children, Jonathan K. was a physician of New Milford, Conn., where he died in 1898; William Thompson was the father of our subject; Frederick A. is a mechanic, living in the West; Walter C. is a prominent real-estate dealer of Kansas City, Mo.; Daniel H. is engaged in the printing business in Derby; James F. died young; Rebecca T. is unmarried; Annie F. is the wife of Hanford L. Shaw, of Middletown, N. Y.; Bessie died in infancy.

William Thompson Bacon, father of our subject, was born in New Haven, but was reared in Woodbury, where he engaged in mercantile business when a young man. There he married Miss Elizabeth T. Parker, of Woodbury, and to them were born three children: William P., our subject; Harriet, wife of Dr. William B. Bissell, of Lakeville, Litchfield Co., Conn., a graduate of Yale; and Annie. For some years the father was engaged in the newspaper business with his brother, Daniel H., in Derby, where he died June 1, 1885. In politics he was a Republican.

The first sixteen years of his life our subject passed in Woodbury, and then came to Derby, obtaining his education in the schools of both places. On leaving school he entered the employ of A. H. & C. B. Alling, manufacturers of knit underwear and hosiery, as a traveling salesman, and in 1894 accepted his present position, that of traveling salesman for the firm of Radcliffe Brothers, manufacturers of knit underwear and hosiery. Genial and pleasant in manner, and a man of good business and executive ability, he has met with excellent success as a salesman, is reputed to be well up in the hosiery trade, and is very popular with his customers.

Mr. Bacon was married, June 9, 1892, to Miss Clara Dalton Thrasher, of Somerville, Mass., who

was born in Portland, Maine, of English ancestry, and is a daughter of Charles F. Thrasher, a native of the same place. Mr. Bacon is a member of the Board of Trade. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party.

FREDERICK G. GRAVES, M. D., is still a young man, but in a surprisingly brief time he has built up a practice in Waterbury that, for the quality of the families he numbers among his patrons, and their confidence in his medical skill, will stand comparison with that of any physician in the State. He was born April 15, 1869, in Danbury, Conn., a son of George W. Graves, a grandson of Jedediah Graves, and a great-grandson of Ezra Graves. The latter was very active in political life, serving in the State Legislature, etc.

Jedediah Graves served as judge in the county courts for over twenty years. He was a stockman and farmer in Sherman, Conn., where he had a very extensive establishment. He married Sarah Northrop, and became the father of fourteen children, of whom eleven grew to maturity. Judge Henry B. Graves, of Litchfield, one of this family, became eminent as a leading lawyer and member of the Democratic party, and served in the State Legislature, winning a name known all over the State.

George W. Graves was born in Sherman, Conn., in 1825. He became an extensive dealer in tobacco, buying directly from the farmers and shipping to various trade centers. Hannah Brush, his wife, was born in New Fairfield, Conn., daughter of Eli Brush, a large land owner of that town. She died in 1881, at the age of fifty-one. Seven children were born of this marriage, of whom Emma died at the age of seventeen; Georgia married George Mead, and died at the age of twenty-seven; Cora married Elbert Reynolds, of Greenwich, and is now deceased; Hubert died at the age of twenty-seven. Of the three survivors, Anna is unmarried; Alexander is in Danbury, Conn.; and Frederick G. is our subject.

Frederick G. Graves passed his boyhood in Danbury, and there obtained his elementary and general English education, graduating from the City High School in 1888. He had long had a medical career in view and had begun reading medicine while still in the public school. He continued his studies for a year in the office of Dr. Scott, and in the fall of 1889 entered Yale Medical School, from which he was graduated with honor in 1892. The Doctor, in competitive examination, received appointment on the New Haven Hospital Staff, but did not accept it, preferring to go West and enter upon another work offered him by the Missouri Mining & Lumber Co. In this position, as surgeon of the company on the ground of its operation, in Grandin, Mo., the Doctor remained for nearly three years, finding in the field an excellent opportunity for the practical experience so essential to the young practitioner. In the spring of 1895 he came to Water-

bury, and upon opening an office for the practice of his profession met with marked and immediate success. Dr. Graves was assistant surgeon for the 2d Regiment nearly four years, and is examining surgeon for recruits to the United States army. He is a member of the American, State, County and local medical societies. Fraternally he belongs to the Freemasons and to Nosahogan Lodge, I. O. O. F. In religious views he is a Congregationalist. The Doctor has never married.

DENNIS J. GORMAN, a well-known and prominent business man of Naugatuck, was born in that place March 30, 1864, a son of Thomas Gorman, of whom more extended mention is made in the sketch of John J. Gorman elsewhere.

Our subject attended the public schools of Naugatuck until fourteen years of age, and then entered the employ of the Dunham Hosiery Co., with which he remained for three years. He next worked for the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Co., until 1881, when he became connected with the Goodyear India Rubber Shoe Co., and was in their employ eleven years. At the end of that period he embarked in the liquor business, in Scott street, and in 1899 he erected the fine three-story block at the corner of Scott and Cherry streets, which he now occupies. Here he now has one of the finest saloons in the place, while the apartments above are divided into five tenements. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man, whose success is due to his own industry and good management.

Mr. Gorman was married, Sept. 16, 1886, to Miss Annie Hallisey, a native of Wales, and a daughter of Michael Hallisey, who was of Irish descent. They are members of St. Francis Catholic Church, and Mr. Gorman also belongs to the Salem Social Club; Division No. 2, A. O. H., of Naugatuck; Court Goodyear, A. O. F.; and the Foresters of America, Court No. 4. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat.

FREDERICK E. STANLEY is one of the skilled workmen who have given Waterbury her world-wide reputation. His personal standing is high, and he is known as a reliable man, an upright and conscientious citizen, and a master of his chosen craft.

Mr. Stanley was born in Waterbury, Aug. 25, 1861, son of James Stanley, a native of Birmingham, England, who died in Waterbury, June 29, 1875. William Stanley, the grandfather of Frederick E., was one of the first brass rollers in this country. He was brought here by Israel Holmes in 1829, and began rolling brass with the Benedict & Burnham Mfg. Co. James Stanley, noted above, was brought here by his parents in 1833, when he was eight months old, and grew up in this country. He was endowed with unusual mechanical gifts, and as he entered manhood became a master of first one trade and then another until he had several at his

fingers' ends. For some years he worked with Alfred J. Shipley, in Newark, N. J. (a sketch of that gentleman may be found elsewhere). He married Sarah J. Clark, who was born in Wolcott, New Haven county, in 1832, daughter of John Clark, a farmer in that town. To Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley were born eight children: Charlotte, who married Alexander J. Buchanan, a mechanic in Waterbury; Charles, who died in infancy; George L., a tanner in Oakville, Conn.; William J., foreman of the cutting department of the Scovill Mfg. Co.; Frederick E.; Ida, who married Frank King, and lives in Colorado, where her husband is engaged as a mechanic; Joseph L., a toolmaker in Waterbury; and Jennie, who died at the age of three years and nine months. James Stanley was a Republican, and with his family attended the Baptist Church.

Frederick E. Stanley was reared to manhood in Waterbury under the parental roof, and was a pupil in the public schools until he was twelve years of age, when he went into the factory of the Scovill Manufacturing Co., receiving at first but fifty cents a day. The next six years of his life were spent in that factory, and at eighteen he apprenticed himself to the Farrel Foundry Co. for the purpose of learning the machinist's trade. There he served his time, and worked six months as a journeyman, at the end of that time securing a position as a toolmaker with the Scovill Manufacturing Co. Here he has worked his way up until he now holds the foremanship of the automatic machinery department. Since he has been with this house he has had committed to his hands the execution of a number of delicate and complicated orders, the most noticeable perhaps being the 24,000 Columbian bronze medals for the World's Columbian Exposition held at Chicago. Mr. Stanley is an inventor of no little merit, having invented several automatic machines that found a warm welcome in the industrial world, among them machines for attaching buttons to clothing.

Mr. Stanley and Miss Frances J. Pickett were married Dec. 21, 1882, and they are the parents of two children: May L., born Nov. 24, 1885; and Alfred J., born Aug. 5, 1892. May L. has developed a decided genius as a violinist and is a pupil of the musical department of Yale College. Mrs. Stanley was born at North East, Pa., Oct. 26, 1862, daughter of John Pickett, and is a lineal descendant on her mother's side of Amos Hixcox, who served his country in the Continental army and fought in the battle of Bunker Hill in 1775. Mr. Stanley is a Republican in political faith. He was elected alderman in 1901. He has passed through the various chairs of the Masonic fraternity by good service to the craft, now having the honor to be past master of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M.; past thrice illustrious of Waterbury Council, No. 21; past patron of Naomi Chapter, No. 23, O. E. S.; and generalissimo of Clark Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar. For the past five years

he has been a member of Company A, of the local State militia. He and his family are identified with the Baptist Church.

JOHN J. SIEBERT is an alert and active man, and though still young in years has won a good position in the industrial circles of Waterbury, where he is widely known as an honorable and upright gentleman, and a thorough master of his craft.

Mr. Siebert was born Sept. 11, 1862, in Waterbury, and is a son of Frederick Siebert, who was born in Germany, and was the only one of his family to come to this country. Frederick Siebert was a harnessmaker in Germany, and was born and reared in the kingdom of Hassen-Cassel. After his arrival in this country he followed harnessmaking and did carriage trimming as well. He married Dorathea Kleinschmidt, who was born and reared in Germany, and died in Waterbury about 1867. The husband and father died in Waterbury Nov. 16, 1898. They came to New Haven in 1856, moving to Waterbury in 1850. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Christopher, manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Co.'s business here for many years; Henry, who died in 1894 in New Haven, where he had been in the upholstery business; Charles, who died at the age of seventeen; Frederick, a constable in New Haven; William M., a hotel-keeper in Brooklyn; Lawrence, who is in the Singer Sewing Machine works at Waterbury; John J., our subject; one unnamed; Leonard, who owns an opera house and a bakery in East Hampton, Conn.; and Louis, a plater in Waterbury. A notable event in the history of the family was the gathering, on Frederick Siebert's seventieth birthday, of his seven sons, on which occasion they sat down with him to a bountiful spread laid in his honor. It would have been difficult indeed to have found a prouder father, so great was his pleasure in beholding his seven sons, all healthy and rugged, and a credit to him in every way. When all were seen walking together the common remark was, "Here comes the Siebert nine." Frederick Siebert was the first patient at the Waterbury Hospital.

John J. Siebert spent his boyhood days in Waterbury, where he attended the public schools, securing a good education. He entered the works of the Waterbury Button Co. when his schooling was ended, and spent the ensuing five years in learning the plating business, becoming a capable workman. For four years he was with the Gifford Manufacturing Co., at Union City, and then entered the employ of the Scovill Manufacturing Co., remaining with that establishment five years. In the month of November, 1888, Mr. Siebert secured a position with the American Ring Co., which he still retains. He is foreman of the plating and dipping department.

Mr. Siebert and Miss Anna R. Miller were mar-

died June 10, 1893. Mrs. Siebert was born in Waterbury, daughter of Christopher Miller, a native of Germany, who resided in Waterbury many years, and died May 29, 1897. Mrs. Miller, who died Aug. 20, 1901, was a resident of Waterbury for over forty years. To Mr. and Mrs. Siebert two children have been born, Edward L. and Martha J. Politically Mr. Siebert is a Republican. He is a past grand of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F.; past chancellor of Speedwell Lodge, No. 10, K. of P.; was first lieutenant of E. F. Durant Co., U. R., K. of P.; is a past officer of White Oak Camp, W. of W.; belongs to Excelsior Council, No. 2, O. U. A. M.; and was president of the Harmonia Benevolent Society for two years, filling a similar position in a benefit association among the employes of the American Ring Co. for some time. Mr. Siebert is also a member of the Union Club.

PATRICK HENRY DUNN, a master plumber of Branford, is a son of Peter and Ann (McDermott) Dunn, natives of Ireland, who came to this country prior to 1800. They located in Branford, where the father, a brass molder by trade, was employed by the M. I. F. Co. Later in life he was taken into the service of the Branford Lock Works, where he is still engaged. To Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were born seven children: Thomas F., James (deceased), Peter S., Lizzie, Patrick Henry, John B. and Annie T.

Patrick Henry Dunn was born in Branford Jan. 11, 1870, and obtained his education in the common schools of the borough. At the age of fifteen he commenced to learn the plumber's trade, serving four years with W. T. Corcoran, of Branford. Thoroughly mastering this important trade, he followed it for seven years as a journeyman, gaining practical experience of every detail. Mr. Dunn embarked in business for himself as a master plumber in 1896, and at once met with an immediate and marked success. He has continued in this line to the present time, and he has an army of patrons who do not hesitate to speak of his work and his business methods in the most complimentary terms.

Mr. Dunn was married, Oct. 21, 1896, to Mary, daughter of Owen and Mary McCaffery, of New Haven, formerly of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Branford, and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen, and to St. Mary's T. A. and B. Society. In business connections he is a member of the National Plumbers' Association. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Dunn is foreman of the Martin Burk Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, and a member of the Volunteer Association.

GEORGE ADAM FABER, M. D., a prominent and successful physician and surgeon of Waterbury, is a native of that town, born on Bucks Hill Dec. 10, 1866, son of Adam and Christina Faber.

Our subject acquired his primary education in the district schools, and supplemented same by a course in the Waterbury English and Classical school. During boyhood he took a deep interest in railroading, his ambition being to become a railroad man, but, complying with the wishes of his parents, he took up the medical profession. He began study along that line in 1883, and at the age of eighteen years entered the Georgia College of Eclectic Medicine and Surgery at Atlanta, where he was a student in 1885 and 1886. Later he attended the Bennett Medical College, of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1888. Returning to Waterbury, he formed a partnership with Dr. S. B. Munn, one of the oldest practitioners in the county, and was associated with him in practice for two years. In June, 1890, he opened an office of his own in Waterbury, and has since met with most excellent success in the prosecution of his profession.

On Nov. 29, 1899, in Waterbury, Dr. Faber was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Buckland Wooster, also a native of that town, and a daughter of Frederick J. and Carrie M. (Buckland) Wooster, representatives of some of the oldest families of New England. Mrs. Faber is a lady of culture and refinement. She was educated at the public and high schools of Waterbury, the D. L. Moody school at Northfield, Mass., and St. Margaret's Young Ladies Seminary, of Waterbury. As an elocutionist she possesses exceptional talent, and has often read in public.

Dr. Faber is quite a prominent member of the Connecticut Eclectic Medical Association, of which he is secretary, and is also a member and secretary of the examining board of the Eclectic Medical School for the State of Connecticut. He served as town physician in 1888, 1890, 1892 and 1895. The Doctor is a man of deep research and careful investigation, and his skill and ability have won him a liberal patronage. Prominence in his profession comes through merit alone, and the high position which he has attained attests his superiority. Socially he is a Knight Templar Mason, a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., and Eastern Star Chapter; and also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Improved Order of Red Men; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; Mad River Grange; and the New England Order of Protection, Mattatuck Lodge, of which he is treasurer and medical examiner. His wife is also a member and past warden of the last named order.

JOHN REID MURRAY, proprietor of the Boston Store, corner of Main and Bridge streets, Ansonia, is one of the substantial citizens of that place, and the following brief record shows that he possesses the qualities of character which would have won him success in any line of effort.

Mr. Murray was born Oct. 5, 1844, in Glasgow, Scotland, son of Dr. John and Agnes (Reid) Mur-



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ray. His grandfather, John Murray, was a native of New Brunswick, but went to Glasgow with his father, who was a soldier, and remained there, dying at a good old age. The Doctor, who was an only son, was born in Glasgow, and graduated from Glasgow College and the Royal College of Surgeons, and for a number of years was police surgeon in that city. Aside from extensive travel his life was spent there, but he served some time in the navy and circumnavigated the globe four times. He died at the age of fifty-five years, and his wife, who was born at Edinburgh, died aged sixty-three years.

Our subject's early life was spent in Glasgow, and he obtained his education in a private school. For a time he was employed in a dry-goods store as a boy, and when twenty-three years old he came to America, locating first in Providence, R. I., where he was in the dry-goods business for nine years. In 1879 he settled in Ansonia, and in partnership with John H. Shaw, a native of Airdrie, near Glasgow, he founded his present store, beginning in half of the store building known as "Military Hall," formerly the Methodist Episcopal church, which they rented. The partnership continued up to 1890, when Mr. Murray bought his partner's interest, and several years afterward he became owner of the store premises. The business has steadily grown since its foundation. Some nine years ago the addition of a second floor was found necessary to meet its demands. The floors are 50 feet square, and the entire store has recently been renovated and painted in a most attractive manner. Twenty clerks are employed, and in the various departments everything is kept which is to be found in metropolitan stores. Mr. Murray is now one of the oldest in the dry-goods business in any of the four towns of Seymour, Ansonia, Derby or Shelton.

Mr. Murray married Janet Shaw, in America, and has one son, Walter J., who is attending the Cheshire Military Academy, and next year expects to enter Yale College. Mr. Murray is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, his wife of the Episcopal Church. The family is much esteemed socially, and our subject is one of the oldest members of the F. & A. M. in Ansonia, having united originally with St. Mary's Lodge, of Glasgow. Before coming to the United States he was a sergeant in the Seventh Royal Lanarkshire Artillery of Scotland, in which he served some years, and in 1876 he enlisted in the Rhode Island militia. He has crossed the Atlantic four times, having visited several parts of Europe, and having journeyed as far north as the North Cape, and has beheld the mid-night sun.

FREDERICK WILLIAM CHESSEON, secretary and general manager of the American Ring Co., Waterbury, is an Englishman by birth, having been born June 7, 1864, in the city of London.

Frederick William Chesson, father of our subject, was of the same nativity, born in 1832, and

died in London in 1888. He was employed on the editorial staff of the London *Times* and London *Notes*, as a "specialist." He married Amelia Thompson, daughter of George Thompson, who, in concert with William Lloyd Garrison, was a strong anti-slavery advocate. The following named children born to our subject's parents are still living: E. May, Constance, Julia, Frederick William, Harold, Hugh and George. Of these, Harold lives in Florence, Mass., and George in Springfield, Mass. The mother of this family is yet living in London.

Frederick W. Chesson, our subject, attended school in his native city. In May, 1880, when sixteen years of age, he came to the United States, first locating in Boston, Mass., where he entered the employ of the Plume & Atwood Co., manufacturers of brass goods, remaining there until May, 1883, at which time he came to Waterbury to accept a position with the American Ring Co., with which he has ever since been connected. Commencing as office boy, he rose by sheer native ability, perseverance and thorough attention to business, unaccompanied by any influence, to the position of superintendent, which he held seven years, or until 1890, when he was appointed secretary and general manager of the concern, his present incumbency. The firm when Mr. Chesson came to it employed about one hundred and twenty-five hands, and now some seven hundred are engaged in the works.

In 1887 our subject was married to Clara W. Cooke, of Waterbury, daughter of Walter H. Cooke, a sketch of whom follows. Four children have graced this union: Frederick William, Walter, Robert and Sterling. In church connection Mr. and Mrs. Chesson are Episcopalians. Politically he is a Republican, and is now serving as alderman of the Third ward, having been elected to that office in 1899; he is also a member of the board of public works. Socially he is a Freemason, also a member of the I. O. O. F. and K. of P. He owes his enviable position, as already intimated, to his own exertions, and his example is one which young men of the present day would do well to follow. His character is above reproach, and no resident of Waterbury holds a higher place in the esteem of his fellow men.

WALTER H. COOKE, father of Mrs. Frederick W. Chesson, is a native of Connecticut, born Sept. 30, 1835, in Reynolds Bridge, Litchfield county, and comes of an old New England family.

(I) Henry Cook (for so the name was originally spelled, the "e" having been added by a member of the family later on), great-great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, was married in Plymouth, Mass., in 1639, and died Dec. 25, 1661. (II) Samuel Cook, his son, was born in 1641, and died in 1702. (III) Samuel Cook, Jr., son of Samuel, was born March 3, 1668, and died in September, 1725. (IV) Moses Cook, son of Samuel, Jr.,

was born in Wallingford, Conn., Nov. 6, 1716, and died Dec. 12, 1771. (V) Moses Cook, Jr., his son, was born May 30, 1744, and died, probably in Wallingford, in 1831. He was a drummer in the war for independence.

(VI) Joseph Cook, son of Moses, Jr., and the grandfather of our subject, was born in Waterbury Nov. 4, 1767, and died there March 26, 1855. In early life he was a tanner and shoemaker, later taking up farming in Waterbury; was also a surveyor, and collector of taxes for years. He married Anna Bronson, a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Ezra Bronson, who was a commissary during the Revolutionary war; his son Michael was a lieutenant in the same struggle. Joseph Cook was a soldier in the war of 1812. After marriage our subject's grandparents settled in Waterbury, where were born to them eight children: Edward B., Samuel, Susanna, Sally, Nancy, Nathan, George and George W. Of these, Edward B. died in Waterbury, where he followed the trade of mechanic, and later was the originator of the *Waterbury American*; Samuel was also a mechanic in Waterbury, and died there; Susanna married Mark Leavenworth, of Waterbury; Sally married Solomon Curtis, of Southington, Conn.; Nancy married William Scovill, a cabinetmaker by trade; George died at the age of nine years; George W., who by trade was a silver plater, died in Waterbury.

(VII) Nathan Cooke, father of our subject, was born Jan. 8, 1804, and died Oct. 26, 1892. He was a clockmaker by trade, and followed same in Waterbury and Reynolds Bridge, Conn.; in fact, he may be said to have been a lifelong "clock man," as at the early age of sixteen years he traveled through the South selling clocks from a wagon, and setting them up for customers. He married Clarissa Reynolds, who was born July 4, 1806, at Reynolds Bridge, a daughter of Russell Reynolds, a farmer of that locality, and whose ancestry were English. Walter H., our subject, was their only child. The mother died in Waterbury Oct. 22, 1892. The father was a Whig in politics, later a Republican, and in religious faith he was a Congregationalist.

Walter H. Cooke, our subject, was about eight years of age when he came from Reynolds Bridge to Waterbury, and attended school at both places, including the high school and an academy in the latter city; also for a time was at a school in Watertown, Conn. After finishing his education he clerked in a dry-goods store about a year; then for three and one-half years was in the employ of the American Pin Co. Taking a six months' rest after this, Mr. Cooke entered Hall & Smith's insurance office, remained a year there, and then clerked in a dry-goods store for several years. Subsequently he was in the photographing business some four or five years in Torrington, Conn.; conducted a grocery business in the same town; and was engaged for a time in a factory, having charge of a room. Re-

turning to Waterbury, he was for sixteen years bookkeeper for the American Ring Co., and for four years was in the coal business, but of late years he has been living retired.

On Sept. 27, 1862, Mr. Cooke married Jane D. McClintock, who was born in New York, a daughter of John McClintock, a native of Ireland, and of Scottish extraction. Two children have come to this union: Clara W., wife of Frederick W. Chesson; and Frederick S. The family attend the services of the Congregational Church. In politics Mr. Cooke is a Republican; socially he has been affiliated with the I. O. O. F. for many years, and for five years he has been president of the Naturalist Club of Waterbury.

PETER WILKINS, foreman of the brass rolling and casting departments of the A. B. C. Co., of Ansonia, was born April 15, 1862, in Gloucester, England, a son of Daniel and grandson of William Wilkins.

For many years the family was identified with Elkstone, England, and William Wilkins was born there and passed his life in farming in that locality. He was a member of the Church of England and a man of most excellent qualities of character. He lived to the advanced age of 101 years, and his wife, Anna, lived to the age of eighty. Of their fourteen children, four are still living in England.

Daniel Wilkins, our subject's father, was born at Elkstone, England, in 1819, and settled at Gloucester in early manhood. For forty years he was in the employ of the Midland railroad, and he died in the service at the age of sixty-six years. He married Sarah Jeynes, who is still living in England, and they had fourteen children, of whom seven are living. Thomas, a brass annealer with the A. B. C. Co., was the only one besides our subject to come to America; Jane married John Merchant, of Gloucester, England; Emmanuel is a locomotive engineer in Manchester, England; Sarah A. married Thomas Vallender, who has charge of a round house in Australia; Alfred is a locomotive engineer in Derby, England; Peter was the next in order of birth; Albert is a locomotive engineer in Gloucester, England. It will be noted that three of the sons are engineers, all being in the employ of the Midland Railway Co. Mrs. Sarah (Jeynes) Wilkins was born in Gloucester, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Jeynes, also natives of that city, and the former a farmer by occupation. Both were members of the Episcopal Church, and the mother (our subject's grandmother) died aged sixty years, leaving two children.

Peter Wilkins received a common-school education in his native city, and when thirteen years old went to Birmingham to learn the brass rolling trade. At twenty his apprenticeship ended, and he came to the United States, locating first in New York City, where he was employed for some years by the Manhattan Brass Co., at 1st avenue and

28th street. He rose to the position of foreman of the brass rolling and casting department, and on July 1, 1889, went to Ansonia to take a similar position with the A. B. C. Co., the first six months, however, having been spent in general work as a roller. He has 150 men under his direction and has been notably successful as a manager. In 1893 he built a large double house on Forest avenue, where he now resides. He was married March 15, 1892, to Sarah Maybury, and they have had four children, of whom three are living: Daniel R., Frederick W. and Peter E. Mrs. Wilkins was born in Wolverhampton, England, the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Maybury, both of whom were devout members of the Methodist Church. Her mother died in Shelton, Conn., at the age of seventy-nine, but her father, who was an iron worker at Wolverhampton, died at forty-eight. He had twenty-one children, of whom three are living: Annie, wife of Frederick Frost, of Shelton; Mary Jane, who married Charles Shedd, of Providence, R. I.; and Mrs. Wilkins.

Few men in Ansonia are so popular as our subject, whose genial disposition and high character make him a general favorite. Politically he is a Republican, and his party has kept him prominent in municipal affairs of late years; he was elected in 1895 to the city council, and in 1897 and 1899 to the board of aldermen, his present term expiring in 1901. The family is prominent in social life and Mr. Wilkins belongs to the order of United Friends, the Eagle Hook and Ladder Co., of Ansonia, and the Knights of Pythias; the A. O. U. W.; the Sons of St. George, and has passed through all the chairs in the last society. While in New York he became a member of the Pastime Athletic Club and the Y. M. C. A. In his religious connection he belongs to Dr. Crosby's Church. The family, however, attend the Methodist Church of Ansonia.

H. WALTER MURLLESS, M. D., has, though still young, gained a substantial place for himself among the medical fraternity in New Haven county, where he has built up an enviable practice and acquired a well-deserved reputation for skill and thorough knowledge in his chosen calling.

Dr. Murlless was born Aug. 10, 1868, in Windsor Locks, Hartford Co., Conn., son of F. T. and Mary E. (Perrin) Murlless, the former a dentist of Windsor Locks. He received his early education in the common schools of his native place, later attending the high school, and the Connecticut Literary Institute, at Suffield, Conn., from which latter he was graduated. Subsequently, for several terms, he was engaged in teaching in Windsor and East Hartford, during that time taking up the study of medicine under Dr. S. R. Burnap. In 1890 he entered the Louisville (Ky.) Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1893, and on his return to Connecticut he began practice at Hartford, where he spent four years. After the

death of Dr. G. P. Reynolds, in 1897, at Guilford, Dr. Murlless came hither, and he has followed his profession here with flattering and unusual success, his kind disposition and winning personality aiding him quite as effectively as his studies in gaining the confidence and good wishes of all with whom he has come in contact. He is popular and highly respected, and has already made a place for himself among the useful citizens of his adopted town. The Doctor belongs to the City Medical Society, the Hartford County Medical Society, and the Connecticut State Medical Society, and fraternally holds membership in Euclid Lodge, No. 109, A. F. & A. M., Windsor Locks; Pythagoras Chapter, R. A. M., Hartford; Wilcott Council, R. & S. M.; and Mennacatuck Lodge, I. O. O. F., Guilford.

GEORGE C. HAM, senior member of the well-known firm of Ham & Tuttle, surveyors of Naugatuck, Conn., was born in Washington Hollow, Dutchess Co., N. Y., April 11, 1867, and is a worthy representative of one of the old and honored families of that county. The first to locate there was Conrad Ham, who came from the Rhine Valley, and was probably of German descent. His son, Frederick Ham, was the great-grandfather of our subject; the grandfather was Conrad Ham; and the father was Milton Ham. All were natives of Washington Hollow, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where they spent their entire lives; were farmers by occupation; and members of the Dutch Reformed Church. Milton Ham married Phoebe Ferris, a native of the town of Pawling, Dutchess county, and to them were born three children: John, a farmer of Washington Hollow; Sarah; and George C.

George C. Ham was reared upon the home farm, and was educated in private schools at Millbrook and Pine Plains, Dutchess county; Andover, Mass.; and the Yale Scientific School, being a graduate of the last three. For a short time after leaving school he engaged in surveying in his native county, and in 1888 came to Naugatuck, Conn., where he did the surveying for the Naugatuck water works; in 1889 was constructing engineer of the Litchfield water works, and subsequently with Mr. T. H. McKenzie, C. E., of Southington, was employed on various hydraulic and sanitary works. Returning to Naugatuck in 1891, he built the storage reservoir for the Naugatuck Water Company, and after other engagements outside the State in 1893 he opened an office here on Church street, which has since been his headquarters, though his business calls him to other parts of Connecticut and New York State. He formed a partnership with Howard B. Tuttle, M. E., and under the firm name of Ham & Tuttle they carry on an extensive business as civil engineers and surveyors.

In 1892 Mr. Ham married Miss Grace Seymour, a daughter of Zera Seymour, of Naugatuck, and to them has been born one child, Conrad C. Politically Mr. Ham is what may be termed an inde-

pendent. Since the organization of the borough he has served as engineer of Naugatuck, and is also secretary and treasurer of the Naugatuck Board of Trade, and is a director of the Naugatuck Water Co. A man well known in his section of the county, he is highly esteemed by all, and while giving strict attention to his business interests has yet manifested an interest in public affairs, and has ever shown his desire to promote the welfare of his adopted county and State.

LIEUT. COL. JAMES GEDDES, toolmaker in the employ of the Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury, is a native of that city, born Oct. 28, 1865, and is the eldest son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Henderson) Geddes. The remainder of the family consists of Elizabeth, Margaret, John H. and Mary.

James Geddes attended the public schools of Waterbury, and then worked in sundry factories, in 1892 entering the employ of the Scovill Mfg. Co. as toolmaker, and there he has since remained. On Nov. 24, 1898, he was married, and has a son, James, Jr. A Republican in politics, our subject was one of the assessors of Waterbury during the years of 1897-98-99. Socially he is a member of Comstock Lodge, No. 13, K. of P.; of Townsend Lodge, No. 89, I. O. O. F.; and is a charter member of Winona Lodge, No. 8, Order of Rebekah. The record of Lieut. Col. Geddes' military career is as follows: Private Company A, 2d Regiment National Guard, June 6, 1887; corporal, April 3, 1889; sergeant, March 16, 1891; second lieutenant, Nov. 23, 1891; first lieutenant, Jan. 2, 1893; captain, March 15, 1893; major, Dec. 5, 1899; lieutenant colonel, Jan. 10, 1901.

SAMUEL AUGUSTUS HALE, a prominent agriculturist of Cheshire, was born in Scipio, N. Y., March 30, 1862, but is a representative of an honored pioneer family of Cheshire. His great-grandfather, Ebenezer Hale, was a native of this county, and a very prominent early settler of Mixville, where he followed farming throughout life. The grandfather, Ebenezer Hale, Jr., was born in Mixville, in 1793, and for a quarter of a century made his home in Cheshire, in the meantime learning the trade of tanner and currier in Wolcott, New Haven county. At the age of twenty-five years he went to Wolcott, N. Y., where he worked at his trade for a time, and then removed to Scipio, that State. In New York he married Miss Maria Johnson, a native of Chenango county, who died in 1888, at the advanced age of ninety years. He died in Scipio in 1860. Of their eight children, only four reached years of maturity, namely: Titus Johnson, a resident of Auburn, N. Y., and the only one of the family now living; Lucius, father of Samuel A.; Thomas; and Mary Augusta.

Lucius Hale was born in Scipio, N. Y., April 9, 1824, and there he was reared and educated. Throughout his active business life he followed the

occupation of a farmer, while making his home in Chenango county. He wedded Miss Mary Bush, also a native of New York, and both died in Chenango county, the former in 1882, the latter in 1891. To them were born three children: Rosabelle, who died at the age of ten years; Samuel A.; and one who died in infancy.

During his boyhood and youth Samuel A. Hale pursued his studies in the schools of Cayuga and Chenango counties, N. Y., and upon the home farm acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits, which he has followed as a life work. Coming to Cheshire, New Haven county, in 1893, he purchased the Hotchkiss farm, upon which was then standing an historic apple tree, the age of which was variously estimated from 200 to 250 years, but it has recently been blown down.

On Oct. 13, 1886, in Chenango county, N. Y., Mr. Hale was united in marriage with Miss Mary Shoales, a native of Syracuse, N. Y., and an adopted daughter of Trowbridge Shoales. Her father, James Morgan, was a soldier of the Civil war from New York. By this union have been born four children, namely: Lucius Johnson, Alta Maria, Adaline Ruth and Eben Augustus. Mr. and Mrs. Hale are members of the Congregational Church of Cheshire Centre, and both are held in high regard by all who know them.

WILLIAM S. RANDALL, M. D., though a comparatively young man, has by loyal devotion to the practice of his profession placed himself among the foremost physicians in the field of his labor in this part of Connecticut.

Born in Brookfield, this State, Aug. 5, 1861, a son of the late Charles W. and Elizabeth (Ruggles) Randall, the former a successful business man of Shelton and Derby, he at an early age went to reside in Southbury, and afterward in Huntington. He received his preparatory education in the public schools of that town and those of Derby, Conn., and then began a course of instruction at Yale College, graduating from the Scientific Department of that university in the class of 1883. Immediately thereafter he entered the Medical School connected with that institution, where he pursued the study of medicine for a period of one year. He completed his professional course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia College, N. Y., graduating therefrom in 1885. Soon after, having been appointed on the staff of physicians at the New Haven Hospital, he held the position of house physician and surgeon therein from December, 1885, to November, 1886. Thus fully equipped, with his scientific and medical training at the colleges supplemented by practical experience in hospital service, he located in Derby, in 1886, and began the practice of his profession, which he has steadily increased until it extends over a large field, including the cities of Derby and Ansonia, the town of Huntington and neighboring localities. During the earlier



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years of his professional career he resided in Derby, but in 1891 he purchased the Ruggles homestead in Shelton and took up his residence in that borough. He has since maintained two offices, the one in Derby, the other in Shelton, being prominently identified with both municipalities. He is a member of the Fairfield County Medical Society, the Connecticut State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. The marked professional success and high social position which Dr. Randall has attained come only to one who, possessed of good natural ability, supplemented by excellent preparatory training, pursues his life work with unselfish and indefatigable devotion. Though now reaping the harvest of years of patient toil and study, he is not content to rest on present acquisitions, but is ever on the alert to bring into his service the most approved methods and the latest contributions of science to the theory and practice of medicine. While having thus gained an enviable reputation as a skillful physician and surgeon in the field of general practice, he has been remarkably successful in the treatment of diseases of the nose, throat and ear, having been connected as an assistant with the Manhattan Eye and Ear Infirmary of New York City. Many insurance companies and organizations have chosen him as medical examiner, thus testifying to their confidence in him both as a physician and a man of integrity.

Though not a politician, in the sense of an office-seeker, Doctor Randall's political friends have wisely recognized in him a strong leader, and whenever nominated to any office—as a candidate of the Democratic party, with which he has been identified—he has received the hearty support of his fellow citizens, drawing to himself more than the party vote. Among local incumbencies which he has filled are those of chairman of the committee of the Ferry school district, which he held for a period of two years, and health officer of the town of Huntington, a position which he has held continuously since 1893. He is an active member of the New Haven County Public Health Association, and takes a deep interest in all matters relating to the public health, especially those of a sanitary nature. In 1892 he was elected to the General Assembly as representative from the town of Huntington, defeating in his campaign for that office the Hon. Allan W. Paige, the Republican candidate, and at the time Speaker of the House of Representatives. While in the Legislature Dr. Randall was a member of the School Fund committee, also clerk of the committee on Public Health. Only his loyalty to his chosen profession has prevented him from appearing more conspicuously in positions of trust and responsibility in the administration of public affairs. Among the laws which are largely attributable to his legislative work are the Medical Practice Act, and an act concerning county and town health officers, for which his professional brethren will do him grateful honor.

Dr. Randall is a member of King Hiram Lodge and of many of the higher Masonic bodies, including Hamilton Commandery, Knights Templar, and Pyramid Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine. Yet with all his varied interests in the business world, and in active practice, he still finds time for the cultivation of the higher educational and religious life of the community, being a director of the Plumb Memorial Library, and a cheerful supporter of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Dr. Randall was married, Sept. 7, 1887, to Miss Hattie L. Beers, a charming lady, of culture and refinement, daughter of the late Daniel G. Beers, of Brookfield, Conn., and two bright children give the joy of childhood to their pleasant home: Harold Beers Randall, born March 12, 1889; and Helen Starr Randall, born Dec. 30, 1892.

JOHN D. FRENEY, M. D., one of the best appointed and most thoroughly equipped representatives of the medical profession in Waterbury, was born in that city Oct. 29, 1870. His father, James Freney, was born in Greenfield, Mass., in 1842, and died in 1877. James Freney, his grandfather, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, emigrated to this country, and engaged in farming near Greenfield, Mass. He died in that State.

James Freney, the Doctor's father, was a conductor on a railroad in his earlier life, and later engaged as a grocer in Waterbury. He married Mary Allman, who was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and is still living. They were the parents of four children: Thomas, James, John D. and Catherine. Thomas is an architect in Waterbury. James is a clerk in a store in Hartford. Catherine is unmarried. James Freney was a Democrat, and in religion a devout member of the Catholic Church.

Dr. Freney was reared to manhood in Waterbury, and obtained his education in the local schools. Graduating from the city high school at fifteen, he completed his literary education in Niagara University, from which he was graduated in 1890. He attended Long Island Hospital College, New York City, and was graduated there in 1893. He selected the city of Waterbury as the most fitting place for his professional career, and in the year of his graduation commenced his practice there. As an all-round and well prepared physician, adapted to his work not only by special study and thorough preparation, but by natural inclination and high moral standards, Dr. Freney has won a very enviable position during the last eight years. He makes a specialty of diseases of the nose, throat and ear, and is attaining eminence in this line. He is an assistant surgeon at the Metropolitan Throat Hospital, New York City, and also at Bellevue Dispensary, nose and throat department, being a weekly attendant at both institutions. Politically the Doctor is a Democrat. Dr. Freney is quite active in fraternal circles, being a member of the Knights of Columbus, Foresters of America, Modern Wood-

men, and the Acme and Union Clubs, of Waterbury; he is a charter member of the last named organization. In the various city, county and State medical societies he is a prominent figure and takes an active part in their work. Dr. Freney is a Catholic, a member of the Immaculate Conception Parish. For four years he was a member of the board of education, and for three months was acting superintendent of schools. His interest in the cause of education is pronounced, and his work for the improvement of the public schools decidedly helpful.

CORNELIUS GRANGER has an assured position in Waterbury, where he is widely known as an expert machinist, and where his services are in much demand, for he is regarded as a trustworthy and reliable man, painstaking and watchful of the interests of his employers.

Mr. Granger was born in Birmingham, England, July 17, 1862. William Granger, his father, was born in London, England, where his father was a shoe merchant. The latter died in London when Cornelius was a small boy. William Granger is now a commission merchant in New Haven, Conn., buying fruit in the city of New York in large quantities, and disposing of it to local dealers. He married Mary Oakes, who was born in Birmingham, England, and is still living. Her father never came to this country, and died in England. William Granger and his wife lived for some years in England, where some of their children were born, and where he followed his trade of a boltsmith. They have had twelve children: Cornelius (whose name appears at the beginning of this article), John W., George, Samuel, Mary A., Annie, Emma, Clara, Hattie and three who died young. John is superintendent of the Long Hook & Eye factory in Philadelphia. George is a machinist and a waterman. Samuel is a farmer in Stratford, Connecticut.

Cornelius Granger was eleven years old when he came to this country with his parents. He attended school at Newark, N. J., where his father had found work in a bolt factory, and when his school days had ended went to Birmingham, Conn., and served three and a half years in the Birmingham Iron Foundry, thoroughly learning the machinist trade. From there Mr. Granger went into a rolling-mill, where he made bolts and similar goods for three and a half years. In 1886 he came to Waterbury, and worked for Blake & Johnson six months, and was then employed by the E. J. Manville Co. three years. Leaving that firm he returned to Blake & Johnson, and for ten years was foreman in the machine department. For some time he has been with the Waterbury Farrell Foundry & Machine Co., and at the present time is foreman of their machine department.

Mr. Granger and Miss Ellen Enright, of Derby, Conn., were married Oct. 18, 1881, and to this union have been born two children, Charles and Harold

J., both of whom are living. Mr. Granger is a Republican, and fraternally he is an active member of Comstock Lodge, K. of P., and of the A. O. U. W. In religion he is a devout adherent of the Congregational Church.

WILLIAM T. DAVIS, who is now successfully engaged in the grocery business on Main street, Naugatuck, was born at Mount Sinai, Long Island, N. Y., May 17, 1867, son of George E. Davis, a native of the same place. The grandfather, Isaac Davis, was engaged in farming on Long Island and there died. He reared a family of seven children, namely: Lorenzo and Charles, both farmers of Mount Sinai; John, a farmer of Setauket, Long Island; George E., father of our subject; James, a farmer, now deceased; Mary, who first married Capt. Haven Jones, of Port Jefferson, and second Capt. Woodell, also now deceased; and Helen, wife of Victor Smith, a farmer of Smithtown, Long Island.

George E. Davis, our subject's father, was reared upon a farm, but throughout his active business life he engaged in contracting and building. He is now living retired. He married Ophelia Tooker, also a native of Mount Sinai, and a daughter of Brewster Tooker, who was a farmer by occupation, and a representative of one of the old Long Island families. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have four sons: Edwin, a carpenter of Miller's Place, Long Island; Charles, who is a member of the Grant Grocery Co., of Naugatuck; William T., our subject; and Mark, who is clerking in a grocery store on Long Island. The parents are both faithful members of the Congregational Church. The father is a supporter of the Democratic party, and has been honored with many town offices.

William T. Davis spent the first sixteen years of his life in Mount Sinai, and acquired his literary education in its public schools. On leaving home he went to Port Jefferson, N. Y., where he clerked in a grocery store for one year, and in the fall of 1882 came to Naugatuck, where he was similarly employed by J. H. Bilson for six years. Subsequently he clerked for Barron & Davis about eight years, and for H. H. Schofield one year. In April, 1898, he embarked in the grocery business on his own account, and is now enjoying a fine trade. He carries a large and well-selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, and by fair and honorable dealing has secured a liberal share of the public patronage.

Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Emma Noble, of Naugatuck, a daughter of John Noble, a native of England. She is deceased, as is also their only child, Batena. Mr. Davis was again married, in 1896, his second union being with Miss Minnie Noble, a sister of his former wife, and by her he has one child, Wilfred. He and his family attend the Congregational Church, and he affiliates with the Democratic party. As a business

man and citizen he stands high in the community where he makes his home, and he has many friends throughout the county.

FRANK P. CLOUGH, a well-known general farmer and dairyman of Bunker Hill, town of Waterbury, was born in Springfield, Mass., May 24, 1862.

Ira E. Clough, his father, was a native of New Hampshire, born in Landaff, Grafton county, March 2, 1831, son of Jeremiah and Fanny (Abbot) Clough, also natives of the old Granite State. Ira E. Clough attended the common schools of Landaff, and was nineteen years of age when he left his birthplace and moved to Springfield, Mass. For some time he was employed as fireman on the New Haven & Hartford railroad, and as brakeman on the Boston & Albany railroad, during which period he was in several wrecks. Later he worked in the railroad shops at Hartford, and as stationary engineer in the papermills at Windsor Locks for two years. During the early part of the Civil war he was employed in the armory at Springfield, Mass., and on Feb. 22, 1864, he enlisted, in Company E, 6th Conn. V. I., under Capt. John P. Cornell and Col. Rockwell. He remained in the service until hostilities ceased, being mustered out Aug. 27, 1865, as quartermaster, sergeant. He participated in several engagements, including the battle of Fort Fisher.

After the war Mr. Clough came to Waterbury, Conn., and was employed as caster by the Waterbury Brass Co. until April, 1879, when he removed to Seymour, Conn., working for the Seymour Brass Manufacturing Co. two years. On disposing of his interests at that place he came to Bunker Hill, Waterbury, and bought the Eli Baldwin farm of 100 acres, upon which he made many improvements. There he continued to successfully engage in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred Jan. 3, 1894. His remains were interred in Riverside cemetery. Fraternally he was an honored member of Wadhams Post, G. A. R., of Waterbury; Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M.; and Eureka Chapter, R. A. M. He was a member of the Waterbury Fire Engine Company seven years. In his political affiliations he was a Republican. Mr. Clough always manifested a commendable interest in any enterprise calculated to advance the welfare of his town or county, and was therefore numbered among the valued, as well as the highly respected, citizens of his community. On July 19, 1860, in Springfield, Mass., he married Miss Jane Putnam, a native of that place, and a daughter of Horace and Clarinda (Boice) Putnam. Her father died in Springfield in 1899, at the advanced age of ninety years. He was a son of Cyrus Putnam. Mrs. Clough, a lady of marked intelligence and culture, is still living on the home farm on Bunker Hill.

Frank P. Clough, subject proper of these lines, is indebted to the public and high schools of Water-

bury for his educational advantages. He worked in the brass mills until the family located upon the farm, and then, in partnership with his father, engaged in the dairy business. After the latter's death he assumed entire charge of the land, and has met with most gratifying success in its operation. He carries on dairying quite extensively, keeping twenty-eight cows for that purpose. Enterprising, progressive and industrious, he will no doubt achieve far greater success in the future. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Waterbury, and Mad River Grange, of Mill Plain. In politics he is independent, and in religious views is liberal. In 1890 Mr. Clough married Miss Cora, daughter of Almon and Barbara Forbes, of Brooks, Maine, and to them has been born one child, Inez Louise.

HON. FRANK P. BRETT, clerk of the town of Waterbury, and prominent as an attorney at law, was born in that town Dec. 13, 1869, of Irish descent.

Patrick Brett, his father, was born in County Sligo, Ireland, about 1830, a son of a county surveyor in that county, who was a landed proprietor, and the father of several children, of whom one was a Fleet surgeon, another a county surveyor, and another a Queen's counsel. Patrick Brett came to America about 1850, and located in Newark, N. J., where he was employed as a bookkeeper until called to Waterbury to take charge of the accounts of the Waterbury Buckle Co. He was an expert accountant and straightened out many sets of books in the city. In a short time he became a stockholder in the Buckle company and was elected its secretary and treasurer, a position he filled until his death, which took place in April, 1871. Mr. Brett married (first) Elizabeth Henry, by whom he had several children. After her death he wedded Elizabeth Slater, of Massachusetts, a native of Vermont, and a daughter of John Slater, who was born in Ireland. This marriage was blessed with two children, viz.: William H., who died in 1894; and Frank P., the subject of this sketch. The mother passed away in 1895.

Frank P. Brett was educated in the local and high schools of Waterbury, graduating from the latter in 1888. Having determined to enter the legal profession, he read law in the office of Charles A. Colley for two years, and then entered Yale Law School, graduating with the class of 1892. He was admitted to practice in June of the same year, and came at once to Waterbury, where he has been very successful, both as a lawyer and politician. A stanch Democrat, as was also his father, he has held a number of offices, among them being a member of the board of school visitors for six years; in 1899 representative in the State Legislature, and in the fall of the same year he was elected clerk of the town of Waterbury, in which office he is still serving. He has never married. Mr. Brett

is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Foresters of America, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Connecticut National Guards. An ardent Catholic, he is a member of St. Patrick's Church, and freely contributes to the maintenance of its sodalities. He is popular with men of all parties and creeds through his intrinsic personal merits.

John Slater, maternal grandfather of Hon. Frank P. Brett, was born in County Sligo, Ireland, and about 1832 located in Québec, Canada, where he was employed as supervisor of public works. At that time, however, there occurred an epidemic of cholera in the country, and Mr. Slater resigned his office, and came to the United States. He lived in Vermont for some time, thence moved to western Massachusetts, where he followed farming, and was one of the pioneer Catholics of that section. There was no priest stationed nearer than Boston, but wherever Mr. Slater located some good clergyman would travel on horseback to his house, to say mass to the assembled neighbors of the faith. When Mr. Slater later moved to Amherst he became a leader among the Catholics for a radius of fifty miles; and here, also, he would gather the faithful together, and have the priest come to minister to them. Mr. Slater reared a family of six daughters and one son. All the daughters were school teachers; five of them came to Waterbury and taught in the first parochial school under public school management, in Connecticut, remaining a number of years. Mrs. Elizabeth (Slater) Brett, mother of Hon. Frank P. Brett, taught in Newark, N. J., and in Wooster, Mass., and was universally recognized as a lady of unusual accomplishments and rare intelligence.

JAMES REGAN, a trusted employe of the Derby Gas Co. and a prominent alderman of Derby, who is efficiently representing the Second Ward in the city council, was born in County Limerick, Ireland, June 16, 1864, a son of David and Ellen (Carroll) Regan, both natives of County Tipperary, who are still living in Ireland engaged in farming. As a politician the father took quite an active part in the land troubles of that country. Our subject's paternal grandfather was David Regan, Sr., who was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and in connection with that work he also operated a sawmill. The maternal grandfather, James Carroll, was a farmer. Our subject is the second in order of birth in a family of eight children, the others being David, who is connected with the electric light company of Ansonia, Conn.; Margaret, who is a Sister of Mercy in a convent at Meriden, Conn.; Honora, wife of William O'Brien, of Ireland; Michael, a farmer of that country; John, who died young; Mary, a resident of Ireland; and Kate, wife of Patrick Fitzgerald, of Ireland.

In his native land James Regan grew to manhood, and after completing his education in its public schools he was employed in his uncle's sawmill.

In 1882 he came to the New World and located in Ansonia, Conn., where he obtained a position in the brass and copper works of Wallace & Sons, remaining with them until he entered the employ of the Derby Gas Co., with which he has now been connected for four years.

Mr. Regan was married, July 11, 1886, to Miss Julia McCarty, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and a daughter of John McCarty. The children born of this union were Mary, deceased; Nellie; David C.; John, deceased; Maggie; and James E. The parents and children are connected with the Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. Regan is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Foresters of America, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Hibernian Rifles and the Celtic Literary Association. He is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party and its principles, and in the fall of 1898 was elected alderman of Derby from the Second Ward, which office he is now most creditably and acceptably filling.

FRANK WILCOX, ex-collector of taxes for the town of Orange, and proprietor of the "Pier" restaurant, at Savin Rock, was born Sept. 22, 1849, in Milford, this county.

Charles H. Wilcox, his father, was born March 18, 1823, in Westville, and for a number of years in early manhood traveled through this section as a tin merchant. Since 1896 he has made his home in West Haven with our subject. He united with the Masonic Lodge at Milford, and was also an active worker in the M. E. Church, where he played the bass viol for a number of years. He married Sarah M. Lum, who was born Sept. 16, 1823, in Southbury, and died April 15, 1901. Of their five children, three are yet living, viz.: Charles H., who resides in Milford; Frank, our subject; and Nathan E., of West Haven.

Until he reached the age of fifteen our subject remained at home. His education was secured in the district schools. For a few years he was employed on farms in his own and neighboring towns. From 1866 to 1869 he served an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade in West Haven, and followed same for five years. Later he conducted a milk route, and since selling that business he has been interested in different enterprises in West Haven and vicinity. In 1896 he took a lease of Savin Rock Grove, with all its attractions and privileges, for a term of three years. In 1899 he purchased the Skeelee's Restaurant and dwelling house and the long pier with its established reputation as a pleasure seekers' resort, and the business bids fair to increase under his management. The restaurant is situated at the foot of Summer street. Mr. Wilcox has two houses, rooming about twenty-five guests. He makes a specialty of "shore dinners," which are highly praised and have attracted many patrons.

On June 7, 1876, Mr. Wilcox married Fannie M. Bishop, and they have one daughter, Ora Lee.



Frank Wilcox

born Feb. 7, 1881. Mrs. Wilcox was born Oct. 23, 1845, in Birmingham. She was the daughter of Sherlock H. Bishop, of North Haven, who resided for some years in New Haven and Birmingham, and died in West Haven at the age of eighty-three. By his second wife, Mary J. (Domkee), he had four children, as follows: Mary K., wife of Edward W. Russell, of Orange, Conn.; Fannie M.; Lee B., of West Haven; and Yale D., who also resides in West Haven.

Mr. Wilcox is popular among his fellow townsmen, and has been frequently elected to office on the Democratic ticket. For three years he served as grand juror in the town of Orange; he was elected tax collector of the borough in 1894, and re-elected in 1895; and was elected collector of the borough and town in 1897 and 1898. In 1899 he served as justice of the peace in addition to his other public offices. In March, 1874, he united with Annawan Lodge, No. 115, F. & A. M., of which he was master in 1896, and he has been an active worker in the fraternity, holding all the offices at different times. He joined Pulaski Chapter in New Haven; was a charter member of Joseph Andrew Chapter, No. 46, R. A. M., and was its first king; was knighted in 1897 in New Haven Commandery, K. T., in which he held the office of standard bearer in 1898; is a member of Lafayette Consistory, and Pyramid Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, at Bridgeport. He has attained the thirty-second degree, passing through the Scottish Rite. Mr. Wilcox was a charter member of the I. O. R. M. in New Haven, and is a member of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard, of New Haven.

NELSON ASA POMEROY, M. D., was born in Suffield, Hartford Co., Conn., Aug. 22, 1868, and is a son of George L. Pomeroy, who was born in Suffield in 1843 and died in 1875. Asa E. Pomeroy, the latter's father, was born in 1803 and died in 1871. He was also a native of Suffield, where he was a large land owner and a farmer by occupation. Harriet Kent, his wife, born in 1808, died in 1862. They had three children, Charles E., George L. and Louisa. The Doctor's great-great-grandfather was one of the first settlers in Suffield and one of the company that marched to Lexington at the time of the "Lexington Alarm," in 1775.

George L. Pomeroy lived and died in Suffield, where he followed the occupation of farmer and wholesale dealer in leaf tobacco. He married Mary L. Nelson, who was born in Suffield in 1846, and died in 1885. Horatio K. Nelson, her father, born in Suffield in 1808, died in 1893; he was a farmer and a prominent man of affairs, holding many offices of trust, and twice representing his town in the State Legislature. He was a lineal descendant of Thomas Nelson, who came to this country from Yorkshire, England, in 1638, with Rev. Ezekiel Rogers' company, and settled in Rowley, Mass. His oldest son, Philip, was a graduate of Harvard

College in 1654, and a captain in King Philip's war, 1676. His great-grandson, also named Philip, was born in Rowley in March, 1690, and in 1732 moved to Suffield, where, in 1733, he married Sarah, granddaughter of Rev. John Younglove. He was a physician, and the founder of the Nelson family in Suffield. Horatio K. Nelson married Mary Owen, who was born in 1813, and died in 1847, and they had three children, Clinton H., Helen J. and Mary L. To Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy were born two children, Dr. Nelson A. and Herbert; the latter died young. George L. Pomeroy was a Democrat. He and his wife belonged to the Baptist Church.

Dr. Nelson A. Pomeroy spent his boyhood days in Suffield, and attended the common schools and the Connecticut Literary Institution until he was eighteen years of age. In 1886 he came to Waterbury, and for six years was interested in the drug business, the last three years of that period as a member of the firm of Lake & Pomeroy. After the expiration of this time he went to New York to study medicine, and graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, in the class of 1896. He won an appointment to Bellevue Hospital, and was house surgeon there for two and a half years, and served in other institutions of the kind till January, 1900, when he returned to Waterbury and opened an office for the practice of his profession. Dr. Pomeroy is medical examiner for the New York Mutual Insurance Co. He belongs to Harmony Lodge, No. 10, F. & A. M. He is a member of the Bellevue Hospital Alumni Society, the New York State Medical Association, the Waterbury Medical and the New Haven County Medical Societies. Dr. Pomeroy is a Republican. In religious connection he is a member of the Baptist Church.

GEORGE C. BRADLEY, an energetic and successful farmer of East Haven, was born Dec. 3, 1862, where he now resides, the house having been built by John Davenport in 1795. J. Chester Bradley, father of George C., was also born in the same house in 1832, as was also his father, Dana Bradley, the son of Edmund Bradley. The father of our subject was one of a family of six children, the others being Dana; Lydia, wife of Willet Hemingway; Jennette, wife of Edward Parmelee, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Stephen D., who lives on Grand avenue, New Haven; and Warren, deceased.

J. Chester Bradley devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits upon the old homestead, and most efficiently and acceptably served as selectman of East Haven for three terms. He was an ardent Republican in politics, and a faithful member of the Second Congregational Church of Fair Haven. He died very suddenly of heart disease Aug. 9, 1888. In early manhood he married Miss Cornelia Dorman, of Hamden, New Haven county, a daughter of George Dorman. She was born in 1836, and

died March 22, 1899. She, too, was an earnest and consistent member of the Second Congregational Church of Fair Haven, and a most estimable lady.

George C. Bradley, the only child of J. Chester and Cornelia (Dorman) Bradley, was educated in private and public schools, and pursued a commercial course at the Yale Business College. At the age of twenty years he accepted the position of bookkeeper for the firm of Peck & Bishop, of New Haven, and later was employed in the same capacity by the Fair Haven Key Co.—in all about five years. After his father's death he returned home and took charge of the farm, comprising thirty acres on Easton and Essex streets, East Haven, and he has since successfully engaged in dairy farming, to which branch of agriculture his father also devoted his attention. Our subject also deals in farm machinery.

On Jan. 2, 1893, George C. Bradley was united in marriage with Miss Alice Wheeler, of New Haven, a daughter of Parsons and Mary (Chase) Wheeler, of Rochester, N. Y., now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are both active members of the Second Congregational Church, of Fair Haven, and are quite prominent in social affairs in the community where they reside. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

JOSEPH MARTIN, one of the most enterprising and progressive business men of a city noted for enterprise and progress, holds a prominent place in Waterbury, where he is interested in various undertakings involving large labor and giving employment to many men.

Mr. Martin was born in Hamilton, R. I., Dec. 7, 1865, son of Edward Martin, a native of St. John's, Canada, who is now living in Waterbury, where he is engaged as a mason. The grandfather was born in Canada, where he was a farmer all his life. The father came to Rhode Island when he was a young man seventeen years of age; he had just returned from a whaling voyage of four years. He married Josephine Menard, a native of his birthplace, who is still living. Mr. Martin learned the mason's trade in Rhode Island, where he followed it for a time. They lived fourteen years in Fall River, and there Mr. Martin did a contracting business for eight years. For three years they lived in Willimantic, where Mr. Martin worked at his trade. In 1882 they moved to Waterbury, in which place he has worked at his trade up to the present time, and is still hale and hearty. Of his eleven children, five are now living: Joseph, Miss Mary, Edmund (a mason), Lora and Fred (a mason).

Joseph Martin spent his boyhood in various places, and received the principal part of his schooling in Fall River, Mass. At the age of seventeen he came to Waterbury, learned his trade of W. Gaffney, and actively followed it until he entered into partnership with James F. Gaffney, in the spring of 1892. The firm, Gaffney & Martin, have

had from the beginning a flattering business. From fifty to sixty men are employed by them the year around, and on occasion many more. More than half of their work is done out of the city, and the firm is known throughout the State as thoroughly honorable and reliable.

In August, 1888, Mr. Martin married Miss Exerine Rock, a daughter of Stanish L. Rock, and a native of Canada; her people were of French extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of five children, Edward, Willfred, George, Irving and Joseph, Jr.

PORTER L. WOOD, attorney at law, Waterbury, who has been prominently and professionally identified with educational interests, is a native of Pittsfield, Mass., where he was born Feb. 19, 1852.

Richard A. Wood, father of our subject, was born in Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, England, Nov. 30, 1828. He was the second son of Richard Wood, who was employed in the manufacture of woolen goods, principally broadcloths, in England, and passed all his days there. Richard A. when about sixteen years of age came to the United States, making his first New World home at Great Barrington, Mass., where he had a cousin by the name of Richard Wood. There he followed the woolen business until 1850, when he removed to Pittsfield. Until 1856 he was foreman in the woolen mills of Barker Brothers, at West Pittsfield. He then went West, to Illinois, where for three years he followed farming at Galva. In 1859 he returned to Massachusetts, and in Hinsdale took charge of the woolen mills of Frank Hinsdale until 1863, in August of which year he went to Waterbury to take charge as superintendent of the Great Brook Manufacturing Company's mills, and continued in that position until his death, on Aug. 19, 1867. In politics he was a Republican, and at one time served as an alderman of the First ward in Waterbury.

In 1851 Richard A. Wood married Mary E. Johnson, a descendant of a well-known New England Puritan family by the name of Baker, and a daughter of John and Wealthy (Baker) Johnson. Mr. Johnson was an Englishman, and served at the battle of Waterloo as an officer under the "Iron Duke," Wellington. Mrs. Mary E. Wood died June 20, 1876. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Waterbury, as was her husband also. To Richard A. Wood and his wife were born eight children, as follows: (1) Porter L., our subject; (2) Frederick J., who is engaged in the coal, wood, hay and grain business in Waterbury; (3) Jessie, who died at the age of five years; (4) William R., a coal dealer in Meriden, Conn.; (5) Mary E. Parker, widow of Charles H. Camp, residing in Waterbury; (6) Frank H., who is connected with the Standard Oil Co., with residence in Waterbury; (7) Charles H., formerly superintendent of the Pope Tool Works, at Hartford, Conn., now of Detroit, Mich.; and (8) Richard, who died in infancy.

Porter L. Wood, the subject proper of this sketch, received his early education in Waterbury, and was fifteen years old when his father died. Being the eldest of the children he had to commence work at that age, his first experience being in the shops of which his father had been superintendent, where he worked two years. The year following he was employed in the Waterbury post-office, under Dr. J. J. Jacques as postmaster. He then went to Lowville, N. Y., where he attended school at the academy under Prof. A. J. Barrett for two years. His studies were continued at the Connecticut Literary Institute, in Suffield, under the instruction of Prof. E. Benjamin Andrews, and he graduated with the class of 1872, taking first prize in public debates. He entered Brown University in the class of 1876, but in the summer of 1874, owing to a serious illness, he was obliged to abandon his studies at Brown. Before he had recovered his health sufficiently to return to college his mother died and the charge of the younger members of the family fell upon him. In the fall of 1875 he took up the profession of teaching and for a year taught the Town Plot district school in Waterbury. From 1876 to 1879 he was principal of the schools at Union City, in the town of Naugatuck. From there he went to New Milford, where he was principal of the public schools and taught high school. Next he was principal of the schools of the first district in Bristol, Conn., where he also taught high school for three years. Mr. Wood then began the study of law in the office of Judge Robert A. Lowe, Waterbury, remaining there until the fall of 1886, at which time, having been admitted to the Bar, he opened his present law office in that city.

On Aug. 12, 1879, Mr. Wood married Jennie S. Gridley, a graduate of the New Britain Normal School, class of 1875, who had taught with him for three years at Union City. Miss Gridley was the second daughter of Senator Silas R. Gridley, of Bristol, Conn. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wood: Lena Emily, Ethel Cynthia and Richard Porter, who are living; and Amy, who died in infancy. The devoted wife, mother and friend was called from earth to heaven Nov. 28, 1890. "None knew her but to love her." She was a member of the First Baptist Church, as is also her husband. In politics Mr. Wood is a Republican and has served as member of the board of school visitors. Socially he is identified with the New England Order of Protection, the United Order of the Golden Cross, and the Sons of Temperance. As a lawyer he is engaged in general practice, and is widely known and respected.

LOUIS DE GONZAGUE LA BONTE, M. D. (deceased), attained that measure of distinction and success which can be commanded only by in-born talent, when developed and sustained by scientific training, though at the time of his death he was,

comparatively speaking, only on the threshold of the great humanitarian profession which he had chosen for his life work. He was born Aug. 3, 1870, and, as may be inferred from his name, he was of French descent. Both his father and grandfather were born in the New World, being natives of Canada. The father, Godfrey La Bonte, was a successful merchant, engaged in the sale of boots and shoes in Manchester, N. H., to which city he removed after his marriage. He also conducted a store at Stafford Springs, Conn., and through integrity, application to business and hard work he achieved moderate success. He married an American-born girl, of French descent, Miss Elizabeth Metro, of Benson, Vt., but born in New York State. Godfrey La Bonte died in 1878, his widow Aug. 13, 1900. Three children were born to them: Francis, who has received priest's orders in the Catholic church, and is stationed at New Haven, Ind.; Louis D., our subject; and Mary, who was married Aug. 13, 1900, to Edward Gladioux, of Zulu, Indiana.

Like his brother Francis, Louis D. La Bonte was anxious for a higher education, yet unlike him, he felt no vocation for the priesthood. His boyhood was passed at Stafford Springs, where he attended the parochial schools. From 1884 to 1889 he was a student at the College de L'Assumption, at Montreal, Canada, where he took an academic course. After his graduation from the college, in 1889, he accepted an offer of a clerical position in a drug store. However he felt no special fondness for the pursuit, and in 1890 he matriculated at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York. After one year spent at that institution he concluded to prosecute his studies at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in Baltimore, Md., and completed his four-years' professional course there, receiving his degree in 1894. After graduation he located at Shelton, but very soon removed to Derby, in which city he afterward engaged in active and successful practice. Dr. La Bonte was a man of kindly impulse and genial temperament, popular and respected, beloved by his friends, and constantly grew in public favor. His professional standing was of the highest, and his character as a man without reproach. He was city health officer for four years, a member of the board of education, and surgeon for the Hook and Ladder Company. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religion a devout, practical Catholic. He belonged to various societies, which, recognizing his distinguished professional attainments, made him examiner as to the physical qualifications of applicants for membership. Among these were the A. O. U. W., the Foresters of America, the Catholic Benevolent Legion, the Knights of Columbus and the St. Louis French Society.

On June 12, 1895, Dr. La Bonte was married to Miss Cora I. Goodwin, of Yonkers, N. Y., formerly of Ansonia, Conn., a daughter of L. P. Goodwin, Esq., of Bristol. The Goodwins are an old family, of English stock, well known and univer-

sally esteemed. Dr. and Mrs. La Bonte became the parents of one child, a daughter, Lucile E. After an illness of but two weeks Dr. La Bonte entered into rest Oct. 21, 1901. The *Daily News* of that date says of him:

No death in Derby except that of Dr. O'Sullivan has called out such universal expressions of grief and sorrow as that of Dr. La Bonte. His bearing in his fatal affliction has challenged admiration and inspired faith in the greatness of human nature. During all his painful illness the example of his patience, his meekness, his fortitude, and above all of the tenderness and sweetness of his domestic relations has moved his many friends to tears. His devoted wife and sorrowing friends can have but one thought to-day, and that is of the cruelty of his taking off, and the loss they have sustained, a loss unmitigable only by the consolation that comes from above.

GEORGE A. EDWARDS, one of the energetic and enterprising workers in Waterbury, to whom that city is largely indebted for industrial supremacy, was born in New Preston, Litchfield Co., Conn., Feb. 9, 1860, son of Jerome S. Edwards, a native of the same county. Abel Edwards, the grandfather of George A., was born in Fairfield, Conn., and was a shoemaker by trade. The Edwardses are an old English family.

Jerome S. Edwards grew up in New Preston, and was a carriage painter a number of years. For the last thirty-seven years he has lived in Hartford county, Conn. He married Louisa M. Holt, who was born in New Preston, daughter of Sylvester G. Holt, a native of Waterbury. The first few years of their married life were spent in New Preston, where George A. was born. They then moved to Burlington, Hartford county, where their second son, Milton H. was born; he is at present engaged in the dairy and gardening business. Jerome S. Edwards is a Republican, changing from his original political affiliation, which was with the old Democracy. The family are all associated with the Episcopal Church.

George A. Edwards spent the first twelve years of his life in New Preston, where he received his schooling, and was graduated from the Whittlesey Academy. As a teacher he was engaged about five years in Litchfield county, and then came to Waterbury to serve his apprenticeship at the machinist trade with the Farrel Foundry Co. With that institution he worked some ten years, and was a foreman in one of their departments for three years. At the expiration of his connection with the Farrel foundry Mr. Edwards, in company with four other gentlemen, started what is now known as the Waterbury Machine Co., and has been connected therewith to the present time. His associates have made him superintendent of the enterprise, which is in a flourishing condition.

Mr. Edwards and Miss Addie M. Elton were married Oct. 30, 1882, and of the four children born to them Harriet L. and George E. are living; Leo and Charles S. died in early childhood. Mrs. Edwards was born Jan. 22, 1862, in West Burlington,

Pa., where she lived until she was twelve years of age. Her father, James Elton, then returned to Burlington, Conn., his native town.

In national politics Mr. Edwards is a Republican, but he supports the men best qualified for the office in all local affairs.

HUGH HEARNS, the present efficient and popular town clerk of Naugatuck, was born in that town April 4, 1867. His paternal grandfather was James Hearn, a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, who died in Naugatuck; his wife, who bore the maiden name of Julia Glendon, died in Bristol, Conn. They had four children: John, the father of our subject; Michael, a laborer, who died in Bristol; Mary, widow of David Wise and a resident of Bristol; and one who died young. John Hearn, our subject's father, was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, is a rubber worker by trade, and makes his home in Naugatuck. When a young man he married Catherine Murray, who was born in County Louth, Ireland, and died in Naugatuck Jan. 17, 1890. To them were born eight children: James, a rubber shoe maker of Naugatuck; Hugh, our subject; Michael, who died young; John M., a rubber shoe worker; and Catherine, Julia, Mary and Margaret, all at home with their father. In politics he is a Democrat.

Hugh Hearn grew to manhood in Naugatuck, and attended the local schools until fourteen years of age, when he entered the employ of the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co., and remained with them for twelve years. In the fall of 1893 he was elected town clerk, and has since most faithfully and acceptably discharged the duties of that office. In January, 1895, he was also appointed clerk of the probate court for the district of Naugatuck under Judge Thomas H. Benton, and filled that position in a most satisfactory manner. In fact, he has always been found true to every trust reposed in him, and merits and receives the confidence and respect of the entire community.

On Sept. 15, 1898, Mr. Hearn was married to Miss Mary Walsh, of Naugatuck, daughter of Michael and Johanna (Burke) Walsh, natives of Ireland. He is a charter member of Division No. 2, A. O. H., and was its first treasurer. He is also a member of Ojeda Council, No. 33, K. of C., and St. Francis Catholic Church, in which he is serving as pew collector at the present time, and is one of the incorporators of St. Francis Cemetery Association.

FRED M. SMITH, one of the prosperous and well-known citizens of New Haven, who carries on a large retail feed business in Congress avenue, is the oldest merchant in his line in that city, where he has led an honorable and successful mercantile career for over a quarter of a century.

Mr. Smith was born in that city April 9, 1840. Samuel M. Smith, his father, was a native of Mil-



Fred M. Smith

ford, Conn., born in 1808, and died in New Haven in 1893. When a young man he came to New Haven, and conducted a cabinetmaking and undertaking business for a number of years. He was a highly respected citizen, a Republican in politics, and a consistent member of the Baptist Church. He married Miss Mary Main, of Wellington, Conn., who became the mother of six children: Edward A., S. Miles, Jennie P., Fred M., Dryden P. and Elias M. The three last named are living.

Fred M. Smith grew up in the city of New Haven and attended school until he was thirteen years old, when he engaged as clerk for A. J. Beers in a fruit store, remaining there until he was sixteen. He then enlisted for service in the Civil war, in spite of his youth, entering Company I, 27th Conn. V. I., and faithfully served nine months. After he was honorably discharged he returned to New Haven, and later went into business in Hartford, where for some years he was engaged on his own account in contracting. In 1876 he returned to his native city and opened up a retail feed business, locating on Congress avenue, and since that time has been one of the leading men in his line in the city. When he first entered the feed business it was as a member of the firm of Allen & Smith, which later became Smith & Fowler, after which Mr. Smith continued alone. Mr. Smith built his home on Howard avenue as well as his business block on Congress avenue. He is a substantial citizen, modest, has fought his own way in the world, and has acquired a comfortable competence and an excellent name as a straightforward business man, upright in his dealings. He is thoroughly progressive, and, all in all, a valuable citizen. He enjoys life thoroughly, and, being a courteous gentleman, has the unqualified esteem of a large circle of friends.

Mr. Smith was married Oct. 23, 1883, to Lizzie A. Maltby, of New Haven, a daughter of George Maltby, and three children have been born to this union, of whom two are living: Percy M., born Oct. 7, 1885; and Florence M., born Sept. 5, 1888. In politics Mr. Smith has always upheld the principles of the Republican party, and has taken a deep interest in its success. However, he has declined to engage actively in politics beyond voting regularly and taking an interest in supporting good issues and men. The religious connection of the family is with the Congregational Church, in which they are highly esteemed.

MICHAEL J. RYAN, city clerk of Waterbury, Conn., is a native of this city and was born March 28, 1874, a son of Michael and Catherine (Moran) Ryan, who were both born in County Queens, Ireland, but married in Waterbury.

Michael Ryan, the father, came to Waterbury about the year 1860, and entered the service of Brown & Brothers, now known as the firm of Randolph & Clowes, remaining forty years. In this city he met and married Miss Moran, who,

although born in Ireland, had been reared in England, and was a daughter of Michael and Ann Moran, and a sister of Thomas Moran, keeper of the almshouse, whose life sketch may be found on another page of this volume. Three children came to bless the marriage of Michael Ryan and wife, but two of these, Catherine and Thomas, died young, leaving Michael J., our subject, as the only survivor of the family. The father died in 1900, and the mother passed away Nov. 20, 1897.

Michael J. Ryan attended the public schools of Waterbury in his boyhood, also the Mattoon Business College, of the same city. After quitting school he was employed by the White & Wells Co., as stenographer and clerk for about seven years, and then became a reporter for the *Evening Democrat*, acting in this capacity for two years. In October, 1899, he was elected on the Democratic ticket as city clerk of Waterbury, taking his office Jan. 1, 1900.

In his societary connections Mr. Ryan is a member of the Union Club of Waterbury, also of the Concordia Singing Society, and of the Foresters of America. He is a faithful member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and contributes liberally of his means to its support. He is genial in his manners, pleasant in disposition, and has made many warm friends. He is unmarried.

RICHARD F. CUDDIHY is one of the prosperous and rising young business men of Derby, in which city he was born. He comes of strong, sturdy Irish stock, and throughout his life of forty-four years has manifested that courage, industry, resoluteness of purpose, and fidelity to duty, for which his race has long been pre-eminently conspicuous. His father, Michael, was born in County Waterford, Ireland, where his ancestors, for many generations, lived and died. His mother, before marriage, was Hannah Gallagher, and both parents came to America in 1847. Michael Cuddihy was a skillful machinist, and settled first in Boston. From that city he removed, first to Lowell, Mass., and afterward (in 1853) to Derby, Conn., following his trade at all three points, until he gave up active toil to enjoy the rest earned by a well spent, useful life. He and his wife, both of whom are still living, have been the parents of eleven children, of whom six have died. Those who survive are Richard F., Anna, Mary, John and Agnes. Anna has remained single; Mary became the wife of W. A. Dibble, who was born in West Brook, Conn., but afterward moved to Brooklyn, N. Y.; John is employed in Derby; and Agnes, the youngest, married James Ennis, of Ansonia, Connecticut.

At the age of fourteen Richard F. Cuddihy's school days ended, and during the next three years he worked in various shops in Ansonia and Derby. When he was seventeen years old he followed the advice of Horace Greeley to "go West;" but not meeting with the success which he had anticipated

in that section, after seven years he returned to Connecticut, and for the three years following found desultory employment in Derby and Ansonia. His next situation, which was more permanent in duration, and its character really moulded the whole future course of his life. This was in the bakery of J. H. Wise, of Derby, in whose employ he remained for three years and eight months. He was industrious, temperate and economical, and although his earnings were small he found himself, in 1892, possessed of sufficient capital to enable him to embark in modest business of his own as a dealer in confectionery and school supplies. It was not long before he opened a grocery, which he still conducts, at the corner of Anson and Sixth streets. Under his personal supervision the business has greatly flourished. His enterprise and integrity have built up a remunerative trade, and his reputation in business circles is such that for several years he has been the treasurer of the Retail Merchants' Association. His career is an interesting and instructive one. Born on July 9, 1856, he is yet in the prime of life, and enjoys the gratifying reflection that the success which he has achieved he owes to no adventitious aid. He is a Democrat in politics; and in religious connection both he and his family are earnest members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. In the community at large he is both popular and respected. He is a member of Court Housatonic, of the Foresters of America, the Knights of the Maccabees, and the A. O. U. W.

On April 22, 1889, Mr. Cuddihy was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Fanning, of Derby, whose father, Michael Fanning, was a native of Ireland. Two children—Edward and Alice—have blessed their union.

ALFRED G. NADLER, M. D. The medical profession is well represented in the city of New Haven, some of the most skillful and successful practitioners of the State having residence in this intellectual center, and among those who have won the esteem of the community, in late years, is Dr. Alfred G. Nadler.

Dr. Nadler is a native of New Haven, born Nov. 19, 1873, a son of Isaac H. and Lena (Goldstein) Nadler, the former a native of Tacha, Bohemia, the latter of Wilhelmsdorf, Bavaria, although they were married in New York City. Mr. Nadler died in New Haven in July, 1893. When a young man he had come to New York, and during the progress of the Civil war he was engaged in the mercantile business in Columbus, Ga., and conducted a clothing store after removal to New Haven. Mrs. Nadler is still surviving, as are also seven of her family of twelve children, our subject being the youngest. The others are: Hugo, a citizen of New Haven; Rachel; Julia and Molly, teachers in New Haven; Dora, a bookkeeper in New Haven; and Hannah, now Mrs. Nathan C. Myers, of New Haven.

Dr. Alfred G. Nadler spent his boyhood days in his native city, was an apt pupil in the public

schools, and a graduate of the academic department of Yale as early as 1893, and three years later was a graduate from the Yale Medical school, having, with most commendable energy, worked his way through school. The succeeding year and one-half was occupied in gaining valuable experience in the New Haven Hospital, but since November, 1897, he has been actively engaged in practice, and has a large and increasing territory to cover, his thorough knowledge and pleasing personality making him deservedly successful.

Although his father was a Democrat in his political belief, Dr. Nadler has become a staunch Republican. Socially he is connected with Quinipiac Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., as was also his father, and the Doctor is also a member of the I. O. H.; the Woodmen of the World; and Horeb Lodge, I. O. B. B., being medical examiner for all these orders. During his college life he became identified with the D. E. I. Greek letter fraternity, and since beginning practice has become associated with many medical societies. Not only is he a valued member of the New Haven County Medical Association, but also of the City Medical Association, of which he is secretary and treasurer, and is one of the medical inspectors of the schools, and he is assistant in the pathological laboratory of the Medical Department of Yale University. Aside from his professional work, Dr. Nadler has taken a great interest in the progress of the affairs of the city, and has served in the city council from the Sixth ward. In his religious belief he follows the faith of his parents and belongs to the Jewish Church. Dr. Nadler represents some of the most modern and progressive circles of his profession, and has been so successful that his friends do not hesitate to predict for him a very conspicuous place in his chosen work.

ADOLPH A. ZWIEBEL, one of the wealthier men of Waterbury, and the proprietor of a very popular summer resort near the city limits, was born in Munich, Bavaria, Aug. 27, 1872, a son of Joseph W. Zwiebel, who was born in Taffheim, Bavaria. In Augsburg Joseph W. learned the machinist trade, and followed it for some years, and in 1881 came to Torrington, Conn. Two years later he moved to Waterbury, where he has followed his trade until late years. In 1893 he bought in company with his son Adolph A. a summer resort of thirty-five acres near the city limits, in the northern part of Waterbury, an investment which has proved vastly remunerative. Joseph W. Zwiebel married Miss Kreszenz Dirr, a native of Munich, and to them were born seven children, four of whom are now dead. Those living are Adolph A., Kreszenz and Otto, all of whom are unmarried.

Adolph A. Zwiebel spent his youth in the old Bavarian home until he reached the age of nine years, when he was brought by his parents to Torrington, where he attended the public school and studied music. When the family moved to Waterbury in

1883 young Adolph came along and continued his studies in the public school until he was old enough to take a place in the Plume & Atwood factory as a plater. This position he held for two years, and then resumed his musical studies under the direction of Prof. Julius Baier, and for three years was under the instruction of that excellent teacher. For about two years the young man was a clerk in the drug store of R. C. Partree, and then with his father he entered upon his present business, which has grown beyond their utmost expectations. They conduct the "Bellevue Lake Grove," a summer resort, on a beautiful lake, and fitted up with all kinds of amusements. He is a Democrat, and in 1899 was nominated for alderman, but lost the election by a small vote. Mr. Zwiebel is a member of the Concordia Singing Society, and Turn Verein Vorwarts, and is much interested in musical matters.

CHARLES L. CARLSON. No foreign element has become a more important part of American citizenship than that furnished by Sweden. The emigrants from that land have brought with them to the New World the stability, enterprise and perseverance characteristic of their people, and have fused these qualities with the progressiveness and indomitable spirit of the West.

Mr. Carlson, now a prominent citizen of Naugatuck, is a worthy representative of this class. He was born in Stockholm, Sweden, March 14, 1866, the only child of Carl E. and Sophia (Anderson) Carlson, who spent their entire lives in that country, the former dying about 1873, the latter in 1881. They were engaged in the hotel business. Our subject was reared in his native land and there prepared for college, obtaining a good practical education. After leaving school he learned the trade of house painting, completing his apprenticeship at Naugatuck, after his emigration to America, in 1882. In November, 1882, he went to Chicago, Ill., where he spent six months, and later was engaged in farming at Marengo, Ill., for four years, and also near Minneapolis, Minn., for one season. Returning to Naugatuck in 1886, he entered the employ of the Naugatuck Malleable Iron Co., and was with them for two years, after which he worked four years for Luther Baldwin, a painter. Since then he has been in the employ of the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Co.

On May 6, 1887, Mr. Carlson was united in marriage with Miss Christina Anderson, a native of southern Sweden, and to them has been born one child, Edith Hildur. They have a beautiful home on Salem street, erected by our subject in 1893.

Mr. Carlson is a recognized leader of the Republican party in his community, and has been three years president of the Swedish-American Republican Club, which he organized. He is an untiring worker in the interests of his party, and has done much to insure its success in Naugatuck. He has

efficiently served as selectman of that town for two years, on the town committee for four years, and was recently appointed deputy sheriff of the county, which honor he declined. Religiously he is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Naugatuck, and socially he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

FREDERICK L. FABER, a well-known caster in the employ of the Scovill Manufacturing Co., of Waterbury, was born on Bucks Hill, that town, Feb. 20, 1862, son of George Faber, one of the leading citizens of Waterbury.

Our subject was educated in the district schools of Bucks Hill and the Waterbury high school, and on laying aside his text-books entered the employ of Brown Brothers, manufacturers of Waterbury, where he learned the trade of a caster, remaining with them fifteen years. He was next in the employ of the Shelton Co., and was with the Osborne Cheeseman Co. as caster and contractor for a time. Going to New York, he was a contractor for the Manhattan Brass Co. two years, but at the end of that time returned to Waterbury, and entered the employ of the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co. as tube caster, remaining with them nine years. While there he was the first person in the United States to cast a solid brass tube. Since 1897 he has been employed as caster by the Scovill Manufacturing Co., and has the entire confidence and respect of his employers.

At Port Chester, N. Y., Mr. Faber was united in marriage with Miss Emma S. Robe, also a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Alonzo and Harriet (Limburner) Robe, the latter a sister of Robert Limburner, a prominent citizen of Oxford, Conn. Mrs. Faber's father was a carpenter of Waterbury and the first policeman of that place; his death occurred there. Our subject and his wife have a family of six children: Isabelle, a beautiful and well-educated young lady; Harriet (Hattie), who is attending school; Frederick G.; John; Anna; and Clifford. The family reside on the old Platt farm on Bucks Hill, where they have a pleasant home—the abode of hospitality.

Mr. Faber is independent in politics, especially at local elections, but usually votes the Democratic ticket in National affairs. Fraternally he is a member of Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M., of Waterbury, and religiously he and his family are members of the Episcopal Church.

W. H. RICHMOND, proprietor of a flourishing harness business in Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, born Nov. 29, 1860, in Thompsonville, Hartford county.

James Richmond, grandfather of our subject, was born and married in Scotland, coming thence to this country. He had a family of eight children, viz.: William L., sketch of whom follows; Archibald M. is yet living (his sons are in the real-estate

and button-making business in New York City and Hoboken, N. J.); Alexander is a machinist at Indian Orchard; John lives in Hartford, Conn.; Mary is the wife of Joseph Thompson, of New Britain, Conn.; three are deceased.

William L. Richmond, father of our subject, was born in Simsbury, Conn., Aug. 20, 1834, and died March 23, 1899, in East Hampton, Mass., where for twenty-five years he was in the harness business. He married Elizabeth Chalmers, a native of Scotland, and two children were born to them: William H., a sketch of whom follows; and George C., who is a Congregational minister at Somerville, Conn. Their mother is yet living.

William H. Richmond received his education at the schools of Thompsonville, Conn., and East Hampton and Springfield, Mass. At the age of seventeen years he commenced learning the harness business with his father at East Hampton, and at the end of six years, on Feb. 11, 1884, he came to Waterbury, and worked for J. G. Cutler seven years. During the succeeding eight years he was in partnership with Mr. Cutler, and, March 16, 1899, he bought out Eugene Martin's harness establishment at No. 67 East Main street, Waterbury, where he has since continued, doing a good business, and employing four men.

On Nov. 9, 1887, Mr. Richmond was united in marriage with Florine Purple, who was born in Gill, Mass., a daughter of Proctor P. Purple, of the same place. They have no children. In his political preferences our subject is independent, always using his unbiased judgment when casting his ballot.

IRVING N. WELTON was born at Bunker Hill, near the city of Waterbury, Sept. 28, 1868, a son of Herschel Welton and Julia (Pritchard) Welton. [See sketch of Frank P. Welton elsewhere in this volume]. Herschel Welton was a caster, and worked in the brass foundry at Waterbury. He was connected with the Brown Manufacturing Co. and the Plume & Atwood Manufacturing Co., at Thomaston, Conn., and was employed in Benedict & Burnham's Manufacturing Co. in Waterbury. Mrs. Julia (Pritchard) Welton was the daughter of Leonard Pritchard, a button manufacturer in Waterbury; she was the mother of six children: Frank P., cashier in Benedict & Burnham's Manufacturing Co. in Waterbury; Eunice E., unmarried; Irving N.; Mary E., wife of Robert Somers, of Waterbury; Charles, a caster in the brass business; and an infant.

Irving N. Welton passed his boyhood days in his country home, and attended district school, preparing himself for a busy life. He was trained in the caster's trade by his father, learning this work at the factory of the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co., and has been with that firm about fifteen years. He is a capable and reliable working-man, and has a thorough mastery of his trade.

On June 4, 1890, Irving N. Welton married Miss Mary Sperry, a daughter of Henry T. Sperry, of Waterbury, where she was born. To this union were born three children: Marie A., Madeline E. and Louise A., all of whom are living. Mr. Welton is a Republican, and fraternally belongs to Continental Lodge, No. 76, F. & A. M. In church affairs he and his family belong to the Trinity Episcopal Church.

GEORGE JUDSON SMITH, a prominent business man of Milford, was born in that town Feb. 23, 1863, and is a descendant of several of the pioneer families of the locality. Among his ancestors may be mentioned Rev. Peter Prudden (first pastor of the First Church), Deacon Richard Platt, Widow Martha Beard, Joseph Judson (who was killed in King Philip's war in 1690), and others. The family originated in England, and the first of the name to come to the New World was George Smith, who settled in New Haven in 1638. Subsequently the family removed to Milford, and Deacon John Smith, a great-grandson of George Smith, the emigrant, married Mary Beard, the great-granddaughter of Widow Martha Beard. At the time of the settlement of Milford, in 1639, Widow Martha Beard, whose husband had died on the passage from England, was granted an equal portion of land with the other settlers, and the land on which her house was built has been handed down in direct line of inheritance to our subject, who occupies the third house which has been erected on that site. With the marriage of Mary Beard and Deacon John Smith the name of the line changed from Beard to Smith.

Thaddeus Smith, a great-grandson of Deacon John Smith, was born at the homestead, Oct. 5, 1816, and was one of twelve children. To his enterprise is due the present house on the place, which he built for his home. He lived in it fifty-seven years, his death occurring there June 23, 1898. Early in life he learned the shoemaker's trade. Like all of his family he took a prominent part in public affairs, and was frequently chosen to office by the Democratic party, with which he was always identified. He married Sarah A. Smith, daughter of David C. Smith, of Milford, and she died Feb. 15, 1900. They became the parents of five children, of whom George Judson is the youngest. Of the others, Sarah died at the age of twenty-one, unmarried; Thaddeus and Ida both died in infancy; Alice married Charles C. Judd, a merchant of Camanche, Iowa.

George Judson Smith received his education in the schools of his native town, and when he had attained the age of sixteen he began to learn shoe-cutting in the Baldwin & Lamkin factory. This trade he followed for several years, but since 1896 has engaged in an undertaking and plumbing business, conducting a fine store on River street, in a building owned by himself. He is a very public-



Geo. J. Smith

spirited man, and takes a keen interest in the development of the town, being secretary of the Business Men's Association; he is a leading worker in the Democratic party, having held a number of local offices.

On Sept. 12, 1889, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Ellen R. Clark, daughter of Charles Alvin Clark, of Orange, New Haven county, and three children have blessed their union, George Judson, Jr., Alvin Clark and Helen May. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are much esteemed socially, and are active in the work of the First Congregational Church of Milford.

HARRY H. SCHOFIELD, a well-known grocer, is one of the leading business men of Naugatuck, New Haven county. Although comparatively a young man, he has already shown in his successful career that he has the ability to plan wisely and execute with energy, a combination which, when possessed by men in any walk of life, never fails to effect notable results.

Mr. Schofield was born in New Britain, Conn., Feb. 7, 1868, and is a son of Joseph Schofield, whose birth occurred in Sheffield, England, Aug. 10, 1830. The grandfather, Edward Schofield, was a native of the same place, and throughout life worked at the cutlery business. He died in Shelburne Falls, Mass. The father of our subject was also a cutlery manufacturer, his specialty being pocket knives. He came to America in 1861, and followed his trade in Shelburne Falls, Mass.; New Britain, Conn.; Bronxville and Walden, N. Y.; and Naugatuck, Conn., coming to the last named place in 1874, and remaining here until 1880, when he spent another year at Shelburne Falls. In 1887 he bought out the Naugatuck Cutlery Co., and continued to successfully engage in business at that place until his death, which occurred April 12, 1891. He was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served as assessor and member of the board of relief. Before leaving England he married Hannah Hampshire, a native of that country, and a daughter of Charles Hampshire, and there five children were born to them. In this country the family circle was increased by the birth of five others who lived to reach maturity. Three died young. Those who grew up were Elizabeth, wife of Alfred Shirlcliff, of Shelburne Falls, Mass.; Alice, wife of Eli Trickett, of Walden, N. Y.; Joseph, a veterinary surgeon of Greenwich, Conn.; Jane, wife of E. A. Hotchkiss, a contractor and builder of Naugatuck; George, who is engaged in the cutlery business in Southington, Conn.; Fairwell, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; Harry H., our subject; Ralph, Alfred E. and Frank E., all rubber workers of Naugatuck.

During his boyhood Harry H. Schofield pursued his studies in the public schools of Naugatuck until fourteen years of age, and then worked at the cut-

lery business for three years. From 1884 to 1888 he clerked for V. H. McEwen, of Seymour, Conn., at his grocery store on Water street, Naugatuck, and subsequently worked for his father for a time. On Sept. 15, 1889, he embarked in the grocery business for himself on Water street, Naugatuck, having purchased the stock of his old employer, Mr. McEwen, and he continued in business there until May 1, 1892, when he moved to the corner of Church street and Rubber avenue, remaining there until selling out his store to F. K. Grant, June 13, 1895. On the 19th of the following October he purchased property at No. 78 Maple street, and erected the building he has since occupied, one of the finest and best arranged stores in Naugatuck, lighted by electricity and supplied with all modern conveniences needed in the business. On Jan. 1, 1897, he purchased the Barron Grocery Co.'s store, on Main street, which he also conducted until April 1, 1898, when he sold it. He carries a large and well-selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, flour, feed, grain, hay, butter, eggs, etc., and has built up an excellent trade, which is constantly increasing.

Mr. Schofield was married, Feb. 4, 1891, to Miss Alice E. Tyler, a native of Maryborough, Australia, and a daughter of William Tyler, who was from England. Three children have been born of this union, namely: William T., Ericsson B. and Harold C. In his political affiliations Mr. Schofield is a Republican. He filled the office of town clerk during the year 1891. He is an honored member of Centennial Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., of Naugatuck; Gavel Lodge, No. 18, K. P.; Mattatuck Tribe, No. 25, I. O. R. M.; and Sons of Liberty, No. 214, Sons of St. George. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian. He is public-spirited and progressive, giving his support to all measures which he believes calculated to advance the general welfare.

ACLY W. CASTLE, an extensive retail meat dealer, located at the corner of South Main and Union streets, Waterbury, was born in that city, Aug. 24, 1868.

John S. Castle, his father, was born in Watertown, Conn., son of Joel Allen Castle, a native of the same place, and a farmer by vocation. John S. Castle married Amelia M. Parsons, also a native of Watertown, and a daughter of Charles Parsons, a carriage and wagon manufacturer of considerable repute. To this union were born six children, three of whom died in infancy, the survivors being Acly W., our subject; John S., who is chief engineer for the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co.; and Martha A., wife of C. A. Templeton, of the firm of Hotchkiss & Templeton, of Waterbury. John S. Castle, the father, was a grocer and also a bottler of soft drinks in Waterbury, and did a thriving trade. In his later years he was secretary of the City Ice Co. He was a very popular member of the Democratic party, and was a member of the first

board of councilmen that sat in the new city hall, an alderman, and for three years tax collector. He was called away Nov. 11, 1890, leaving his widow and the three children named above to mourn his loss.

Aely W. Castle, the subject proper of this biography, attended the Waterbury schools until sixteen years of age, and then entered the employ of Pierpont Bros., wholesale meat dealers, with whom he remained nine years, thoroughly familiarizing himself with the details of the trade. In 1892 he embarked in the retail meat business on his own account, at his present stand, and is now conducting one of the largest cash retail meat markets in the city. He has six men steadily in his employ.

On Jan. 6, 1892, Mr. Castle was united in marriage with Miss Hermina J. Wendehack, of Waterbury, a daughter of August Wendehack, a native of Germany. In politics Mr. Castle is a Democrat, but he has never been desirous of holding public office, inasmuch as the oversight of his business requires all his available time. His fraternal connections also claim a great deal of his attention, as he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, a Red Man and a Knight of Pythias. He is what is known in the business world as a self-made man, and in commercial circles his integrity has never been impugned.

ANDREW J. COONEY, the proprietor of the Home Steam Laundry, a well-known establishment at No. 277 Bank street, has built up one of the most successful enterprises of the kind in the State. He has a very completely appointed plant, with all the modern appliances, and gives employment to twelve laundresses and workmen. Linens are laundered without the use of chemicals, and if desired, are ironed by hand. The house has twelve agencies throughout the city, necessitating two wagons for delivery purposes. Mr. Cooney has the leading hotels and many of the more prominent families for his patrons, and is in a way to achieve a still more flattering success.

Andrew J. Cooney was born in Seneca Falls, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1871, and is a son of Andrew J. Cooney, Sr., a native of Leeds, England. The elder Cooney died in Waterbury, Conn., in February, 1885, and was a son of Andrew J. Cooney, a native of County Cork, Ireland, and an emigrant to this country in the earlier part of last century, who died in Pittsfield, Mass. Andrew J. Cooney, Sr., came to Woonsocket, Mass., when a young man, where he married Mary Dugan. Mrs. Cooney was born in Woonsocket, Mass., a daughter of William Dugan, a native of England. Mr. Cooney was a woolen weaver and designer in a woolen mill at Pittsfield for years, and removed to Waterbury March 15, 1884. He died here in 1885. His wife died in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1876. They were the parents of a family of six children: William; Daniel J.; Esther; Andrew J., whose name appears at the opening of this article; Charles and Mary.

Of these, William died in Waterbury, and Daniel J. and Charles in Pittsfield, Mass.; Esther married Henry F. Baker, of Waterbury; and Mary is single.

Andrew J. Cooney, our subject, passed his earliest childhood in Seneca Falls, where his father was superintendent of a mill, and he was still a child when his parents moved to Pittsfield, Mass. In that town he began attendance upon the public school, acquiring a good practical education. The father died in Waterbury in 1885, and here young Andrew began as a messenger boy, and ran errands for two years. For two years more he drove a laundry wagon for E. R. Davis, and then traveled for a year with the Barnum & Bailey show, serving them as a coachman. The young man loved horses, and seemed to understand them so that for some time he handled race horses very successfully on the track. Coming back to Waterbury, Mr. Cooney resumed work with E. R. Davis, and was in his employ for three and a half years when he bought the Waterbury Home Laundry, and changed the name to the Home Steam Laundry. This business has been in his hands since July 1, 1895. At the beginning of the enterprise Henry J. Baker was associated with him, and the business of the firm was conducted under the name of Cooney & Baker. Mr. Baker retired in April, 1897, and since that time the entire management has been in the hands of Mr. Cooney. Since the business has been under the charge of its present proprietor it has increased at least three times, and is still expanding.

Mr. Cooney has never married, and is a great society man, having membership in Magnolia Lodge, No. 165, K. of P., Lodge No. 265, B. P. O. Elks, and the Foresters of America. He is an active worker in the Concordia Singing Society, and is a member of the Y. M. C. A. His parents were Roman Catholics.

LORENZO W. HOUSEL, one of the leading young attorneys of New Haven, and the present representative of the city of New Haven in the Connecticut Legislature, was born in Snow Shoe, Pa., Dec. 30, 1873.

John C. Housel, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Lewisburg, Pa., where he remained all his life, following his trade of tailor. He married Margaret Giles, who was also born in that locality, and attained the age of eighty years. Mr. Housel died when seventy. They reared a large family of children. The maternal great-grandfather, Samuel Clements, emigrated about 1795 from New Hampshire to Maine.

William Housel, the father of our subject, was born in Lewisburg, Pa., spent his boyhood and young manhood in that locality, but later removed to Tioga county, N. Y., near Nichols, where he still resides. During the Civil war William enlisted as a private in Company C, 52d Pa. V. I., but was promoted to sergeant, and served bravely for three

years. He married Josephine Fenderson, who was born in Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. William Housel five children were born, only two of whom are now living: Lorenzo W. and Robert C.

John Fenderson, father of Mrs. William Housel, was in business near Bangor, Maine, and his wife, Lucy, was a school teacher. Later, about 1830, they removed to Tioga county, N. Y., where Mr. Fenderson engaged in the lumber business, thence to Pennsylvania, finally returning to Tioga county, New York.

The primary education of Lorenzo W. Housel was obtained at home attending the common schools, but as soon as prepared he entered Owego Academy and later Yale University, from which he was graduated with degree of A. B. in 1897. The expenses of the course were paid with money earned by the ambitious young fellow by working on the *Journal* and *Courier*, and the New York papers. Later he took a course at the Yale Law school, from which he was graduated with degree of LL. B. in 1900. After being admitted to the Bar Mr. Housel established himself in offices at No. 318 Washington building, New Haven, where he has since remained, building up a fine practice, and proving himself an excellent lawyer, clear and concise in argument, and thoroughly acquainted with every intricate detail of his profession.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Housel has always taken a deep interest in the working of his party, and in 1900 was chosen to represent it in the State Legislature, receiving the largest vote of any member of the House of 1901—11,481—and a majority of 990. His thorough understanding of matters of moment being recognized, he was placed upon important committees, and served on the committee on Revision of Statutes, the House committee on Constitutional Amendments, and the Special Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments. Fraternally he is connected with the Hiram Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., Pulaski Chapter, R. A. M., and the New Haven Grays, Conn. N. G., and is one of the two county auditors of New Haven county. Pleasing in manner, possessing many friends, regarded as a very able attorney, the future before Mr. Housel is very promising, his past record but faintly outlining what is to come to him socially, professionally and politically.

HENRY B. SANDERSON was born in the State of New York May 4, 1865, the youngest of the eight surviving children of the twelve born to George A. and Margaret (Brooksby) Sanderson, who are mentioned elsewhere.

Our subject was educated in the common schools and assisted on the homestead until he was eighteen years of age, also learning the joiner's trade. At the age mentioned he came to Waterbury, Conn., and clerked for his brother Charles B. in the meat business until 1893, when he opened a meat market of his own, beginning business in a small way, in a basement on Vine street. He successfully con-

ducted that place a year and a half, and then opened his splendidly equipped establishment on West Main street, facing also on North Willow street. In other words, his shop runs through the block, from street to street. Besides a choice selection of meats usually found in the best markets, Mr. Sanderson carries canned goods and other delicacies, and caters to a select class of patrons, such as bankers, ministers, lawyers, etc.; he has indeed a market for those who demand the best. Although Mr. Sanderson started without a penny, and had many obstacles to contend with, he has by his gentlemanly demeanor and inflexible determination reached the summit of success, and now has capital sufficient to meet all contingencies.

On Sept. 1, 1890, Mr. Sanderson married Miss May M. Bailey, who was born in Brewsters, N. Y., daughter of Starr Bailey, a joiner by trade. To this marriage has been born one child, Brooksby R., but the parents were bereft of this beloved one when he was but four years and four days old.

Mr. Sanderson is a Republican in his political views, but not strongly partisan. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., of Waterbury, the New England Order of Protection and the Merchants' Association. He is highly esteemed socially by hosts of friends.

GARDINER G. RIGGS is a man who has largely made his own way in the world. Moved by lofty ambitions he has worked hard, studied deeply into the elements of the business he had in hand, and has achieved a most commendable success. He is one of the younger men of the town, and what he has done may be taken as an indication of a prosperous career opening before him.

Mr. Riggs was born in La Porte, Sullivan Co., Pa., Jan. 8, 1871, a son of Francis T. Maltby, who was a native of Bristol, Conn. When a young boy he was legally adopted, and assumed the name "Riggs." Ephraim Maltby, the father of Francis T., was a native of Bristol, a lifelong farmer, and a descendant of an old and honored New England family. Francis T. Maltby married Sarah Lee, who was born in Farmington, Conn., a daughter of John Lee, of English extraction, and a representative of one of the oldest families in Connecticut. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Maltby removed to Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the newspaper and job-printing business. A family of two children was born to them: Lewis F., who learned the blacksmith trade, and becoming an efficient workman, holds a foreman's position in a shop in Waterbury; and Gardiner G., whose name appears at the opening of this article. The mother died in Wallingford in 1875, and the father now resides in the South.

Gardiner G. Riggs spent his boyhood days with his adopted parents in North Haven, Conn., and was reared on a farm. A good education in the

public schools was afforded him, and when he had reached early manhood a place in the Winchester Armory was given him. This position he held for about a year, and then entered the employ of S. F. Linsley, of New Haven, and under his instructions learned the carpenter trade. This trade once mastered, the young mechanic formed a copartnership with J. E. Lane, and worked at the trade for a time. In 1893 Mr. Riggs went into his present business, that of artificial stone making, Mr. Lane being associated with him a year, but then retired, and in 1894 Mr. Riggs moved his business to Waterbury. Since that time this city has been the location of his extensive and growing business. He has a wide patronage, is building up a lasting trade, and has from twenty to thirty men constantly engaged in his various departments of labor. It is a flattering success for so young a man, and, as Mr. Riggs says, has been brought about by his own efforts. At the age of thirteen he worked all day and studied nights, and this habit he still maintains. He believes in doing his work scientifically, and wants to keep in touch with the latest knowledge on all mechanical subjects.

Mr. Riggs and Miss Julia Bannell were married June 24, 1891. She was born in Chicago, and was a daughter of Samuel Bannell, a farmer of Mountainville, N. Y., who is now engaged in the brick business at North Haven. Four children were born to Mr. Riggs and his wife: Sterling, Bessie, Mildred and Laura. Mr. Riggs is a Republican as far as national and state politics are concerned, but believes in a business administration of local affairs. On the roll of membership of the I. O. O. F. fraternity his name appears as that of a reliable and esteemed member. At the Episcopal church he is also known as a conscientious attendant. As a business man and a good citizen he has made a record worthy of all commendation. He is energetic and pushing, knows how to hustle for business, and means to keep abreast of the day in every respect.

THOMAS DENNIS WILLIAMS, the proprietor of the Williams' Cafe, a popular resort in Branford, was born here May 31, 1875, a son of John and Ellen (Gallahue) Williams.

John Williams was a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, a son of Edward and Margaret (Casey) Williams, both born in County Tipperary, Ireland. He emigrated to this country in 1867, locating the same year in Branford, where he died May 5, 1883. He married Ellen Gallahue, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Kiely) Gallahue, of County Limerick, Ireland. Thomas D. Williams was reared in Branford, and had his education in the excellent public schools of his native place. All his ancestors were thorough Irish, and he inherits and exhibits many of the best characteristics of his gifted and versatile race. In 1897 he embarked in business for himself, opening his

present cafe. This enterprise he has conducted from the beginning, and displayed in its business management such admirable qualities that to-day he has a host of friends in the community, who are always ready and willing to bespeak trade and business for him.

On Nov. 23, 1896, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Anna L. McKeon, daughter of Frank and Mary (Reiley) McKeon, of Branford, and a young lady of many charming characteristics. To this union have come two children: John and Mary, both bright and winsome little people. Mr. Williams belongs to the Catholic Church, and socially to the A. O. H. He was instrumental in the organization of the Catholic Club, and was elected its first president in 1899. In politics he is a Democrat.

CHARLES H. BROWN, M. D., belongs to that younger race of physicians whose scientific acquirements are infused with a love of the great profession and touched with a fire of devotion to suffering humanity. Men like him are doing a wonderful work in the redemption of the healing art from the sway of commercialism, and in building it up for its own sake. Dr. Brown is one of the most popular and successful young physicians in his part of New Haven county, and he has a wide patronage in Waterbury and through the adjoining sections, where his professional ability, which is of the very highest grade, and his personal modesty, which is as rare as it is commendable, have alike won him a host of friends.

Dr. Brown was born in Bridgewater, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1866, son of William H. Brown, and a grandson of William L. Brown, both of whom were born in Otsego county, N. Y. William L. Brown married a Miss Wood, a descendant of the MacFarlane clan, and became the father of three children: William H., Monzo and Mary. As will be seen, the Doctor is descended through his grandmother from "the wild MacFarlane's plaided clan," which occupied the land forming the western shore of Loch Lomond from Tarbet upward. From Loch Sloy they took their battle cry, "Loch Shuia." Sir John MacFarlane was knighted by the King the night before the battle of Flodden, and was slain in that battle. Walter MacFarlane, of that clan, was born in 1734, and died in 1804. He was the author of several historical works, and one of the most learned antiquaries of the last century, and his portrait, presented by his son Walter in 1794, hangs on the wall of the Antiquarian Society of Scotland. Another of the clan, Major Gen. MacFarlane, under fire of the guns of H. M. Ships "Warrior" and "Success," in 1809, led the British troops with distinguished bravery at the storm and capture of the Island of Ischia, in the Bay of Naples, and afterward at the capture of Procida.

William H. Brown, the father of the Doctor, married Miss Hannah Penny, and four children



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C. H. Brown

were born of this union: Dr. Charles H.; Myron P. and Mary, twins; and Grace. William H. Brown is a Republican. He has served as justice of the peace in his own community. Farming has been his life work. In religion he has always been associated with the Congregational Church. Mrs. Hannah (Penny) Brown was born in Otsego county, N. Y., a daughter of Alva and Eliza Penny, farming people of that section. On her mother's side she is an Allen, and related to Ethan Allen, the hero of Ticonderoga. The Allens have left many names famous besides that of Ethan Allen, particularly in literary and scientific fields. The Pennys are of English origin. Thomas Penny came to America in 1633 with the Massachusetts Colony, and settled at Newbury Neck, Mass. His wife's name was Judith. He was a direct descendant of Thomas, of Woodstock, who was the youngest son of Edward the III. Richard, son of Edward IV., caused Thomas of Woodstock to be beheaded, because he feared his influence, he being next heir to the throne. The descendants of Thomas of Woodstock renounced their title and estates, fearing the same fate. William Penn was a member of the same family, the name being spelled in several ways, Penn, Penne, Penny and Penney.

Dr. Brown passed his boyhood days in Bridgewater, where he attended the local schools, and was a pupil in West Winfield Academy and the Cazenovia Seminary, two institutions of high grade, and of more than local reputation a generation ago. His predilection for medical studies early manifested itself, and after leaving the academy at Cazenovia he passed three and a half years in a drug store in Bridgewater. Then attending the College of Pharmacy in New York, he graduated from that celebrated school. The young student, ambitious of learning, took a summer course in analytical chemistry in the same school, and pursuing his studies farther became a student of the Medical Department of the University the same year. The graduating class of 1893 sent forth from that widely-known school numbered Dr. Charles H. Brown among its most conspicuous members. Dr. Brown located at Waterbury, Conn., and began the practice of medicine in that city, where his success was immediate and flattering in the highest degree. Dr. Brown enjoys a very fine practice, and is counted one of the most successful physicians in the city. A student of the newest ideas in medicine, he keeps abreast of the times, and is often seen in the classrooms of the New York medical schools, engaged in special investigations. His library is filled with the latest and most reliable publications in the medical world, and his medical apparatus includes the most modern appliances. The Doctor is a Republican politically, and in religion he is associated with the Congregational Church.

Dr. Brown and Emily S. Rich, a native of Mount Vernon, N. Y., were married July 17, 1894.

To this union have been born two children, Charles Alfred and Eleanor. The family residence on Columbia Boulevard is one of the finest in the city.

HENRY DOWNS SAWYER, a citizen of Derby, New Haven county, was born there May 3, 1873.

Henry S. Sawyer, his grandfather, was born in Windsor, and removed to Derby, where he engaged in the milling business, carrying it on until his death. He married a Miss Noonan, and they had five children, of these the first-born, Warren H., was the father of Henry D. Sawyer; Jennie is the wife of Cyrus Whitecomb, of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly a clergyman, but now engaged in the practice of law; Helen (deceased) became the wife of William Downs, of Boston, who is art critic on the staff of one of the leading journals of that city; Charles S., the youngest of the family, resides in Brooklyn, New York.

Warren H. Sawyer was born in Hartford, and was a shoe dealer there, but after the death of his father he removed to Derby, where he carried on the latter's business. He married Jennie Bassett, a daughter of Robert N. Bassett, and a granddaughter of David Bassett, and a member of one of the influential families of New Haven county. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Sawyer: Robert B., Helen E. and Henry Downs. Robert B. is connected with the Robert N. Bassett Co., of New York and Derby. Helen E. is married to Frederick S. Martyn, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The parents are both deceased.

Henry Downs Sawyer was educated in the schools of Derby and at the Military Academy in Sing Sing, N. Y. Leaving school at the age of seventeen, he spent the years 1890 and 1891 as a clerk with Howard & Barber, dry-goods merchants, and in 1891 became bookkeeper for his grandfather, the late Robert N. Bassett. Mr. Bassett was a manufacturer of corset manufacturers' supplies, and was the first to cover wire with cloth for use in garments of that description. He died in December, 1892, and the charge and management of the business thereupon devolved upon Mr. Sawyer. The responsibility was a grave one for so young a man, but he met it with the intelligence, energy and fidelity to duty which have distinguished him throughout life. In May, 1895, it was decided that the manufactory and the disposition of its output should be placed in the hands of a corporation, and the Robert N. Bassett Co. was organized. Mr. Sawyer was made secretary and treasurer, a dual office, the arduous and responsible duties of which he continued to discharge until May, 1901, when he severed his connection with the R. N. Bassett Co. and bought out the Derby Trucking Co., of Derby, and the Harris Express, of Shelton.

Mr. Sawyer was married Sept. 12, 1893, to Miss Grace Carleton, a daughter of Edward H.

and Mary P. Carleton, of Brooklyn, N. Y. They have had no children. Mr. Sawyer is a Republican in politics, and in religious faith is a Congregationalist. He is genial, whole-souled and hospitable, and fond of the legitimate pleasures of life. He loves driving, and owns some of the finest trotting stock in Derby.

WALTER J. WARRICK, one of the intelligent and progressive skilled workers of Waterbury, and a man of fine character and honest spirit, was born in Cayuga, Cayuga Co., N. Y., Sept. 5, 1862, son of John Warrick, a native of New Jersey.

William Warrick, the father of John, was also born in New Jersey, in 1794, and was a life long farmer. His wife, the mother of John, was born in New Jersey in 1802, and died in 1876. With his family William Warrick moved into Cayuga county, N. Y., secured a farm, and devoted himself to its cultivation. He died at the age of eighty-six. All his life he had been a remarkably sound and healthy man, and it is a family tradition that until his last illness he never knew from his own experience the meaning of sickness. The father of William Warrick was one of three brothers who left England and settled in New Jersey.

John Warrick, the father of Walter J., was a farmer during his active life except for about twelve years, which he spent in Waterbury. He is now retired, and living in Cayuga, N. Y. He married Sarah E. Howell, who was born in Union Springs, N. Y., in 1837, and died in 1883. Her father, Briton Howell, was a carpenter, and died about 1860; his wife died in 1878. After their marriage John Warrick and his wife settled in Cayuga county, N. Y. They had a family of three children: Walter J., our subject; Josephine, who died unmarried in Cayuga, N. Y.; and Grace N., who is unmarried, and living at home with her father, who re-married in 1884. John Warrick is a Democrat, and has held various local offices in the years past. His religious connection has been with the Methodist Church, and he has been one of the earnest workers of that denomination.

Walter J. Warrick grew to manhood under the fostering care of his parents, and attended school at Cayuga, Seneca Falls and Auburn, N. Y. When he was eighteen years of age his school days ended, and he began his career in business by clerking in a store at Cayuga, N. Y., where he worked three years. In 1882 he came to Waterbury and clerked in a grocery store for a few months, and then entered the Waterbury watch factory for a few months. Mr. Warrick began work for his present employers, the Platt Brothers Co., in 1882, as a helper in the packing department. Here his services have been so valuable, and his appreciation of the work of the department so quick and ready, that for several years he has had full charge of the work, and is one of the most valued foreman of that large concern.

On Sept. 1, 1885, Mr. Warrick married Minnie J. Poulter, who was born in Waterbury, daughter of Henry and Margaret Poulter, natives of England. To this union have been born five children: Josie May, W. Merwin, Gladys H., Ernest (who died in infancy) and Marian R. These children are a bright and entertaining set of young people. Mr. Warrick is a Republican, and takes an intelligent interest in political affairs. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and with his family attends the Second Congregational Church.

PATRICK J. COOGAN, who is engaged in the drug business in Waterbury, is a native of Pennsylvania, born March 23, 1868, in Upper Lehigh, Luzerne county.

Patrick T. Coogan, his father, was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, coming thence over thirty years ago to the United States, and settling in Pennsylvania, where he was employed as a coal miner. In 1877 he came to Waterbury with his family, and about the year 1886 established his present grocery business on Washington street, which he still conducts. While in Pennsylvania he married Mary A. Burns, who was born in Heckscherville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., daughter of James Burns, a native of Ireland. She died Jan. 11, 1898, at the age of forty-eight years. To this union were born thirteen children, two of whom are deceased, the names of the others being: Catherine, Patrick J., Bridget, Maggie, Annie, Mary E., James, Thomas, Joseph, Loretta and Elizabeth. Catherine married Michael Ryan, of Waterbury, who was born in Pennsylvania. Bridget is the wife of George A. Gibson, of Waterbury, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Maggie married Francis Grimes, of Waterbury. Annie married L. O'Laughlin, a Philadelphia merchant.

Patrick J. Coogan, our subject, was about eight years old when the family came to Waterbury, and here he received his education, at the age of twelve years commencing to work in factories. In that line he continued until he was twenty-one years of age, when he engaged in the grocery and liquor business on Washington street, whence, some three or four years ago, he removed to his present location, No. 839 Baldwin street. On July 5, 1901, he changed his line, engaging in the drug business. He has been remarkably prosperous, and although yet a young man has accumulated considerable property in Waterbury. In 1896 he erected his store, in 1898 three tenement buildings, and in 1899 one, having altogether as many as seventeen tenements.

On Oct. 23, 1893, Patrick J. Coogan married Sarah Dunn, who was born in Ireland, a daughter of Michael and Susan Dunn. She died in 1895, leaving no children. On Sept. 23, 1896, Mr. Coogan married Mrs. Mary Russell, daughter of Anthony White, and widow of Michael Russell, and two children, James and Eileen, have been

born to this union. By her first husband Mrs. Coogan had one son, Roy. Our subject and his wife attend the services of Francis Xavier Catholic Church, of Waterbury. He is a Democrat in politics, but in local affairs always casts his ballot for the best man regardless of party lines. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Foresters of America, and no one in Waterbury is more highly honored or respected.

ALFRED F. HOWE is one of the most intellectual and energetic young men of Derby, where he was born April 25, 1873. His ancestors were distinguished for business sagacity, pluck and vim. Both his grandfather, William Howe, and his father, Isaac P. Howe, were prominent in business life, and our subject is not inferior to them in pertinacity of purpose and sound sense.

William Howe, the grandfather, was born in New York City, and was a brother of Dr. John I. Howe, who was the organizer of the Howe Manufacturing Co., a concern whose fame is world-wide as owning and conducting the first establishment in the United States to manufacture pins. William Howe was one of the most successful showmen and farmers of his day, and accumulated a handsome fortune, most of which he invested for the benefit of his children. He was one of the original stockholders in the "Shelton Company," and was identified with the management of various other enterprises. He represented Ridgefield in the State Legislature. His death occurred in Ridgefield.

Isaac P. Howe, son of William and father of Alfred F., was also born in New York City, on Sept. 12, 1843. While a young man he married Miss Emma Fraser, who was of Scottish descent, daughter of Alfred A. Fraser, who was for thirty years cashier and president of the Seventh Ward National Bank of New York City. In 1869, shortly after their marriage, Mr. Howe brought his young wife to Derby, and he has never lost his interest in the town of his adoption. His first business venture there was as a member of the manufacturing firm of Somers & Howe, with which he was connected for three years. In 1875 he entered into partnership with Darius Wilcox, the style of the co-partnership being Wilcox & Howe, and the business being the manufacture of carriage hardware; the works were located at Shelton. In 1891 the business was re-organized and a stock company formed, Mr. Howe becoming secretary, treasurer and manager, which position he held until the concern went out of business, in 1896. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac P. Howe: Adalina R., William, Alfred F. and Lillian.

Alfred F. Howe was educated in the common schools of Derby and was at Yale University for one term. On leaving college he entered the employ of his father as a traveling salesman, a po-

sition which he filled with distinguished success. For two years and during the World's Fair his headquarters were in Chicago. He invented and copyrighted a game to which he gave the name "Cities of Our Country," and which proved immensely popular. The "Youth's Companion" bought five thousand copies, and the venture netted him several thousand dollars. On his return to Derby Mr. Howe permitted himself to be controlled by his inborn proclivity toward the journalistic field. For a time he was engaged on the *Farmer and Standard* of Bridgeport, and was editorial writer and reporter on the staff of the *New Haven Union*. In 1898 he became city editor of the *Daily News*, which position he still holds. Mr. Howe has been a special correspondent for many years for the *New York Herald, Tribune, Journal and Press*, and was a correspondent of the *Associated Press* for several years.

As a man and a citizen Mr. Howe's reputation is unassailable. Generous and genial, he commands popularity. Public-spirited and philanthropic, the community holds him in high esteem. As a striking illustration of the regard in which his fellow townsmen hold him, it may be pointed out that at the age of twenty-three he was chosen a member of the board of aldermen, and held that office four years, through re-election, serving two terms as president of that body. In 1900 Mr. Howe was nominated on the Democratic ticket for the Legislature. Although Derby went Republican, Mr. Howe was elected representative by the largest majority ever given a candidate for that office in Derby. While in the Legislature he was chairman of the committee on Federal Relations. He worked hard for the New Haven-Derby trolley, introduced several measures in the interest of the volunteer firemen, had a law passed to preserve bass in the Housatonic river, introduced a bill providing home rule for cities, and labored hard but unsuccessfully against amendments to the charter of Derby which the people did not want. He has a mind of no common order, and his naturally keen intellect has been well trained.

Mr. Howe has been financial secretary of the Derby Lodge of Elks since its formation, is a member of the executive board of the State Association of Elks, and is regent of Ansonia Council, Royal Arcanum. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of the Essenie, and is a member of the Press Club of New Haven. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian, being a member of St. James Church. Mr. Howe is unmarried. He is the only member of the Howe family now residing in Derby, his parents having removed to New York.

ALBERT BLEY, proprietor of the popular meat market at No. 420 North Main street, Waterbury, was born in Kirchberg, Saxony, Germany, Nov. 18, 1866. He is the eldest of the five children born to Herman and Alvina (Groman) Bley,

the others being Alban, a resident of Waterbury; Albin, now a soldier in the Philippine Islands; and Anna and Hiedagrath, who still have their residence in Germany. The father of this family, Herman Bley, was a merchant by vocation, passed all his life in his native land, and is now deceased. The mother has her residence in Leipsig, and is still in the enjoyment of excellent health.

Albert Bley was educated in the excellent public schools of his native city, and afterward learned the butcher's trade, which he followed at home until his coming to America, at the age of seventeen years. He reached Waterbury in 1883, and here found employment with V. Bohl, with whom he worked about six years. He then worked for Louis Meyer about one year, and then for a time with William Riether, in each shop becoming a favorite with the patrons and adding to his reputation as a salesman. On March 7, 1898, he engaged in business on his own account at the street and number already given. His market is the finest in town, and he has several assistants.

On Aug. 15, 1888, Mr. Bley married Miss Fannie L. Vogel, a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Frederick E. and Louisa (Blackburn) Vogel. Mr. Vogel was born in Ruhla, Germany, was a die-sinker and engraver by trade, and died in Waterbury March 7, 1890. His wife is a native of Ireland. To their marriage were born two children, Fannie L. (Mrs. Bley) and Louisa, the latter dying when eighteen months old. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bley, Edmund V. and Viola A. The family attend Trinity Church. In politics Mr. Bley is a Republican. Fraternally he is a member of Waterbury Lodge, K. of P.

CHARLES FENN WOODING, one of the youngest but busiest contractors and builders of New Haven county, was born in Wallingford, Nov. 21, 1869, a son of the late Newton Calvin Wooding, also a native of that town.

Newton Calvin Wooding was born in the western part of Wallingford, May 19, 1831, son of David A. and Flora Wooding, grandson of David Wooding, and great-grandson of John Wooding. He was educated in the public schools, after which he worked for Fenn & Gladwin making planes in a shop on Center street, until Mr. Gladwin sold out to Mr. Fenn, who moved up to the mill then known as the "Sawheag Works." There Mr. Wooding worked until the mill was closed. He then learned the carpenter's trade from Calvin Harrison, after which he went to work for Deacon Harvey Hall, making wagon parts. At this time he lived in the eastern part of Wallingford, where he remained until his death. About the year 1867 he started in the carpenter business with Hubbard Fenn, with whom he continued until the latter's death, in 1884, when he went into the building and construction business for himself, so continuing until he died, May 12, 1891, at the age of sixty years. Among the many

buildings he erected may be mentioned the Simpson block. Politically he was a Republican, and he was an honorable and upright citizen. Socially he was a member of Accanant Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F., and also of the Encampment. An active and devout member of the Baptist Church, his manly and straightforward life reflected no discredit on his religious connections. For fifteen years he was a trustee and for many more an efficient worker in the church.

On Nov. 28, 1856, at the residence of Nathan Gunn, in Milford, Conn., Newton C. Wooding was married, by Rev. W. H. Boole, to Miss Julia Frances Fenn, who was born in Orange, May 12, 1839, a daughter of John and Susan (Daly) Fenn. She died Oct. 26, 1892, the mother of the following children: (1) John N., born Dec. 14, 1857, was married Oct. 30, 1884, at Center Brook, Conn., to Gertrude M. Bushnell. (2) Fannie Julia, born March 4, 1861, died Aug. 3, 1893. (3) Nellie E., born Oct. 22, 1863, was married Nov. 25, 1891, at Wallingford, by Rev. F. E. Marble, to Harry B. Dudley, of Guilford. (4) Charles F. is mentioned below. (5) Mary E., born Dec. 14, 1873, was a teacher in the public schools of Hartford, and was married Jan. 8, 1901, to William Henry Franchum, Jr., of Montreal, Canada. (6) Benjamin Harrison, born July 29, 1875, was married in Smith's Cove, Digby Co., N. S., Jan. 24, 1898, by Rev. J. T. Eaton, to Carrie T. Bryant, of Nova Scotia, and is the father of one child, Frances Thornton, born July 11, 1899.

Charles Fenn Wooding was reared in Wallingford, and, with the exception of one term at Hogarth Academy, New Haven, received his education there. For three years he was employed by Marcus E. Cooke, and then worked with his father at the carpenter's trade. Upon the latter's death, in 1891, the young man assumed control of the business, which he inherited, and has retained the unsullied reputation his father won. Among his more substantial undertakings may be mentioned the homes of F. A. Wallace, D. W. Burke, Prof. Franze Mileke, and his own handsome and commodious structure, which he put up in 1897. The very attractive residence of Mrs. Potter, on South Main street, in Wallingford, was one of his most satisfactory and creditable erections, as is also the Free Public Library buildings in Southington. One of his largest contracts was for the H. L. Judd & Co.'s buildings, amounting to over \$40,000. He keeps from twenty-five to thirty men at work continuously, and is a popular and successful business man. On Dec. 13, 1900, Mr. Wooding formed a corporation under the title of The C. F. Wooding Co., which includes the business of C. F. Wooding. The officers are C. F. Wooding, president and treasurer; B. H. Wooding, secretary.

Mr. Wooding is a member of Compass Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., and of Accanant Lodge, No. 71, I. O. O. F., of Wallingford, also of the En-



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campment; he is highly esteemed as a faithful and efficient worker in these two great organizations. Politically he is a Republican, but he has been much too busy to devote much time to practical politics. For three years he has been a trustee of the Baptist Church, of which he is a consistent member.

On Feb. 24, 1802, Mr. Wooding was married, by Rev. C. H. Dickinson, of Wallingford, to Miss Elizabeth Marshall Gooding, and to their union have come the following children: Herbert Marshall, born Feb. 5, 1893; Raymond Fenn, born April 22, 1895; and Newton William, born Aug. 14, 1900. Mrs. Elizabeth M. (Gooding) Wooding is a daughter of William James and Abby Taylor (Dearth) Gooding, the former of whom was born in Bristol, R. I., July 24, 1842, son of James Madison and Charity (Sprague) Gooding.

Mr. Wooding is an energetic and progressive young man, and his genial manners and high character have made him very popular wherever he is known.

CHARLES VICTOR ALEXANDER DEXTER, collector of city taxes in Meriden, is a man whose personal character and business abilities recommend him to the favorable consideration of the public.

Mr. Dexter was born Jan. 12, 1851, in Nordhausen, a town of Prussian Saxony, Germany, son of Charles Dexter, a native of the same town, who passed most of his business life in Wittenberg, where he died at the age of seventy-nine years. Charles Dexter was a manufacturer of furniture and a very successful man. He was broad spirited and progressive, liberal in his church views, a member of the Masonic fraternity and a kind friend and neighbor. Mrs. Dexter died in Berlin at the age of seventy-seven years. Four children were born to them: Oscar, who died in Nordhausen; Charles V. A.; Olga, widow of Herman Von Hoff; and one that died in infancy.

Charles Victor Alexander Dexter obtained his education in the home school and in Goerlitz College, from which he graduated at the age of nineteen years. During the Franco-Prussian war he served bravely and loyally as a soldier. Beginning as a volunteer private, he was raised to the rank of first lieutenant, and was in the service ten years before he resigned. Leaving the army in 1880 he spent some time in visiting his parents at Wittenberg, and was for a time at Hull and Liverpool, England. The following year he came to the United States, remaining a short time in New York, and then making his appearance in Meriden, where he secured employment with the Bradley & Hubbard Mfg. Co. This position he held two years, and in 1883 became attached to the Meriden Britannia Co., in whose employ he remained seventeen years. In 1892 he was made translator of foreign correspondence for that concern, as he is an accomplished linguist and has ready command of several modern

languages, German, French, Spanish and others. In June, 1900, Mr. Dexter was elected city tax collector. He was time keeper of the sewer department in 1896 and 1897; has been deputy registrar of voters for the Fourth Ward for five years; and was city sheriff for one term, elected in 1898. Mr. Dexter is a Republican in his political principles and is a staunch supporter of the party.

Mr. Dexter and Miss Louisa Schneider, a native of Germany, were married in Yalesville in 1892, and they have one child, Carlos. Mrs. Dexter is an accomplished and genial lady and has many friends who appreciate her womanly and housewifely character. Mr. Dexter belongs to the Foresters of America and to Meridian Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M. He is a member of the Baptist Church, where he organized the choir upon a high plane eighteen years ago, and during this time has been the organist and leader of the church music. As a musician he attracts admiration, even among his music-loving race. For four years he was secretary of the Sunday-school. He is widely known as a gentleman of unusual educational attainments and is regarded as a learned man by those who are themselves deeply versed in literature and science. His culture and refinement are the more noticeable because of his modest and unassuming character. He is well acquainted in Meriden and is the fortunate possessor of a host of friends.

ANDREW G. PARKER belongs to the number of gifted mechanics and forceful characters that the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. has called into its service to help make it the great and widely known institution it is. Its employees are the pick of the industrial world, and to be a workman in the Winchester factory is a certificate of mechanical ability. Mr. Parker was born in Naugatuck, Conn., Aug. 25, 1850, son of Giles Parker, a native of Woodbury, Conn., and a tailor by trade; he possessed a rare musical ability, and at Waterbury led the band. He worked at his trade in Naugatuck and at Bridgeport, dying in the latter city in 1856. Sarah J. Alaby, his wife, was born in Stratford, Conn., a daughter of Daniel R. Alaby, a native of Newtown, and of English extraction. Charles Parker, the father of Giles, was a son of that Parker who came to this country from England at a very early day; he was the first man in Connecticut to perfect a pump that would draw water. To Giles and Sarah Parker were born three children: Andrew G., whose name appears above; Charles N.; and Sarah J. Charles N. is a mechanic in New Haven; and Sarah J. died at the age of twenty-six, unmarried. The father was a Whig, and in religion both he and his wife were devoted Baptists.

Andrew G. Parker spent his early years in Bridgeport, where he attended school. When he was nine years of age his parents removed to Hamden, Conn., and there he continued his school attendance until he reached the age of thirteen. His

first work was done in Mount Carmel, Conn., where he found employment in a bolt factory, remaining there for about four and a half years. His next engagement was with George T. Newhall as a carriage blacksmith, serving a five years' apprenticeship with him and following that trade two years in the city. For two years he was a driver on the horse cars; conductor three years; and was driver and conductor of the State street line two years. Mr. Parker entered the employ of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. in March, 1879, and has proved himself one of the most reliable and trustworthy men connected with that great corporation. Entering as a common laborer, he has steadily advanced, until now he is foreman of the gun barrel department and is inspector of that room, a most delicate and responsible position.

Mr. Parker was married Sept. 2, 1873, to Hulda M. Cooper, a native of New Haven, and a daughter of Horace W. Cooper (who was born in Fair Haven), and his wife, Matilda F. Dorman. To this marriage have been born six children: Stella M., Arthur C., Harry E., Andrew G., Jr., and Rean O., living; one child, Eva M., died young. Mr. Parker belongs to the Republican party and is a member of the Montowese Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., the Golden Rule Encampment, No. 24, Olive Branch Lodge, No. 84, F. & A. M., the N. E. O. P., and the Winchester Lodge, of the Order of Good Fellows.

Commodore Perry was the great uncle of the mother of Matilda F. (Dorman) Cooper.

JOHN A. RYAN, architect, contractor and builder, of Waterbury, was born in Newport, R. I., June 14, 1858. His father, James Ryan, a native of Limerick, Ireland, came to the United States in 1840 and worked in various towns in the East. In Newport, R. I., he married Johanna Sullivan, who was also a native of Limerick, and they had ten children, seven of whom died young. The three surviving are Dennis, who is a carpenter; Daniel, a butcher, both living in Newport; and John A., the subject of this biographical notice.

John A. Ryan was educated in the parochial schools of Newport. In early life he passed six years on the stage, or in the ring, as a general performer, and also spent some time at sea. He then served an apprenticeship of four years at the carpenter's trade with P. E. Reed, of New York City, and afterward worked eleven years at that trade with Morton & Chesley (later W. P. Chesley & Co.), of New York City. In 1895 he came to Waterbury and at once engaged in contracting and building on his own account, all his structures being from his own designs. One of his many edifices in Waterbury is the house of J. H. Mulville on East Main street; he also designed and executed the grill work and furnishings of the J. H. Mulville undertaking establishment, and numerous cottages give evidence of his taste and skill.

In 1885 Mr. Ryan was joined in matrimony with Mary Kennedy, a native of Ireland, and this union has been blessed with four children, James J., Mamie, John A. and Christopher.

Mr. Ryan is independent in politics. He is a jovial, genial gentleman and fraternally is an esteemed member of the B. P. O. E. and of the Hep-tasophs. He is a devout Catholic in religion. As a business man he is what is known as a "hustler," having through his industry and skill realized a competence which has been augmented by the inheritance of a valuable property. He and his family stand very high socially, being respected by all classes within and without the pale of their church.

GEORGE LEWIS DICKERMAN, of New Haven, a prominent member of the New Haven County Bar, is a son of the late Charles Dickerman, of New Haven, who descended from that branch of the Dickerman family which has been identified with New Haven from Colonial times.

Thomas Dickerman, the emigrant ancestor of the family, and his wife, Ellen, came about 1635, to New England and to Dorchester, Mass., where he died in 1657. Our subject is a descendant of this settler in the seventh generation, his line being through Abraham, Isaac, Stephen, Elisha and Charles.

Abraham Dickerman, son of Thomas, the settler, was born in 1634, and was married in 1659, to Mary Cooper, who was born about 1636, daughter of John Cooper, of New Haven. It is supposed she was born in England. They lived in New Haven. Mr. Dickerman died in 1711, and his wife in 1706.

Isaac Dickerman, the son of Abraham, born in 1677, in 1709 married Mary Atwater, who was born in 1686, daughter of Jonathan and Ruth (Peck) Atwater.

Stephen Dickerman, son of Isaac, was born in 1721, and in 1752 married Eunice Tuttle, who was born in 1733, daughter of Andrew and Eunice (Sherman) Tuttle. They lived in New Haven. He died in 1779, his wife passing away the same year.

Elisha Dickerman, son of Stephen, was born March 5, 1769, and was married Dec. 27, 1794, to Anna Scott, who was born about 1770, daughter of William and Mary Scott. She died March 6, 1798. His second marriage occurred Jan. 20, 1800, at Branford, when Pamela Goodrich became his wife. She was born in December, 1774, daughter of Bartholomew and Hannah (Baldwin) Goodrich. Mr. Dickerman died July 26, 1855, in the eighty-seventh year of his age, his widow survived until June 11, 1861, also reaching the age of eighty-seven.

Charles Dickerman, son of Elisha, was born Sept. 10, 1816, and was married in Branford, this county, Feb. 22, 1848, to Jane Foote, who was born Oct. 24, 1826, daughter of Merritt and Betsy (Palmer) Foote. Her father, who was born in 1795, was married June 18, 1818, to Betsy Palmer, and

died March 4, 1876. Mrs. Foote was born May 6, 1794, and died April 25, 1837. Along in the middle thirties, Charles Dickerman, accompanied by two of his brothers, Edmund and William, went South, establishing themselves in mercantile business at Natchez, Miss. After some ten successful years William Dickerman returned to New Haven, while Charles and Edmund Dickerman went to the city of Milwaukee, Wis., where they made paying investments of real estate. About 1850 Charles Dickerman returned to his old home in New Haven, where he passed the remainder of his life. Here he and William associated themselves together and engaged in the manufacture of carriages, continuing in that line until the breaking out of the Civil war made it unprofitable.

Charles Dickerman gave much attention to fruit culture, and became an expert in pomology. He fruited nearly 300 varieties of pears, besides other fruit, and received a number of medals for exhibits on various occasions, among them the Wilder medal of 1873. He took great delight and pleasure in giving to others grafts from his trees, and thus encouraged an important industry. He was quite an antiquarian and took delight in preserving memorials of early days. Mr. Dickerman passed away May 6, 1897, when past eighty. His wife died in 1875; she was a member of Centre Church. He was a member of the Republican party. To the marriage of Charles and Jane Dickerman came three children: Ellen Palmer Dickerman, born Nov. 12, 1848, was married in 1870 to Charles W. Bardeen, of Fitchburg, Mass., now a resident of Syracuse. George Lewis Dickerman is mentioned below. Caroline Ives Dickerman, born Sept. 23, 1856, lives in New Haven.

George Lewis Dickerman was born April 12, 1852, in New Haven, where he was prepared for college at the Hopkins Grammar School and was graduated from the Academical Department of Yale College in 1874, completing the course of the Columbia Law School, New York, in 1876. His studies in law were pursued under Hon. Benjamin D. Silliman, of New York City, and he was admitted to the Bar in New Haven May 17, 1878, since which time he has been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of law in that city. For four years he served most efficiently as an alderman.

Mr. Dickerman was married Oct. 14, 1885, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., to Elizabeth Shoemaker, who was born Feb. 11, 1856, daughter of L. D. and Esther (Wadhams) Shoemaker, of Wilkesbarre.

HON. JAMES P. BREE, lawyer of New Haven, who at this writing is State senator from the Eighth District, has taken high rank in his profession and in the councils of the Democratic party in Connecticut to-day, and is one of the most promising of the young men of New Haven county.

Senator Bree was born Dec. 16, 1864, in New Haven, a son of Patrick and Mary (Hart) Bree,

and received his preliminary education in the city's public schools and the Hillhouse high school. Early in his life career he learned the printer's trade and wrote some for local newspapers. Having decided upon the law as a life work, after some reading, he entered the Yale law school, completed the course and was graduated therefrom in 1890, being admitted to the Bar the same year, and began the practice of his profession in his native city, where now, after more than a decade of study and earnest effort, he has become established in a good and growing practice.

Mr. Bree has given considerable attention to city affairs and to the interests of charitable organizations, being a director for some years and at present, of the St. Francis Orphan Asylum Corporation, and of the St. Lawrence Cemetery Association, and director of Organized Charities, as well as being actively identified with temperance work in New Haven, both city and county, as well as Connecticut. Mr. Bree has the distinction of being the last town auditor in New Haven, remaining in that position until the office was abolished by an act consolidating the city and town governments. From boyhood he has been a total abstainer and has held office in various temperance organizations, for two terms being the president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, of Connecticut. He has been seen and heard on the temperance platforms in many towns of this and other States, and has also held office in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and is at this writing the national secretary of this order in America. He holds membership in the Knights of Columbus, and in the American-Irish Historical Society.

Shortly after casting his first vote Mr. Bree was elected a member of the common council, following which he was for some years an auditor of town accounts for New Haven. His political affiliations have always been with the Democratic party, although he has many ardent admirers and friends among the Republicans, which his consistency as a Democrat, his high character and conspicuous ability have won for him. In 1899 he was elected a member of the Legislature, and in that body made many friends, earning a reputation as an industrious and hardworking member. During the session of 1899 Mr. Bree was heard from in debate a number of times, and was always listened to with interest and respect. Among other bills he advocated the one for one-half fare for school children on the street cars, and also offered an amendment in that session to the report of the Committee on Railroads, which was adopted by practically a unanimous vote. He secured an amendment to the charter of the city of New Haven, requiring that all the streets be sprinkled by the municipality, at general expense, a practice which has proved to be of much convenience and benefit. Being a ready and pleasing speaker he often rises to a high plane of genuine eloquence. In his style of speaking he has an individuality that is effective. His diction is pure and

graceful and his voice is of a pleasing quality and wide compass. Mr. Bree was elected to the State Senate for the session of 1901 and was also elected auditor for the State in that session. During this session he introduced the Bree bill, providing for the establishment of hospitals for consumptives, which, in a modified form, has become a law. The *Evening Leader* of Jan. 17, 1901, editorially speaks of Senator Bree as follows:

"The Senator two years ago was one of the brightest and most active members of the House, and the start he has made in the Senate this year justifies predictions that no district will be better represented than this of New Haven, which has the biggest population of any district in the State."

Senator Bree has been twice married, first in 1890 to Nellie A. Leddy, of New Haven, who died in March, 1894, leaving one son, Vincent; and second, in December, 1898, to Annie E. Gray, of Forestville, a most charming lady, by whom he has had one child, a bright little fellow named Paul.

LOUIS CONRAD PFAFF. Among the prominent, highly esteemed and substantial citizens of New Haven, Conn., is Louis Conrad Pfaff, who is the owner of one of the largest business enterprises in this city.

The story of the life of Mr. Pfaff reads almost like a romance, although, when it is calmly considered, his career shows that his remarkable success is but the natural result of honesty, energy, courage and industry. The birth of Mr. Pfaff was in Harthausen an Schr., Hohenzollern, Segmaringen, Germany, Nov. 26, 1830, and he was a son of Ignatz and Francisca (Knaus) Pfaff, the former of whom was a mason and contractor, like his father, and followed this trade in his own land all his life. Three children were born to the worthy parents of Mr. Pfaff: Katherine, who married Sebastian Pfister, died in Germany; Cecelia, who married Hubert Ganggell, and lives in Hartford; and Louis Conrad, of New Haven. Until he was fourteen years old Louis Conrad Pfaff attended the village schools and then went to a neighboring city where he thoroughly learned the butcher business, serving a long apprenticeship, as is the custom in that country, where each workman must learn every detail of a business before he is considered ready to offer his services to the public. Until 1851 the young man worked in various cities at his trade and then served in the army for three years.

When Mr. Pfaff left the ranks and was prepared to return to private life again he decided to seek his fortune in America, and July 9, 1854, he reached New Haven. It required almost as much courage as it did to face the guns of the enemy for the young German to come to a strange country with its unknown laws and unrecognizable speech, and there to attempt to carve out a successful career without either money or friends. Although he was not able to speak a word of English, Mr. Pfaff had

a genial and pleasant manner, found his way to New Haven and soon secured employment in a slaughter house owned by Alois Young in Fair Haven, where he remained for one year, coming then to New Haven where he entered into the employ of Richard Platt in the same business. This firm was located on the corner of George and Church streets, and with energy Mr. Pfaff began his labors here, determined to do his whole duty, and satisfying his employers so well that he continued with them for five years.

Mr. Pfaff relates that one day he was in the neighborhood of the business house of his former employer, Richard Platt, and was trying to see his way clear to renting this business, when he was accosted by a financier of New Haven who had watched his honest efforts. The wealthy friend questioned him as to his prospects and desires, and then showed his confidence in his integrity by saying: "Buy the business and I will back you." In 1859 Mr. Pfaff embarked in the retail meat business for himself on Congress avenue, where he prospered for two and one-half years. It is needless to say the capitalist never had cause to repent of his generous act. The close confinement told so seriously on Mr. Pfaff's health that he was obliged to sell out and prepare to take a rest. Somewhat homesick he decided to build up his health in his old home, and the next four and one-half years were spent in Germany, but the attractions of his adopted land proved too strong to keep him in the old country and he returned to New Haven with health restored, but not yet in very prosperous financial condition.

Since that time Mr. Pfaff has shown what industry and economy can accomplish, now owning some of the most valuable real estate in New Haven, conducting a double store on the leading business street of New Haven and operating a large and constantly increasing business which enjoys the patronage of the most desirable residents of this community. It is but just to ascribe Mr. Pfaff's unusual success to his own efforts, and his prosperity surely shows what may be accomplished when a young man puts energy and honesty at the helm of his life boat.

In 1857 Mr. Pfaff was married to an old school mate, Miss Elizabeth Wern, who was born in the same village as himself. Of the children born to the marriage, four lived to maturity: George H., Louis, Charles and Elizabeth, all of whom have been afforded excellent business advantages. The eldest son, a very capable young man, has been his father's business partner since 1883, the firm style being Louis Pfaff & Son. George H. Pfaff married Mary A. McCheane, of New Haven, and they have had two children: Florence E., born Oct. 17, 1887; and George H., Jr., born Oct. 27, 1891.

In his political sympathy Mr. Pfaff has remained independent, voting as his judgment decides, and being bound by no party tie. With his wife and children he belongs to the German Catholic Church,



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of which he is one of the liberal supporters. Socially Mr. Pfaff belongs to the Germania Lodge and the I. O. O. F. and the Encampment, taking an active interest in these organizations and being deservedly popular in both. Mr. Pfaff is called upon to pay a heavy property tax in this city, his holding being of much value. He is a good citizen and his assistance may always be relied upon in the furtherance of public spirited enterprises. Few men in New Haven have so successfully conquered adverse circumstances, and he enjoys the esteem and confidence of his whole circle of acquaintance. Mr. Pfaff has never used tobacco in any form and is regular in his habits, which accounts for his fine physical condition at the present time.

WILLIAM C. KEENAN, one of the leading factory men of Waterbury, and for many years a worker in the industrial world of that city, a man whose name and character are beyond question, was born there Jan. 1, 1852, son of Patrick Keenan.

Our subject's father was born in Queen's County, Ireland, son of Patrick Keenan, a farmer in Ireland, who never came to this country. Patrick Keenan, father of William C., married Mary Keenan, also a native of Queen's county, Ireland, and both died in 1867. The following named children were born to them: Dennis, William C. (whose name appears above), Dennis (2), Mary A., Annie and Mary A. (2). All died young, excepting our subject, and Mary A. (2), who married William C. Kelly, of Waterbury, and died in 1892. Patrick Keenan was a gardener and followed that occupation throughout life.

William C. Keenan passed his boyhood and youth in Waterbury, attended the public schools and was thrown upon his own resources at the age of fifteen years by the sudden death of his parents. A place as errand boy in Booth & Haydens was given him, and, demonstrating at once his reliability and efficiency, he rose step by step until at present he is the head time-keeper for that concern. It is a record of a long and faithful service, and one that should have its lesson for a restless and uneasy generation.

On Nov. 27, 1873, Mr. Keenan was married to Miss Mary E. Kelly, a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Patrick and Mary E. (Moore) Kelly, natives of King's County and Queen's County, Ireland, respectively. Both died in Waterbury. To Mr. and Mrs. Keenan have been born a family of twelve children, eight of whom are living, viz: Mary E.; Anna R.; Patrick D., deceased; William, deceased; Margaret M.; John J., deceased; Sara; Lauretta C., deceased; William C.; Emilene; Rosita; and Ruth. Margaret is a graduate of the New Britain Normal School. Mary and Anna are teachers in Waterbury.

Mr. Keenan has always been a Democrat and has taken an active part in political affairs. For four years he was alderman from the Fourth Ward,

for nine years was city treasurer, and for the same length of time was treasurer of the Center school district. As chairman of the committee that instituted the present electric light system his work was important and valuable. Mr. Keenan belongs to several societies and social organizations, in all of which he is active and influential. He belongs to the W. R., C. T. A. and B. Society, the Catholic Literary Society, the Foresters of America, the Knights of Columbus, the A. O. U. W., the Mutual Benevolent Society, the St. Vincent De Paul Society, and is a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Mr. Keenan has been president of the National Land League many years. Mr. Keenan is a man of broad views, sound information and good judgment. Thrown upon the world by the loss of his parents, he continued his studies in the night schools and has for many years been a deep reader.

FREDERICK L. AVERILL, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, was born in Branford, Conn., July 15, 1865, a son of George and Harriet E. (Babcock) Averill, the former of whom has been a captain in the coasting trade nearly all his life and who still resides at Branford, Connecticut.

John Averill, the grandfather, was a resident of Branford all his life and was a man highly respected in the community, where he was so well known.

Frederick L. Averill spent his early school days in Branford, but removed to New Haven when nineteen, engaging with Smith Bros., oyster merchants. Later he became bookkeeper for Peck Furniture Co., and while thus employed attended Yale law school, being graduated therefrom in 1895, at which time he was elected clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Averill was the Republican General Register of voters for several years, and in 1896 was elected to the General Assembly, serving on the distinguished Judiciary committee of that year. When the Connecticut Naval Battalion, Naval Militia, was organized June 30, 1894, Mr. Averill enlisted as a seaman, and he has passed through various promotions in that body until he is now Commander of the Battalion. On July 11, 1898, he was made a paymaster in the United States navy. Recently he was elected a companion of the Naval Order of the United States, of which Admiral Dewey is commander.

Since his admission to the Bar in 1895, Mr. Averill has practiced his profession and is regarded as one of the rising young attorneys of New Haven. His political influence is wide, and many higher things are spoken of for him by his associates who recognize his ability and popularity.

Fraternally Mr. Averill is connected with various fraternal organizations, among which are Webster Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Harmony Council, Franklin Chapter, Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine, and New Haven Commandery, K. of T.; City Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Sheffield Lodge, K. of P.; Yale Conclave Hep-

tasophs; Washington Council O. U. A. M.; Roger Sherman Lodge, Knights of Honor; Sterling Lodge, A. O. U. W.; Pequoit Camp, Woodmen of the World. Mr. Averill is also a member of several clubs, among which are: Country, Quinnipiac, Antisautawae, Union League and Young Men's.

On Dec. 18, 1890, Mr. Averill was married in New Haven to Emma E. Button, of this city, a daughter of John M. Button, and to them has been born one child, Helen, April 1, 1894. Mr. Averill is one of the most progressive young men of New Haven and commands the respect as well as admiration of a large circle of friends.

WALTER S. CROSBY, proprietor of the Cedarhurst Poultry Yards and Jersey Milk Dairy, at West Haven, was born Oct. 1, 1854, in Charlemon, Mass., a son of Joshua and Nancy (Smead) Crosby.

Joshua Crosby was a native of Hawley and followed farming there for some time in connection with an extensive lumber business and a stage line from Northampton to Greenfield. Later he removed to Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and conducted a large truck farm until his retirement from active business, his death occurring there at the age of seventy-seven. In politics he was a staunch Republican and he held office of selectman in Hawley, and later was prominent in local affairs at Saratoga Springs. Through the war times he was one of the leaders in building a colored church in that section, as his sympathies were warmly enlisted in behalf of that race, and he assisted materially in other ways in the Abolition movement. He was a Congregationalist in religious belief and was deacon and superintendent of Sunday-school for many years. As a citizen he was highly respected by all, his sound judgment making his opinion of value, and his memory is revered in the community where he resided so long. The mother, Nancy Smead, was born in Charlemon, Mass., one of eleven children of Elihu Smead and his wife, Maria Hatch, who died aged eighty-six years. Mrs. Nancy (Smead) Crosby is living and makes her home with her three children, of whom our subject is the eldest, the others being, Arthur S., who resides in Orange; and Kate, who is a dressmaker in New Haven.

Elihu Smead, our subject's grandfather in the maternal line, was a farmer at Charlemon, where he lived to the good old age of eighty-eight. He was a descendant of John Turner, a governor of Massachusetts, and his ancestors in this line came over in the "Mayflower."

The early life of Walter S. Crosby was spent with his parents, and after attending the common schools for a time he entered Saratoga Academy, but illness compelled him to leave before the end of his course. For a number of years he was a market gardener and also bought, sold and trained horses to some extent. In 1882 he removed to New Haven as traveling salesman for a wholesale fruit house,

and later the firm of Crosby & Seward was formed, continuing four years. His next venture was the purchase of a bakery, and on selling this two years later he went on the road for a decorating firm, five years being spent in traveling through all parts of the United States, Canada and Cuba. On his return to West Haven in 1893 he purchased his present homestead and engaged in the poultry and milk business. He keeps about twenty-two head of Jersey cattle and conducts a retail milk route in West Haven, while his poultry business is carried on according to modern methods, with an incubator of 500 egg capacity. At times the yards contain as many as eight hundred fowls, including his special breeds of Barred Plymouth Rocks, Langshans, Buff Leghorns and Gold and White Wyandottes, and his market for this line of business is in New Haven.

In 1870 Mr. Crosby married Miss Carrie N. Esmond, daughter of John W. Esmond, a native of Saratoga, and a farmer there throughout his life. Her mother, whose maiden name was Kathrine Norton, is still living. Mrs. Crosby is the eldest of a family of three children, the others being Jennie, wife of Ferdinand W. Potter; and Wesley J., all residents of Saratoga. Our subject and his wife have had three children: Gertrude P., a graduate of the local schools; Lena; and Jennie. The family is prominent in social life and is connected with the Congregational Church. Politically Mr. Crosby is a Republican and for some years has been constable of West Haven, where he has also been nominated for other offices. For five years he served in the Twenty-second N. Y. N. G. at Saratoga, and fraternally he is identified with the A. O. U. W. and the K. of P., having passed through all the chairs in the latter and attained the Uniform Rank. He is a member of the West Haven Engine & Hose Co., of which he has been first lieutenant for some time.

JAMES E. TODD. One of the prominent and representative business citizens of New Haven, Conn., is James E. Todd, whose steam planing mill and offices are located at No. 546 State street in this city. Mr. Todd is a native of North Haven, where he was born Oct. 7, 1857. The family is an old and respected one in this State, and his grandfather, Capt. William Todd, was a native and lifelong resident of Wallingford.

James R. Todd, the son of Capt. William Todd, and the father of James E. Todd, was born in Wallingford, Conn., July 12, 1823, and died in New Haven, Conn., March 17, 1899. For many years he was a builder, like his father, his operations being both in New Haven and in North Haven. He married Lucretia G. Willey, of Tolland, Conn., a daughter of Hon. Calvin Willey, a lawyer of ability, who honorably represented his district in the United States Senate. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Todd settled in New Haven, where they reared their two

children: Frank E. and James E. In politics Mr. Todd was a staunch Republican, and both he and his wife were most worthy members of the Baptist Church. The death of Mrs. Todd took place in March, 1874.

The educational advantages enjoyed by James E. Todd in boyhood and youth were the best afforded by the Eaton and the Webster schools, this instruction being supplemented by that of Peck's private school, and later that of the F. A. Cargill Business College. Inheriting a love of tools and of work in wood, Mr. Todd early turned his attention to carpentering, receiving instruction from his father, and remaining with him for some years. In 1879 he embarked in the business of building and contracting on his own account, and through energy and perseverance has built up a very large and important business industry. Many of the largest and most important business buildings and residences of New Haven were erected by Mr. Todd, prominent among which are Young Men's Christian Association building; Washington building; Tuttle, Moorehouse & Taylor building; palatial residence "Kenmore" for N. W. Kendall; marble house of H. F. English; T. G. Bennett mansion; Yale University building; "Pierson Hall"; "York Hall"; "The Colony"; and many others. Adopting modern methods and machinery, Mr. Todd has been able to compete with much older establishments, his work now having a recognized value in the market and continually growing in demand. His steam planing mill is kept running full time and he gives employment to a large and skilled force.

In April, 1890, Mr. Todd was married to Miss Katherine H. Banks, of Washington, D. C., a daughter of Mrs. Julia B. Banks, of that city. One son, James W., was born of a former marriage. In politics Mr. Todd is an active Republican, without being in any way a politician, his business and social connections leaving him little time to manage public affairs. Fraternally he is connected with, and is popular in the Quinnipiac Lodge; I. O. O. F.; Chamber of Commerce; and the Pequot and Union League clubs. As a business man and as a representative and public-spirited citizen Mr. Todd is held in high esteem in New Haven.

ROBERT P. JOHNSTONE, a well-known florist and representative citizen of Hamden, respected alike for his industry and integrity, may properly be called among the self-made men of New Haven county, as he came to this country with no capital and through his own unaided efforts has achieved success. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, March 6, 1857, son of Robert P. and Sarah (Parker) Johnstone, and at the age of thirteen years began work as a gardener. He soon mastered the business in all its branches, becoming a practical landscape gardener of excellent ability. He continued to work at his chosen occupation in his native land until the spring of 1876 when he crossed the broad Atlantic

and first located in Jersey City, N. J. Subsequently he went to New Brunswick, that State, and from there to Chicago, Ill., where he was private gardener for Potter Palmer for three years. During the following four years he was similarly employed by James B. Colgate, of Yonkers, N. Y., and then was employed at the summer home of J. P. Robinson, near Narragansett, R. I., for three years. Coming to New Haven in 1890 he was private gardener for Dr. Crane at his beautiful home called "Ivy Nook," on Whitney avenue, until 1896, when he embarked in his present business at Whitneyville. Here he owns three acres of land and has over 8,000 square feet of glass in his green houses. He has a general assortment of potted plants and deals extensively in cut flowers, raising all kinds of carnations, roses and violets. He is a man of artistic taste and he thoroughly understands the business he pursues.

In Yonkers, N. Y., in 1881, Mr. Johnstone was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Luke, who is also of Scottish birth, born in Dollar, near Stirling, Scotland, and they now have a family of six children, namely: Eldred J., Robert P., Jr., Edith, Arthur D., Frederick L. and Bruce D. Mr. Johnstone is a Republican in his political views, and is a member of the Congregational Church. Fraternally he belongs to Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., and is also a member of New Haven Horticultural Society, being member of the board of managers of the latter organization.

FERDINAND PFLEGHAR, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a skilled iron worker, is a resident of New Haven, where his industry and straightforward character have made him many friends and won him the confidence and esteem of those with whom he is most intimately associated. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Oct. 20, 1845, a son of Frank Pileghar, also a native-born German, who came to New Haven, where he died in 1875. His father was a millwright and died in France. Frank Pileghar followed his father's trade, and married in Germany, Anna, his wife, being a native of the same country with her husband. To them were born six children: Frank P. is a machinist on Crown street, New Haven; Frances never married, but retired to a convent; Ferdinand; Barney is a resident in New Haven; two others died young.

Ferdinand Pileghar spent the first fourteen years of his life in Germany and attended school after the old country fashion. In 1859 he came to New Haven and secured work in Whitney's gun factory, at Whitneyville, where he remained until his enlistment in Company K, 27th Conn. V. I., in 1862, for a term of nine months. When that time expired he promptly re-enlisted in 1st Conn. Heavy Artillery, and served until the close of the war. He saw much hard fighting and was in many bloody conflicts but escaped unhurt.

When the war was over Mr. Pileghar came back

to New Haven and resumed his work at Whitneyville. For three years he continued there and then went to Watertown, N. Y., to take a place in a gun factory in that city, where he remained a year. Mr. Pileghar next came back to New Haven to help his brother as a machinist, and for three years worked in different factories in Bridgeport. In New Milford, Conn., he was the foreman of the Bostwick Brothers button factory. Leaving Bostwick Brothers he again entered the employment of his brother, and about 1885 became an employe of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. and has risen to become the foreman of the loading department of that important and world-known concern.

Mr. Pileghar was married in 1867 to Miss Hagar, German born and bred. She died in 1888, leaving Mr. Pileghar with three children: Frank H., Ferdinand C. and Minnie. Charles F. is deceased. Mr. Pileghar was married to his present wife, Hedweg Brelowski, in 1892. She, too, was born in Germany. Mr. Pileghar is a Republican, and in his fraternal affiliations belongs to St. Peter's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the Chapter, No. 33, R. A. M., of New Milford. He also belongs to Good Shepherd Lodge, No. 65, I. O. O. F., of New Milford, the A. O. U. W. and the N. E. O. P. From his long and honorable career in the Union army it is not to be expected that Mr. Pileghar should stand outside the fraternities of the old soldiers, and he is found a faithful member of the Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R. Mr. Pileghar, loyal to the faith of his fathers, is a communicant of the Roman Catholic faith.

HENRY SUTTON, whose death occurred at his handsome home, the Ward place, in West Haven, Nov. 8, 1896, was for years one of New Haven and vicinity's most active and energetic business men and substantial citizens, interested in its welfare, and a promoter of measures looking to its advancement and progress.

Harry Sutton, his father, was born, reared and educated in New York State, but moved to Oxford, Conn., and was engaged in business there as a carpenter, builder and contractor for many years, his death occurring at the age of seventy-eight. He was one of the substantial citizens of the place and took a prominent part in religious work as a member of St. Peter's Church, holding office in the church and Sunday-school. Politically he affiliated with the Democratic party, being a valued worker in the local organization. His wife, Mary A. Smith, a native of Oxford, died at the age of seventy-four. Of their five children, Frederick K. resides in Fair Haven; and Nancy J. married Louis Tucker, of Plainville, Conn. Harry Sutton was a son of John Sutton, who died in early manhood. In the maternal line Mr. Sutton was a great-grandson of the Rev. Chauncey Prindle, a graduate of Yale College, who died Aug. 25, 1833, after more than fifty years of service in the ministry; during

his active pastorate he had charge of churches in Salem, Oxford, Waterbury, and his last work was done at St. Peter's Church, Plymouth. His daughter, Hannah, was the mother of Mr. Sutton's mother.

Born May 3, 1843, in the town of Oxford, Conn., Henry Sutton was a son of Harry and Mary A. (Smith) Sutton, of Oxford, Conn. He was reared on a farm in Oxford and received a common school education. In early life he learned the trade of a carriage trimmer in Naugatuck and followed that trade there and in Canada until his coming to New Haven in 1865. He followed that occupation for some years with the Henry Manville & Co. Carriage Works. In 1870 he began the grocery business on Chapel street. Some years later, 1872, the business was removed to the corner of Chapel and Franklin streets, and in addition to the stock of groceries he handled a ship chandlery business, the latter of which grew to such an extent that it became his sole business. Some half dozen years subsequently he removed to State street.

Mr. Sutton was active and prominent in ship building for a period beginning in the middle seventies. He built and owned in his time a fleet of vessels. Among the fifteen or more vessels he constructed were some of the best schooners afloat. Of all he was part owner and manager, and three of them he owned individually. Mr. Sutton was one of the men instrumental in bringing to West Haven the Connecticut building from the World's Fair at Chicago, and erecting it in Colonial Park, West Haven Shore, and was the manager of the building after its establishment here. In 1895 he turned his attention to electric roads and became stockholder, secretary and director in the West Shore road running from New Haven to Woodmont. The deceased was widely known and had hosts of friends. He was a member of Wooster Lodge, F. & A. M., and a Mason of Thirty-second degree. Politically he was a Republican and belonged to the Republican League. He was an attendant of the West Haven Congregational Church.

Mrs. Sutton, whose maiden name was Lucinda Doney, was born in Napanee, Ontario, where Mr. Sutton met and married her. She is one of the social leaders of West Haven and her beautiful home on the corner of Campbell avenue and Elm street is the center of a refined and gracious hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton have had one child, Harry D., who married Miss Addie D. Somers, of West Haven, Conn., and has one child, Gladys; he was educated in the common schools of New Haven and Russell's Military school, of New Haven, and since his marriage resides in a separate home near his mother's. For some years he was successfully engaged in the furniture business with the Bowditch Furniture Co., but later took the management of vessels and has added a number to his fleet.

Mrs. Sutton was a daughter of Solomon Doney, who was born in Middleburg, Schoharie Co., N. Y.,



Henry Sutton

March 12, 1810, the seventh son of William and Rebecca (Seeley) Doney, the former of whom was an officer in the Revolutionary war and lived to be more than a hundred years of age. Solomon Doney was a shoemaker by trade and dealt largely in leather. He married Mary Scott, of Napanee, Ontario, who died at the age of forty-five; he died aged eighty-seven years. Both parents were devout members of the Congregational Church. Of their eleven children, six are living, as follows: Margaret, who married George Baldwin, of Canada; Homer, residing in Clayton, New York; Mrs. Sutton; Marie, who married Albert Hartman, of Utica, N. Y.; Lisle, who married Capt. H. A. O'Brien, of Thomaston, Maine; and Alzadia, widow of E. P. Sherwood, and residing in Copenhagen, New York.

EDGAR C. SLOANE, foreman of the piano stool department of the Charles Parker Co.'s works at Meriden, was born in Thompsonville, Hartford Co., Conn., Aug. 29, 1854, a son of the late Andrew Sloane, and a brother of James R. Sloane, of Meriden.

Mr. Sloane received all his schooling in the local schools before he was twelve years of age, at which time he became a clerk, at small wages, in a grocery store at Thompsonville, which was conducted by Henry Warner. Later he worked at the same business in the store of D. F. Hayes, where he remained until 1871. In that year he went to Hartford and took a position with A. H. Tillinghast, where he was a clerk, receiving for compensation for one year of work, \$480, or forty dollars a month. Returning to Thompsonville he resumed his position with Hayes, but after a year with him again went to Hartford to enter the employ of J. D. Burnham & Co., wholesale tobacco dealers, with whom he remained eight years. At the expiration of that period he took a position with Allen & Blanchard, remaining with them until 1881, when, in company with his brothers, James R. and Frederick D. Sloane, he entered into the grocery business in Thompsonville. This firm soon went out of business, and in 1883 Mr. Sloane came to Meriden, securing a position in the freight department of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, where he spent nine years, the last six of that time being head clerk. This position he resigned in 1892 to accept a position as bookkeeper in the office of the Charles Parker Co. At the end of a year he became foreman of the piano stool department of that firm, a position he has filled for the last nine years with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers. In his work he is much interested, and in the years which he has spent in Meriden, he has become one of the leading citizens of the place.

Mr. Sloane was married in October, 1884, in Marlborough, Windham Co., Vt., to Betsie (Bessie) Houghton, who was born in Vermont, a daughter of Rufus A. and Sarah A. (Winchester) Houghton. Mrs. Sloane was educated in Marlborough and

taught school for several years. She is a lady of high attainments and a devoted wife and mother. Their only child, Sarah Alice, is a student in the Meriden high school and is a bright and intelligent girl. Mr. Sloane belongs to the Hancock Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., of South Meriden, and is also a member of Pilgrims' Harbor Council, No. 543, R. A., at Meriden; Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., and both himself and wife belong to the P. O. of A., and both also belong to Rachel Rebekah Lodge, No. 2. He is a Republican, but in no sense an active politician. He and his family belong to the Universalist Church. In the community he is very much respected and is known as a good man.

The Houghton family, to which Mrs. Sloane belongs, was long settled in Vermont, and comes of English origin. Bradley Houghton, the grandfather of Mrs. Sloane, was a native of Marlborough, where he spent his life and where he owned a large amount of land. He was a member of the Congregational Church. For his first wife he married Lucy Adams, a native of Marlborough, Vt., and a daughter of Capt. Simeon Adams, an officer of the State militia. She died at the age of thirty-two. For his second wife Bradley Houghton married Eliza Rutter, a native of Townshend, Vt., and for his third wife, Samantha, a sister of Eliza Rutter. To the first marriage were born: Triplets, all dying in infancy; George, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Sarah, who married James P. Mather; Elizabeth, who married Asa Winchester; Rufus A.; and Bradley, who is still living in Marlborough. To the second Mrs. Houghton were born, twins, who died in infancy; Charles, who died in the Civil war; Susan, who died unmarried; and Sydney, who died young.

Rufus A. Houghton, the father of Mrs. Sloane, was born April 1, 1834, in Marlborough, Vt., on the homestead farm, where he grew to manhood. In his early manhood he removed to Brattleboro, where he spent seventeen years as a professional nurse, when he went to Boston, going from there to Meriden to take a place in the piano stool department of Charles Parker Company. Here he continued until his death, Dec. 27, 1901, and his remains were carried back to Brattleboro, Vt. His handsome and well appointed home was on Curtis street. In politics he was a Democrat, and in his native town he filled the office of selectman. Religiously he was a Universalist. Domestic in character and temperate in his habits, he held an assured position of respectability where he lived and is remembered as a good and true man.

Mr. Houghton was married to Sarah Alice Winchester, who was born in Marlborough, Vt., a daughter of Antipas and Lois (Kelsey) Winchester, and a granddaughter of Luther Winchester and of Seymour Kelsey, of whom the last named was born in Middlesex county, Vt., and was a soldier in the Revolutionary war; he married Sarah Angur, also a native of Winchester county, Vt. To Mr.

and Mrs. Houghton were born the following family: Romanzo, who died at the age of forty-seven; Maverett, who married Samuel H. Holcomb, of Thompsonville, Conn.; Betsie (Bessie), who married Edgar C. Sloane; Mary, residing in Boston; Sarah Lucy, who married Fred F. Loy, of Springfield, Mass.; and Hannah Lois, of Boston. Four members of this family died in infancy. Mrs. Houghton makes her home on Curtis street, Meriden. She is a member of the Universalist Church and is a lady of refinement and learning.

COL. THEODORE H. SUCHER, who for a period of twenty years and more has been prominent in the business and social life of New Haven, and whose military career covers that period, is one of the most widely known of the younger men in Connecticut, his long service in the National Guard of the State, as an officer in the 2d Regiment, giving him an extended acquaintance and a deserved popularity.

August Sucher, the father of our subject, was born at Brostau, Province of Silesia, Prussia, in 1808, his death occurring in New Haven July 12, 1891. In 1850 he came from his home to New York, going from there to California where he remained until 1858, when he located in New Haven, Conn., and thereafter lived a retired life. He married Alvina Meyer, a native of Saxony, Germany, who came to the United States, where she first met her husband. A family of three children were born to this union: Col. Theodore H., our subject; Anna, who married Richard Gubitz and resides in Hartford; and Gustave, a resident of California.

Col. Sucher was born on Feb. 26, 1859, in New Haven, and attended the public schools, after his school days were over entering a business career in the avocation of brass and metal worker in the employ of Peck Brothers, remaining with that firm for seventeen years, pursuing it with fidelity and success. Following this period he became engaged in New Haven in the business of gentlemen's furnishings, at which he continued with success until 1897, since which time he has had the management of Springside Home, an institution for the homeless and afflicted, located some four miles from the center of the city, near West Rock Park, and, including the Park property, comprises 385 acres of land.

A staunch Republican in politics, Col. Sucher has been actively interested in party and public affairs and, a born leader, his influence has been felt in municipal and county affairs, especially in military lines. As a member of the common council he has efficiently served, and also as selectman of the town. Early in his career he evinced a taste and liking for military affairs, and in manner and presence was adapted to such service. On May 7, 1877, he enlisted in Co. E, 2d Regiment, National Guard of Connecticut, and from that day to this he has been most actively interested in that organization, and in the National Guard of the State in general. His

career in the Second Regiment has been one useful to his city and State, as well as most creditable to himself and friends. Rising from the ranks he has acceptably filled the positions and was made colonel of the regiment in January, 1901, his first promotion being May 1, 1879, made captain Dec. 15, 1884, and to his credit, along with others, his company, Co. E, was made to rank among the first in the National Guard of the State. On June 16, 1891, Capt. Sucher resigned his commission but again assumed command Jan. 16, 1892; was elected major July 11, 1895; lieutenant-colonel Aug. 3, 1900; and colonel Jan. 11, 1901.

On June 5, 1883, Col. Sucher was married to Bertha Hax, of New Haven, who was born in New Jersey, a daughter of Daniel Hax, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, who, with his wife, was born in Germany. To Col. and Mrs. Sucher have been born: Theodore, Clara, Carl and Alfred; the last named died when seventeen months old. Col. Sucher is a genial, social man and has hosts of friends. Progressive and liberal, he believes in the motto, "live and let live"; is a member of many societies and served officially in them. Among these are the Knights of Honor; Knights of the Golden Eagle; A. O. U. W.; Arctic Coterie Benefit Association; Peck Brothers & Co. Mutual Aid Association; German Funeral Aid Association; the German Aid Society; and Connecticut Rock Lodge, No. 92, F. & A. M. Col. Sucher and his wife are members of Trinity German Lutheran Church, of New Haven, and are popular and highly esteemed people.

SIDNEY S. KELSEY, foreman of the sole cutting department of the Candee Rubber Co., and a rising business man of New Haven, was born in Clinton, Conn., Nov. 8, 1854, being a son of Lyman and Eunice (Carter) Kelsey.

The Kelsey family is an old one in the history of New England, the originator of it in the New World coming from England. Lyman Kelsey was born in Clinton and there passed his life and died. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade. In his native town he wedded Eunice Carter, who still survives. Eight children were born of this union: Albert, a farmer of Clinton; Ogilvie, who died at the age of thirty; Henry, foreman in the Candee Rubber Co., of New Haven; George, who died at the age of twenty-one; Susan, deceased wife of John Whipple, of New London; Leander, a farmer of Clinton; Sidney S.; Elizabeth, who married William Meigs and lives in Madison, Connecticut.

The father dying when Sidney was but eight years of age, the latter's opportunities for attending school were limited, and when twelve he began to work for neighboring farmers, continuing in this line until sixteen, but whenever he could, he availed himself of the advantages offered by the district schools. For two years he worked for the Clinton Manufacturing Co., and in 1874 came to New Haven and entered the employ of the Candee

Rubber Co. By faithful performance of duty, careful work and earnest endeavor to learn all the details of his work, Mr. Kelsey finally attained to his present excellent position as foreman of the sole cutting department.

On April 22, 1880, Mr. Kelsey was married to Blanche Mills, a native of New Brunswick, N. J., and a daughter of Stephen A. Mills, the latter having been born in the town of East Haven. A family of three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey: Arthur, Eunice L. and Amie Elise, of whom Eunice L. died when but thirteen months old. In political matters Mr. Kelsey is a Democrat, and has ably represented the Fifteenth Ward as alderman for four years, being the first elected from that ward, and has also acted as first assistant chief of the Annex Fire Department. Fraternally Mr. Kelsey is an active member of the K. of P. and has filled all the chairs in that order; is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Hiram Lodge, No. 1; the New England Order of Protection; and of the Woodmen of the World.

JOSEPH BUCKHOLZ, a well known dairyman and general farmer of the town of Orange, who by his own individual efforts has achieved his present prosperity, is a native of Germany, born in Baden April 23, 1849.

Andrew Buckholz, his father, was a farmer in the Fatherland and passed all his life there. There were only two children in the family, Joseph, of whom we write, and Amanda, who died young.

Joseph Buckholz received his education in the schools of his native place and assisted his father on the farm. During the Franco-German war of 1871-72 he served in the Prussian army some eighteen months and saw considerable service. In 1873 he came to America, landing at New York, from that city proceeding direct to Milford, New Haven Co., Conn., where he worked on various farms for a time. Later he found employment on the George Clark farm at ten dollars per month, and so continued until 1877, in which year he came to the town of Orange and rented Mr. Lane's farm of fifty-six acres. Thereon he spent about nine years engaged in general agriculture and dairying, after which he bought the Lambert farm of eighty-five acres, his present property. On this he has made many improvements, including the building of a fine, commodious barn; he does a large dairy business, having over twenty milch cows and delivers milk to customers in New Haven.

In 1873, in Baden, Germany, Mr. Buckholz married Helen Fulmer, a native of that city, and a daughter of Kinsley Fulmer, and the day after the wedding they came to the United States. Seven children have graced this union, viz.: Otto M., a farmer and dairyman, married to Anna Ziegler (he is a member of the Governor's Horse Guards); Fanny, deceased wife of Henry Chindler (they had one child, Otto); Joseph, at home; Charles Casper;

Helen; Carrie, attending school; and Ernest. The entire family are members of the Catholic Church, which they attend at New Haven, and the parents are widely and favorably known for their many deeds of charity. Mrs. Buckholz is a woman of sound common sense, a great help to her husband, and a good mother, besides being a devoted wife. He, himself, is a hardworking, upright, honest citizen, attending strictly to his business affairs—hence his success in life.

JAMES BENNETT, one of the leading meat dealers of Meriden and a man who is highly esteemed by the community for his good life and manly character, was born in Camborne, Cornwall, England, March 31, 1860, and is a good representative of the modern, sturdy and upright Englishman with his robust nature and virile spirit, transplanted to the soil of America, making a broad-minded and progressive citizen of the great Republic.

James Bennett received his education in the public schools of his native community, which was cut short by his beginning work with his father on the farm. In 1878, when he left home for the western world, he was but eighteen years old. Sailing from Liverpool he landed at Quebec and for a number of years was employed in lumbering and farming in Ouvry, Ontario, where a year later he was joined by his brother. There he remained until December, 1880, when he came to the United States and located at Cheshire, Conn., where he farmed until 1882, when he formed a partnership with his brother, A. S. Bennett, of Cheshire, and engaged in the meat business under the firm name of Bennett Bros. They had a branch route in South Meriden where they established a market the following year under the management of James Bennett. In 1884 the firm was dissolved and the South Meriden market remained in the hands of its manager, A. S. Bennett taking the business at Cheshire. James Bennett has been engaged in a good business for seventeen years and has a flattering patronage. He has bought a good farm and deals very largely in high grade stock and also conducts an extensive trade in fertilizers.

Mr. Bennett is a hard working and most industrious man and has won his present creditable standing in the world by hard work and most patient application. At the present time he is running several delivery wagons to Yalesville, Tracy and Meriden.

In 1884 Mr. Bennett was married to Miss Julia C. Andrews, of Cheshire, a daughter of the late Horace E. and Esther (Johnson) Andrews. Mrs. Bennett is a sister of Mrs. George Francis, of North Farms, Wallingford, and is the mother of five children: Milton L., who attends the high school; Emma Esther; Marion Edmonds; Amy Julia; and James Stanley. Mr. Bennett is connected with the local lodges of the I. O. O. F., being for seventeen years identified with Hancock Lodge, No. 28. He

belongs to the Methodist Church, in which he is a local preacher and has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school several years, and for seventeen years has been a trustee of the church. In political affairs he is a Republican, and while no office-seeker, takes an intelligent interest in public affairs. He is a companionable and whole-souled gentleman, very popular in the community and very prosperous in his business.

ALBERT EDWARD PLANT, one of the best horticulturists in New England, was born Nov. 6, 1841, on the farm where he now resides, son of William and Polly (Beach) Plant, both natives of Branford.

Elias Plant, the father of William, was born in Branford July 9, 1774, son of Benjamin and Loana (Beckwith) Plant. Benjamin Plant was born in Branford about 1732 and died there Aug. 11, 1808. He was a son of John Plant, born in Branford in 1678, who died Feb. 10, 1752; he married Hannah, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Barns) Wheaten. He was a son of John Plant, the progenitor of the family in Connecticut, who died in 1691. Elias Plant married Ruhamah Hall, and they reared a family of ten children: William; Mary; Thomas, who married Lucretia Chidsey; Edward, who married Harriet J. Street; Jane; James; Harriet, who married James Morris; Julia Ann, who married James T. Leet; Elias, who married Delia Beach; and Jane M.

William Plant, the father of Albert E., was born in Branford Jan. 4, 1800. He was a farmer and a surveyor, and for many years filled the office of county surveyor in his home county. In June, 1831, he married Polly, daughter of Asher and Statira (Baldwin) Beach, of Branford, and they had six children: Louisa B., now the wife of James B. Evens; Alonzo A., who married Mary E. Hough; Edwin E., who married Amelia E. Finch; Luzerne W., who married Elizabeth Lambert; Albert E.; and William H.

Albert Edward Plant was reared on the home farm, and since the Civil war has been prominently engaged in fruit growing and horticulture. His extensive operations frequently demand the services of twelve or fifteen men, and some seasons more than that number are employed. He is active in promoting the best interests of his particular line, and is a member of the Pomological Society of Connecticut and a regular attendant at the meetings of the State Board of Agriculture. He was one of the State's exhibitors, of various kinds of fruit, at the recent Pan-American Exposition.

Mr. Plant donned the Union blue Aug. 7, 1862, as a member of Company B, 15th Conn. V. I., Capt. Theodore R. Davis, and his army experiences covered many of the most exciting scenes and incidents of that great struggle. The command was attached to Gen. Gettys' Division of the 9th Army Corps, under Gen. Burnside, and our subject's regiment,

which was commanded by Col. Dexter R. Wright and Col. Charles L. Upham, in turn, was under Gen. Sumner at Fredericksburg. After this engagement they went to Newport News, thence to Suffolk, Va., where they were under Gen. Peck, and took part in the siege. Subsequently they were at Kinston, N. C., where Mr. Plant was taken prisoner March 8, 1865; he was sent to Libby prison, detained there three days, and then sent to Annapolis on parole. He went home on a furlough and rejoined his regiment at Kinston. He was discharged and mustered out of the service at Newbern, June 27, 1865, and arrived home July 4, 1865, the survivor of many perils and narrow escapes. During his long service he was never in hospital.

Mr. Plant was married Sept. 20, 1871, to Bessie W., a daughter of Julius and Mabel (Andrews) Upson, of East Haven, and they have had four children: (1) Albert B., born Oct. 14, 1872, was educated in the common schools and at the business college in New Haven; he is still at home. (2) Mabel U., born Aug. 10, 1875, died June 9, 1883. (3) Mary Eliza was born June 5, 1887. (4) Ray Upson was born Feb. 26, 1890. Mrs. Plant belongs to the First Congregational Church of Branford, of which her husband is an attendant and supporter.

Mr. Plant is a member of Widows' Sons' Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Mason Rogers Post, No. 7, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican. He is one of the live, public-spirited citizens of the town, and always ready to lend a helping hand to any forward movement.

CHARLES ZINA MURDOCK, whose name is familiar to those acquainted in the city of Meriden, as that of a much respected citizen and a very successful farmer and stock raiser, in Paddock avenue, was born in the Hanover District, Meriden, May 1, 1850. His father, the late Zina K. Murdock, formerly a leading farmer in Meriden, is mentioned elsewhere.

Charles Zina Murdock obtained his education in the public schools, in Meriden Academy, and also at Russell's Military Academy, New Haven. After the completion of his schooling he adopted farming as his life work, for which he was already well prepared by a boyhood and youth spent on his father's farm. Until 1888 he remained on his father's farm engaged in general agriculture and in dairying in company with his brother, George. In that year he located on his present farm, a tract of 100 acres, part of the paternal estate, which is admirably situated in Paddock avenue, not far from the city. Here for the past thirteen years he has been engaged in farming and dairying with fine results. Mr. Murdock is fond of good horses and cattle, does a good business in stock raising, and takes great pleasure in his outdoor life. On his farm he has just completed the building of one of the finest dwelling houses to be found in the town, outside the city of Meriden, fitted with all the modern appliances; it



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was erected under his close supervision. The grounds are attractive and the outlook upon the surrounding country is magnificent. Mr. Murdock is a modest man, genial in manner and possessing a whole-souled friendliness of spirit which wins and retains a host of friends. While taking an active interest in politics, he calls himself an independent Democrat. In his religious ideas he is broad and liberal and would rejoice to live in a world that had for its great central theological principle the Golden Rule.

On March 6, 1889, Mr. Murdock was married at Port Monmouth, N. J., to Miss Alice C. Carter, who died April 25, 1891, and was buried in the West Cemetery at Meriden. She is remembered as a lady of marked beauty, with a warm and generous heart, a cultivated mind and a keen appreciation of the highest and noblest in daily life. She was a member of the Baptist Church. At her death she left one son, Carter Z., born Feb. 12, 1891. Mr. Murdock is a member of the Meriden Grange, but belongs to no other society. He is domestic in his tastes, well-read, and in every way an estimable man.

WALTER E. SMITH, a representative farmer and highly esteemed citizen of North Branford, New Haven county, was born in that town Dec. 23, 1856, and belongs to an honored old family. James Smith, his paternal great-great-grandfather, married Lydia Todd, March 26, 1747. Their children were: Mary, born Dec. 22, 1747, married James Pardee; James, born Aug. 30, 1750; Benjamin, born in 1753; John, born June 14, 1756; Thomas, born Oct. 10, 1761; Eli; Mabel, born Jan. 20, 1769, married Merriam Munson.

Thomas Smith, son of James, was born Oct. 10, 1761, and died Feb. 20, 1815. He married, first, Sarah Frost, and had two sons and one daughter: Thomas, John and Sarah. On April 22, 1801, he married Rosanna Hull, who died Feb. 3, 1846. In their family were the following children, namely: Ebenezer, born March 17, 1802, who wedded Mary Ann Rogers; Rosanna, baptized June 21, 1812; Martha, who married George L. Thorpe; Hiram, who was baptized May 6, 1810; Thomas; and James.

Deacon Thomas Smith was born in North Haven Sept. 20, 1798. For over thirty years he was deacon in the Congregational Church. On Jan. 24, 1819, he married Hannah Tuttle, daughter of Jude Tuttle. To them came the following children: (1) Julius, born Dec. 6, 1819, wedded Mary Frost; he was engaged in the butcher business in Fair Haven and Hartford. (2) George R., born Jan. 18, 1821, married Emeline Munson and followed farming near the old homestead. (3) Sarah L., born April 20, 1824, died young. (4) Thomas Andrew, born Jan. 9, 1827, is a farmer of North Branford. (5) James Franklin, born Dec. 31, 1830, was the father of our subject. (6) Jane F., twin sister of James, is the widow of William S. Munson, of Walling-

ford. (7) John W., born Jan. 14, 1835, first married Anna Fowler and second Ida Bradley; he is engaged in farming in Seymour, Conn. (8) Julia A., born Aug. 20, 1844, married Henry Harrison, of Northford; she survived him, dying April 2, 1901, in West Haven. Those living are Thomas A., Jane and John W.

James F. Smith, father of our subject, was born in North Branford and there he engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout the greater part of his life. In New York City he was married, Feb. 17, 1852, to Miss Frances Elizabeth Brockett, who was born in Cheshire May 24, 1833, a daughter of George and Abigail (Sanford) Brockett. She had one brother, Nelson Brockett, who married Margaret McElroy and resided in Meriden, Conn., where he died in 1896. Her paternal grandparents were David and Damerus (Beach) Brockett, and her maternal grandparents were David and Millicent (Hotchkiss) Sanford, the latter a daughter of Deacon Gideon Hotchkiss. To James F. and Frances E. (Brockett) Smith were born two children, of whom our subject is the older. The younger, Emma Brockett, was born May 25, 1858, was given good school privileges and now resides on the old homestead in Northford, town of North Branford, with her mother and brother; she married William E. Riker and has two children: Maud F., who was born Aug. 25, 1886, and is now attending the high school of Meriden; and Wilhelmina Evans, who was born Nov. 4, 1889.

Walter E. Smith was reared on the home farm and acquired his literary education in the common and private schools of that locality. In early life he learned the printer's trade and followed that occupation in New Haven and Wallingford for five or six years. In 1894 he returned to the old homestead, comprising fifty-five acres of land, and has since devoted his energies to its cultivation and improvement. He is a thorough and systematic farmer and has met with well-deserved success in his labors. Religiously he is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, of North Haven, and a church society known as the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, while his mother and sister are Congregationalists. At one time he also held membership in the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Politically he is a staunch Republican and takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the general welfare, withholding his support from no enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit.

JOHN ALFRED OLSON. One of the most fertile and well-kept farms in the southeastern part of the town of North Haven is that owned by John Alfred Olson, one of the energetic, thrifty and very prosperous farmer citizens.

Mr. Olson is a native of Sweden, where his ancestors have for many generations been honorable and wealthy people. His father, Peter Olson, was born in that country, where he remained until mid-

dle age, when curiosity and a desire for better opportunities for his children caused him to emigrate to the United States, taking his two oldest sons, P. A. and John Alfred. In 1870 he left Sefle, Sweden, and landed in New York after a voyage of about two weeks. Three years later he sent for his wife, two daughters and youngest son. His occupation had been that of farming, and with the intention of still pursuing that industry he first located in New Jersey, but later removed to Portland, Conn., reaching there at the time when the quarries were being extensively worked for the well-known brown stone of commerce. For some time Peter Olson worked in these quarries and later he, in connection with our subject, went to Bolivar, Tenn., where they took the contract for the building of a waterway. This consumed about six months, during some of which time a number of men were kept employed, and later a similar job was taken in hand at Memphis, Tenn., work also being done in St. Louis and Chicago. From the latter city Mr. Olson and his son went to Lansing, Mich., where they were engaged in construction work on a railroad between Detroit and Lansing, remaining nearly a year in this vicinity; but their health gave out and they resigned their positions and went to New York, where they both entered the Emigrant Hospital on Ward's Island.

Upon discharge from the hospital the father and son went to Saybrook, Conn., and were there employed in the construction of the Connecticut Valley R. R., later returning to Portland, where he sent for the rest of his family and where the beloved father died, in 1876, at the age of fifty-nine years. Peter Olson married Eliza Portstrom, who now lives in North Haven with her children. All of the children were born in Sweden, and all reside in America. They are as follows: Per A.; John Alfred; Axel, who lives in California; Georgia, who married Alfred Carlson, of North Haven; and Hilma, wife of Jacob Lundgren, both being now deceased.

John A. Olson was born June 24, 1854, in Sefle, Sweden. His education was obtained in the schools of his native village, including the high school, and after coming to New York he attended the Swedish Lutheran parochial school and was confirmed in that faith. As above stated, he accompanied his father to the various localities where they both engaged in remunerative work. After the return from the Northwest Mr. Olson worked as brakeman on a train for the Connecticut Valley R. R., and then went to Portland where he was employed in the quarries of Erastus Brainerd, and later was coachman for him, remaining some two years, when he went to New London, Conn. Mr. Olson was fond of horses and in the position of coachman he had many fine specimens under his care. In New York he again became a coachman for two years, and the following six years were spent in the employ of the great Arbuckle coffee firm, and later he went to

Southport, Conn., where he remained as the trusted coachman of Frederick Marquand, the millionaire, until the latter's death in 1882. Elbert B. Monroe, a son-in-law of Mr. Marquand, was Mr. Olson's next employer, and with him he remained until 1892, when he came to his farm in North Haven that he had purchased several years before, part of it from Mrs. Fitch and the rest from Mr. Hoadley. He erected in 1893 his modern home, and during his residence here he has made many improvements upon the farm which, in the beginning, was principally covered with underbrush and used as pasture. Now the appearance of the place testifies to the attention which Mr. Olson has given it, and he carries on general farming and dairying. He has a good milk route in the city of New Haven, which he established in 1894.

In 1880 Mr. Olson was married in Southport, Conn., to Josephine Osterberg, a native of Gotland, Sweden, who has proved a worthy helpmate. The children born of this union are as follows: Edwin Alfred, who is a graduate of Moody's school at Mt. Hermon, Mass., and of Childs' Business College, New Haven; Oliver; Esther; Josephine; and John Albert. Politically Mr. Olson is a Republican and has been a member of the school committee. He belongs to the N. E. O. P. and is a stockholder and director in the New Haven Provision Co. All of the family are consistent members of the St. John's Street Lutheran Church, of New Haven. Mr. Olson has honorably won his way in life, has become a keen, careful man of business and is considered one of the substantial residents of North Haven.

WILLIAM K. WRIGHT, who enjoys more than a local reputation as a mechanic, was born in Westhampton, Mass., March 5, 1849, a son of Thaddeus K. Wright, also born in Westhampton.

Thaddeus K. Wright was a farmer and wood turner, but his death occurred suddenly while he was still in the prime of life, at the age of forty-seven years. He had raised a company for the Civil war and was engaged in drilling it when he was suddenly stricken. A man of intelligence and character, his worth was appreciated by the people with whom he lived and who called upon him to act as a selectman and serve on the school board. Nancy E. Lyman, his wife, was the daughter of Elihu Lyman, a resident of the town of Williamsburg, where she was born. She was the mother of five children: Francis H., Harriet D., Charles L., William K. and Mary J. Of these, Francis H. died in battle during the Civil war, having become a member of the 37th Mass. V. I.; Harriet married Henry L. Nichols, of New Haven; Mary married James B. Moran, of New Haven; and Charles L. is the subject of a sketch found on another page. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were Congregationalists and he was a leader in the formation of the Republican party in Connecticut in 1856, having been a staunch Whig prior to that time.

For the first ten years of his life William K. Wright lived in Westhampton where he attended school; the ensuing five years he passed in Easthampton, where he also attended school. When he was fifteen he went to New Britain, Conn., and there secured a position in a cutlery shop, and for some six years was engaged in finishing knives and forks. At Beaver Falls, Pa., he was a foreman in the same line of work and had charge of the scale sawing room for about four years. Then he returned to Massachusetts and for two years was employed at Leeds, and for seven years was superintendent of a bracket factory at Ivorytown, Conn., but since that time has lived in New Haven, where for some ten years he was in the employ of the Sargent Manufacturing Co., being a contractor in their forging department. For two years he was a foreman with O. B. North & Co., and for the last three years has been the general superintendent of the entire plant. His mechanical and executive abilities are of a very high order and Mr. Wright stands among the very first mechanics of the State.

On Sept. 21, 1877, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Emma L. Davis, of New Haven, a daughter of Daniel Davis, also a resident of New Haven, though not born there. To this union has come one daughter, Ida M., who is living at home, unmarried. Mr. Wright is a Republican, and fraternally he belongs to Hiram Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M.; Polar Star Lodge, No. 77, I. O. O. F.; Davenport Council, Royal Arcanum, and the N. E. O. P. In religion he and his family are devoted Methodists and are very highly esteemed in the community for their useful lives, good character and kindly disposition.

JOHN WILKINSON, a well known manufacturer of specialties in confectionery at No. 277 Main street, West Haven, was born Dec. 19, 1856, in New Haven, son of John and Elizabeth (Moffatt) Wilkinson.

John Wilkinson, the father, was born in England and at the early age of nine years began a seafaring life, which he continued until his marriage. He then located in New Haven, where he was employed by the Trowbridges as "ship keeper," and later by Swift, Courtney & Beachler, who now conduct the Diamond Match Factory. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and of Olive Branch Lodge, F. & A. M., of Westville, in which he was an especially enthusiastic worker, being a thorough student of the books. He and his wife were both active members of the Howard Avenue Congregational Church, of New Haven, and he was also interested in local affairs in affiliation with the Republican party. He died at the age of fifty-nine years, and his wife, Elizabeth (Moffatt), died aged sixty. They had six children, of whom four are living: William M., who is with our subject; John, who is second in order of birth; Elizabeth, who resides with our subject; and Andrew B., a plumber in West Haven and a prominent citizen, who has held various

offices, including that of chief of the fire department. Fanny (Mrs. C. W. Bissell) and Sarah (Mrs. George Mason) are deceased.

Our subject's early life was spent in New Haven where he was educated in the common schools and the preparatory school known as the "Lancasterian school." At sixteen he began to learn the confectioner's trade, beginning as errand boy with H. H. Snow, one of the leading confectioners of the United States, who employed over one hundred workmen. On completing his term he took a position with them as shipping clerk, remaining six years in all in New Haven. For a short time he conducted a messenger express business between New York and New Haven, and he spent a few months with Mr. Snow's brother, Samuel M., in New Haven. He then became a traveling salesman for Edward Smith, of New York, with whom he remained until 1892, his route extending through Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont. In 1891 he made his home in West Haven, and in the following year the present business was started and his shop and residence built. The shop is a two-story building with basement, especially designed for his work. He makes a specialty of chocolates, being the only one in the State making a fine grade. He also manufactures a cough drop, "King over all," which has a great reputation. Much of his success is due to the attractive designs which he employs in great numbers. His trade extends throughout the New England States and New York State, including the metropolis.

On Nov. 27, 1878, Mr. Wilkinson married Miss Ella J. Smith, a native of Orange, and daughter of Edward J. Smith, a carriage maker in New Haven, now deceased. They have one daughter, Mae Ella, who is a graduate of the West Haven high school.

Politically Mr. Wilkinson is a Republican and a member of the Young Men's Republican Club, of New Haven. He has served three consecutive terms as grand juror and two years as a member of the board of burgesses. In December, 1899, he was elected tax collector, serving one term; in April, 1900, he was elected deputy judge and clerk of the West Haven court. For years he has been an active worker in Annawan Lodge, No. 115, F. & A. M., in which he has held all the offices, now serving as secretary; is a past master of Olive Branch Lodge F. & A. M., Westville; and secretary and past high priest of Joseph Andrews Chapter, No. 46, R. A. M., West Haven, in which he has held all the offices. He is an honorary member of the James Graham Hook & Ladder Co. His family are identified with the Congregational Church, of West Haven, and in all the varied activities of social life they hold a leading place.

HARVEY COURTLAND VOORHEES, one of Meriden's leading photographers, was born near Dwight, Ill., Nov. 20, 1867, and is a descendant of one of the old Dutch families of New Jersey. The

founder of the Voorhees family in America was Minne Lucasse Van Voorhees, a native of Holland, who settled in Somerset county, New Jersey, and there established a family which has become well known in many States of the Union.

Abraham C. Voorhees, the father of our subject, was a native of Somerset county, where he was born April 9, 1840. When the Civil war broke out he became a member of Co. E, 35th N. J. V. I., participated in many serious engagements, and was under Gen. Sherman in the famous March to the Sea. At Atlanta he was taken seriously sick, and being confined in a hospital, was prevented from the final successful entry into the captured city. After the close of the war Mr. Voorhees located near Dwight, Ill., where he became engaged in farming and where he spent six busy years and then returned to New Jersey where he has since made his home and has there reared his family. In politics he is a staunch Republican and lives a moral life, respected and esteemed by the community. He married Miss Delia Howell, a native of Morris county, N. J., whose death occurred in 1896. She was the devoted mother of five children: John Wesley, a resident of Washington, N. J.; Emma Jane, who married George W. Aber, of Long Island; Harvey C.; William; and Daniel, who died young.

Harvey C. Voorhees was but a child of six years when he left his western home and returned with the family to New Jersey. After finishing his school course at the age of sixteen, he decided to take up photography and, with a view of mastering the art he went to Hackettstown, N. J., where he learned all of the various details of this fascinating work under C. C. Kenney, and then made his way to Hartford, Conn. There, for three years, he was employed in the establishments of Lloyd and Olsen, thence going to Washington, D. C., where he had charge of the well-known Davis studio, opposite the patent office. Mr. Voorhees remained in Washington for two years, gaining a wide experience, but in 1800, he came to Meriden, buying out the interest of C. C. Kenney, and here, during the past eleven successful years, his business has grown to great proportions. Mr. Voorhees is an artist in his work, and his thorough understanding of it and of its possibilities, in connection with his pleasant and affable manner, have won for him a flattering patronage.

Mr. Voorhees selected a Connecticut lady for his wife, Miss Margaret, the daughter of William Davidson, becoming his bride Jan. 1, 1890. In his political choice he is a Republican and was appointed clerk of the probate court by Judge Thayer, four years since, continuing in office. His fraternal connections are with the Masons and the Odd Fellows, belonging to Meridian Lodge, No. 77, in the former, and Pacific Lodge, No. 87, in the latter, of which he is past grand. Also he is past master in Silver City Lodge, No. 3, A. O. U. W.; past patron in Meridian Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

and is one of the valued members and vice-president of the social organization known as the Amaranth Club. Mr. Voorhees is very popular in Meriden and enjoys the respect and esteem of the whole community.

LEWELLYN LUTHER STODDARD, the leading retail cigar and tobacco merchant of New Haven, and a man well known and popular, not only with his fellow townsmen, but also with Yale students, whose trade he has controlled for years, was born in Springfield, Mass., Dec. 19, 1840, a son of William Arnold and Phebe (Brockway) Stoddard.

The ancestor who founded the family in America, Col. John Stoddard, was a very prominent man of his period, and held a commission in the British army. Being detailed by the Massachusetts Bay Colony, he built the line of forts in what was then Northfield, extending from Northampton to Bellows Falls, and organized troops to protect the colonists from the Indians, about 1650. The next ancestor of whom mention can be found in the records of New England was Capt. David Stoddard, captain of a company from Chesterfield, N. H., who participated in the battles of Bunker Hill and Lexington, and was a brave officer. The son of Capt. David Stoddard, Lemuel, was also a soldier of the Revolution, and the father of his wife, Mary Thomas, was in the company of Capt. David Stoddard.

Luther Stoddard, son of Lemuel, was also a soldier, participating in the war of 1812. He married Rachel Chase, whose grandfather, Capt. James Chase, had charge of the fortifications in Narragansett Bay, near Warren, R. I., during the Revolutionary war.

William Arnold Stoddard, son of Luther, and father of Lewellyn Luther Stoddard, our subject, was born in Dummerston, Vt., while his wife, Phebe S. Brockway, was a native of Hartford, Conn., a daughter of Lurie Brockway, a farmer and old resident of Hartford, of Scottish extraction. Mr. Stoddard was first a Whig and later a Republican in political matters, while he and his family were members of the Methodist Church. During his life he was a member of the Governor's Foot Guards, and also captain of the Hartford Light Guards. On May 21, 1878, this good man passed away; his wife survived until June, 1896.

Lewellyn Luther Stoddard was born in Springfield, Mass., where he received a common-school education, graduating from the high school, after which he attended the Wesleyan Academy, at Wilbraham, Mass. Later he commenced his business career in the store of his father, which was located on Main street, in Springfield, Mass. His next venture was at Peoria, Ill., where he remained two years, engaged in the grocery trade. When the war of the Rebellion broke out he returned to the East, and enlisted in the United States navy, serving his country three years, on the U. S. Steamer "Ossip-



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pee," until his discharge at New Orleans, in 1864. Returning to Springfield, Mass., Mr. Stoddard formed a partnership with his father, and they conducted a large wholesale fruit and candy business. In 1868 the concern was sold to Gunn & Merrill, and Mr. Stoddard removed to New Haven, where he bought the store of John Mandeville, on the corner of Church and Chapel streets, in the old Globe building. Here Mr. Stoddard conducted a wholesale and retail fruit and candy store, making it the largest enterprise of its kind in the State, but after twelve years he opened his present business, and has successfully conducted it for sixteen years, building it up from its original limited dimensions to the present large proportions; he controls the largest trade of any cigar establishment in Connecticut engaged in the retail line. Among his other specialties Mr. Stoddard is the owner of the famous "Handsome Dan" smoking tobacco, a great favorite with the Yale students, who almost exclusively patronize Mr. Stoddard for their cigars, tobacco and other smoking materials, recognizing the superiority of his goods. Mr. Stoddard's trade, however, is not confined to the University, but he numbers patrons throughout the State, and all unite in appreciation of his strictly honorable business methods, the excellence of his goods and almost unlimited choice offered in his handsomely equipped establishment.

In politics Mr. Stoddard supports the Democratic candidate in National affairs, but gives his support to the best man upon local questions. Fraternally he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, connected with Hiram Lodge, No. 1; Franklin Chapter, No. 2; Harmony Council, No. 8; New Haven Commandery, No. 2; Bridgeport Consistory, 32d degree; and Pyramid Shrine, of Bridgeport. Both on account of his business ability and pleasing personality he commands the respect of all who know him, and the friendship of a wide circle of the leading people of New Haven and the surrounding district.

ANDREW DWIGHT CLINTON is one of the well known citizens of North Haven, and a descendant of an old family, whose records reach as far back as 1675. The family is of Scotch descent, and the first of the family to locate in North Haven, Conn., was a Lawrence Clinton, who was born about 1679, and whose will was probated in 1758.

Lawrence Clinton (2), son of Lawrence, was made a freeman in 1761, appointed ensign in 1776, a lieutenant still later, becoming a captain of the train band in 1781. He was in good circumstances. His reputation was most excellent and he was one of the six owners of clocks in the town, and part owner of Sabbath Day House in 1786. The records show him to have been of most excellent reputation. He married Elizabeth Todd.

Jesse Clinton, son of Lawrence (2), was born in 1762. He married and became the father of a numerous family.

Jesse Clinton (2), son of Jesse, was born in

the town of Wallingford in 1805 and died there Feb. 20, 1875. On Nov. 10, 1825, he married Rosannah Bassett, who died in May, 1886. Their children were as follows: Merritt, who married Emily Blakeslee; George, who married Frances Allen; Isaac, who married Grace Allen; John; Edwin Jesse, the father of Andrew D.; and Elizur, who first married Julia A. Bishop, second, Ella G. Palmer.

Edwin Jesse Clinton was born Sept. 4, 1836, in Wallingford, on the farm where he now lives. His biography will be found on another page. On April 11, 1859, he wedded Cornelia Tuttle, daughter of Amos Tuttle, and by this marriage became the father of two children, Andrew D.; and Ida, who was born in 1871, and married Heinrich Vollhardt, of New York. The mother died March 24, 1885.

Andrew D. Clinton was born Sept. 7, 1862, in the house located just over the line from North Haven, where his father resides. His primary education was obtained in the district schools, and later, he was sent to a North Haven private school, then conducted by Miss Mary A. Livermore, where he received substantial training. After leaving school he went into his father's shop, where he was employed for about ten years, being then taken into partnership, the firm name becoming E. J. Clinton & Son.

On May 21, 1885, Andrew D. Clinton married Lucy Bishop, who was born July 10, 1861, a daughter of Erns B. and Charlotte (Thorpe) Bishop, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. One son, Charles Bishop, born March 15, 1901, has blessed this union. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clinton are valued attendants of the Congregational Church, in which Mrs. Clinton holds a membership. In politics, Mr. Clinton advocates the principles of the Democratic party, and in 1898 he was elected town auditor which responsible office he held two years. Socially he is connected with North Haven Grange, and is considered one of the substantial and prominent citizens of the town.

CURTIS B. TILEY, D. D. S., was born in East Haddam, Conn., March 18, 1864, son of Stillman J. Tiley, who was born in 1830 in Essex, Conn., where he still resides. Charles Tiley, the grandfather of Curtis B., was born in 1787, in Essex, where he died in 1841. He was a master shipbuilder. He married Mehitable Dimock Stillman, by whom he had four children: Stillman J., Louisa, Emily and Rebecca. The father of Mrs. Charles Tiley (grandmother of Curtis B.) was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Charles Tiley, the great-grandfather of Curtis B., was born in Essex in 1750, and in middle life he went to the West, where he disappeared, his family hearing no further tidings of him.

Stillman J. Tiley is a manufacturer of novelties, and is also engaged in making bicycle spokes. He married Orphelia Bates, who was born in East Had-

dam, daughter of Aneon and Sabra (Ely) Bates, and is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Tiley have had nine children: Emily and Georgia, both unmarried; Charles, who died young; Richard, who is in Essex, where he is engaged in the manufacturing business; Charles (2), a dentist in Derby, Conn.; Dr. Curtis B.; Frederick, who died in infancy; Stillman, a manufacturer in Essex; and Hettie L., wife of Dr. Linderoth, a practicing physician in Brooklyn. Mr. Tiley was originally a Whig, and is now a Republican, and he has held all the prominent local offices of the town at different times. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church.

Dr. Tiley was one year old when his parents moved to Essex, where he attended the local schools and graduated from Hill's Academy. He engaged in tutoring, and worked on the farm and in the factory, studying with high ambitions, and saved his money. When he was nineteen years old he entered the dental office of F. A. Shailer, of Essex, with whom he spent the greater part of the ensuing two years. In 1880 he was graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College. In 1885 he had opened an office in Torrington, Conn., where he continued to follow his profession until 1890, in which year he removed to New Haven. He has since been located at No. 225 Crown street, and he has already built up a very select and purely operative practice. He belongs to the Northeastern Dental Association, and to the Connecticut State Dental Association.

Dr. Tiley was married Aug. 20, 1885, to Miss Isabella E. Goslee, who was born in Glastonbury, Conn., a daughter of John Hudson and Eliza (House) Goslee. Dr. Tiley is a Republican, and belongs to the Union League.

PAUL T. SALESKI, wholesale dealer in fruit and produce at Nos. 37-39 South Colony street, Meriden, ranks among those who have contributed materially to the business activity of that city, and is an energetic and successful business man. Virtually he is a Meriden product, for here he has built up his prosperous business and made his commercial reputation, which is known to the trade all over the country, but his birth occurred in Schlochau, West Prussia, Germany, Sept. 22, 1866.

Charles Wilhelm Saleski, the father of Paul T., was born in 1824, in the same place, where he secured an excellent education and became a well-known manufacturer of pottery and earthenware. Here he married Mary Lietz, a native of the same locality, who still survives and resides in Meriden. Fourteen children were born of this marriage, nine of whom are still living, namely: Gustav W.; Charles M., a carpenter and joiner of Meriden; Frank, a prominent dairy farmer of Wallingford; August B., a meat dealer, at No. 9 Perkins street, Meriden; Paul T., subject of this biography; Anton A., of the Wilcox & White Organ Co., Meriden; Cecelia I., widow of Samuel H. W. Yale, of Meriden;

Anna A., wife of John Velz, of Meriden; and Ida M., wife of Joseph Dumackowski. Charles W. Saleski, wishing to give his children better opportunities than their native land afforded in a business way, left the Fatherland for the Western World in 1878, and immediately came to Meriden, where he has lived ever since, both he and his estimable wife taking great comfort in their children, who have grown into intelligent and respected men and women. The parents are consistent members of St. Mary's German Catholic Church, and are good and worthy people.

Paul T. Saleski attended the public schools in his native land. He was only eleven years old when his parents emigrated to America, and in Meriden he became an apt pupil in the public schools, also studying in St. Rose's parochial schools, thus early demonstrating his energy and determination. While still a mere youth he started out to carve his own fortune, beginning as clerk in the grocery store of Martin Booth, at a salary of seventy-five cents a day. He continued there for several years, thoroughly mastering the details of this business. In 1890 Mr. Saleski entered into partnership with J. I. Parker in the fruit and produce business, which was conducted under the firm name of J. I. Parker & Co. for two years. At the expiration of this time he bought his partner's interest and conducted the business under the firm name of P. T. Saleski & Co., until 1892, at which date he retired from business, in order to take a rest. Going to Europe, Mr. Saleski spent some time in travel, visiting the principal cities and places of interest in the Old World. Upon his return to America he again entered the fruit and produce business with Mr. Parker. This partnership lasted until 1895, when he again bought out the latter's interest, and became the only importer of fruit between New Haven and Hartford. Through his energy, push and strict attention to business, he not only gained the confidence of the commercial world, but the patronage of a wide extent of country, and since the spring of 1901 his business has been one of astonishing proportions. At that time removal was made to his present commodious quarters on South Colony street, and after making improvements which have cost over \$4,000, he now has two stores with cold-storage accommodations, and every modern convenience for the preservation and care of his commodities. Mr. Saleski began as a poor boy, and it has been hard work and close attention to detail that has changed his condition, until now he is reckoned with the substantial men of his locality, his property holdings and other interests being of considerable value. With it all he is held in high esteem as a man of probity, and is one of Meriden's representative citizens.

On Sept. 28, 1897, was celebrated the marriage of Paul T. Saleski to Miss Anne Reichardt, a native of Buffalo, N. Y. She is a lady of culture and takes great pride in her housewifery. Two chil-

dren have been born of this union: Henrietta and one that died in infancy. Fraternally Mr. Saleski is connected with the K. of C., in which he is past grand knight; the A. O. U. W., of Meriden; and St. Boniface Society. The religious connection of the family is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, in which he is a trustee and a member of the building committee. Mr. Saleski is a Democrat, but although highly regarded by his party he has never consented to accept office, his business, social and religious interests sufficiently filling his time.

ARTHUR H. TYRRELL, treasurer and general manager of the Waterbury Blank Book Mfg. Co., Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, born Nov. 7, 1860, in Roxbury, of old New England stock.

The first of the family in this country was Roger Tyrrell, great-great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, who came from London, England, about the year 1637, with a company under Eaton and Davenport, and was one of the original settlers of Milford, Conn. In 1639, he married Abigail, daughter of Thomas and Isabel Ulford, who "came over" in the ship "Lyon" in 1632, first locating in Roxbury, Mass., then in Springfield, in 1635, and finally in Milford, Connecticut.

John Tyrrell, son of the above, was born in Milford, Conn., in August, 1644.

Nathan Tyrrell, son of John, was born in Milford, Conn., Oct. 23, 1693, and settled in New Milford, Conn., about the year 1720. He married Ruth Buck.

Nathan Tyrrell (2), son of the above, was born Feb. 26, 1737, in New Milford, and married Dorothy Phelps.

Hiram Tyrrell, son of the above, and the grandfather of our subject, was born in Roxbury, Conn., July 9, 1800, and died there in 1883. He was a millwright and carpenter and joiner by trade. He married Laura Thomas, and they became the parents of eight children: Harriet, Charles, Oliver S., Fannie, Orrie and Laurie (twins), Lydia and Stephen.

Oliver S. Tyrrell, father of our subject, was born in Roxbury, Conn., Sept. 23, 1830, and died there April 27, 1890. He was educated in Roxbury, followed the trade of carpenter and joiner, also conducted a grocery store with John Goad, under the firm name of Goad & Tyrrell, the latter being afterward associated with his son Arthur H., in a general store business. Oliver S. Tyrrell married Rachel S. Glover, who was born Dec. 11, 1836, in Roxbury, Conn., on the home farm, a daughter of Charles Glover, who was a farmer and mechanic as well as an inventor of no small note in Litchfield county. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell, viz.: Walter S. resides in Waterbury, Conn.; Arthur H. is our subject; Cora S. is the wife of Edward Swift, of Cornwall Bridge. The mother of this family was called from earth Aug. 12, 1867,

and the father subsequently wedded Josephine Cogswell, who was born in New Preston, Conn. Three children came of this marriage, viz.: Earnest R. is in Woodbury, Conn.; Lena is single; Oliver A. resides in Bridgeport. Oliver S. Tyrrell was a Democrat in politics, and an Episcopalian in religious faith.

Arthur H. Tyrrell, the subject proper of these lines, was seven years old when his mother died, and he then went to live with an uncle on a farm in New Milford, attending during the winter seasons the district schools of the locality, later taking a term at a private school in Roxbury. At the age of twelve years he met with a serious accident by being thrown from a mowing machine, and from this injury he will never fully recover. At the age of fourteen he commenced clerking in the general store of J. B. Leavenworth at Roxbury Station, then at the end of about two years he engaged in general mercantile business with his father under the firm name of O. S. Tyrrell & Son, in the same place. This arrangement terminated after some three years, our subject then traveling for the Oriental Spice Co., of New York, and at the close of one year with that firm he entered the employ of C. W. Michaels, general merchant, Yalesville, Conn., and for about two years served in the capacity of head clerk and bookkeeper, resigning his position on account of his health. In 1882 Mr. Tyrrell came to Waterbury, and for a year was in the employ of W. O. Guilford, stationer and bookbinder, at the end of that time becoming associated with him in business under the firm name of W. O. Guilford & Co. At the expiry of some five years, this co-partnership was dissolved, and Oct. 12, 1887, Mr. Tyrrell organized the Waterbury Blank Book Mfg. Co., of which he was elected treasurer and general manager, which position he still holds. Under his able management the business has grown to be one of the largest in the State, selling their blank books in every State in the Union, and employing thirty to thirty-five hands.

In 1884 Arthur H. Tyrrell was united in marriage with Eva L. Lowe, of Providence, daughter of John Lowe, at that time president of the Rhode Island Metal Co. She and her first-born both died in September, 1885. In May, 1880, Mr. Tyrrell wedded Augusta M. Smith, of Waterbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell are members of the Catholic Apostolic Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served in various offices of trust in his adopted city. For four years he was a member of the board of school visitors, during which time he was clerk of the board for one year; in 1890 he was elected alderman of the First ward, being the second Democratic alderman ever elected from that ward, which has always been strongly Republican. In fraternal matters he is prominent as a member of the following organizations: Free and Accepted Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Independent Or-

der of Foresters, Foresters of America, Woodmen of the World, and Golden Cross. He is one of the useful progressive citizens of Waterbury, and enjoys the respect and esteem of the entire community.

ERNEST COOK MORSE was born Jan. 28, 1860, in Wallingford, New Haven county, son of Emery Morse, who was born in Yalesville, town of Wallingford, July 10, 1832. The father has been engaged the greater part of his life in the real estate business, although in his earlier years in the meat business. In his political views, he is a Democrat, but has never been willing to take official position. He is a member of the Episcopal Church. In 1855 he was married to Miss Frances Augusta Cook, a daughter of George and Lavina Cook, of Wallingford. She died March 26, 1888, the mother of the following children: (1) George Willard is in the hair felt business in Pittsburg. (2) Frank Harley is a baker in Wallingford. (3) Ernest C. is our subject. (4) Clifton Jackson is a real estate dealer in Wallingford. Harley Morse, the grandfather of Ernest C., was born in Yalesville, where he followed farming. He married Harriet Morse.

Ernest Cook Morse was educated in the local schools of his birthplace, in a boarding school at Clinton, Conn., and in the Business College at New Haven. At the age of eighteen he left school, and entered into business by purchasing the Byron Johnson Bakery, conducting same until October, 1900, when he sold out to the wife of his brother, who is now carrying on the business. In 1895 Mr. Morse started the harness and wagon business, which has increased so greatly that he is now devoting his entire time to it. Socially Mr. Morse is a member of Aecanant Lodge, I. O. O. F., and with his family he belongs to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Politically he is a Democrat, and is an honorable and upright citizen.

Mr. Morse was married May 20, 1888, to Miss Elizabeth Yale Bullard, a daughter of John Bullard, of Middletown, Conn. To this union have come: Emery Yale, born Feb. 25, 1890; Carleton Ernest, born Oct. 20, 1892; and Gladys Elizabeth, born Oct. 8, 1896. In 1897 Mr. Morse built for himself one of the most pleasant and thoroughly modern houses in Wallingford. He and his family are counted among the most genial and hospitable people of the town.

LEROY JOHN GAINES, who has for the past thirty years been connected with the Charles Parker Co., is a well-known and respected citizen of Meriden. He was born in the town of Granby, Hartford Co., Conn., Sept. 17, 1846, and is descended from an old and substantial family of England.

John Gaines, the grandfather of Leroy J., resided in the town of Granby, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was a respected citizen. His death occurred May 23, 1851, and he was

buried in the North Granby cemetery. He was married, first, in November, 1802, to Martha Hitchcock, who was born April 14, 1780, and died June 28, 1820; she was also buried in the old cemetery in that town. She was a daughter of Capt. Luther and Benlah (Chapman) Hitchcock, the former a Revolutionary hero, who took part in the engagements at Ticonderoga and New London; Capt. Hitchcock died at Springfield, Mass., Nov. 1, 1806. To John and Martha (Hitchcock) Gaines came nine children: One son, born Dec. 19, 1803, who died Dec. 25, 1803; Evaline, born Feb. 9, 1805; William, born Oct. 19, 1806, who died in the West; Harvey, born Jan. 3, 1809; Theodore, born July 22, 1810; John Richard, born June 19, 1812; Martha, born Dec. 12, 1815, who died May 20, 1819; Martha (2), born Feb. 12, 1819, who married Milo Dyke; and Maria, born March 26, 1821, who died Aug. 2, 1821. For his second wife, John Gaines married Abbie Cossett, who lived and died in Granby.

John Richard Gaines, son of John, and father of Leroy J., of Meriden, was born in North Granby, Conn., June 19, 1812. His educational advantages were confined to the district schools of his native town. At an early age he learned the trade of millwright, which business he followed through most of his life in various sections of the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut. Mr. Gaines was noted for his industry and uprightness of character. His declining years were spent with his children, his death taking place, Sept. 21, 1893, at the home of his daughter Mrs. Warner; his remains were laid in the family lot on Granby street. In political sympathy Mr. Gaines was a life-long Democrat. On May 13, 1835, John Richard Gaines was united in marriage with Sarah M. Bennett, of Belchertown, Mass., where she was born July 10, 1814. Mrs. Gaines passed away Nov. 7, 1866, in Granby, Conn. For many years she was a most worthy member of the Congregational Church, esteemed and beloved as a faithful Christian wife and mother. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gaines: Alonzo, born March 5, 1837, died in Hartland, Conn., in 1891; Marshall R. is president of the Tillotson College for colored people, in Austin, Texas; Mary A., born Sept. 16, 1844, married James Warner, and now resides in Winsted, Conn.; Leroy J. was born Sept. 17, 1846; Robert J., born March 26, 1854, died in Wallingford, Conn., in June, 1899; and Wilbur H., born April 4, 1859, resides in New Jersey.

Leroy John Gaines, who is now a valued member of the business and commercial circles of Meriden, is a native of North Granby, Conn., where he passed his boyhood, attending the public schools and later becoming a student in the Granby Academy, which at that time was in the charge of a well-known educator, Rev. William Page. As early as the age of nine years Mr. Gaines began his business career, working for Henry J. Dewey, a well-known agriculturist of that section, while attending school. De-



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terminated to obtain an education, Mr. Gaines took advantage of every opportunity. In 1862 he became a clerk in a store in East Granby, kept by James R. Viets, and there he remained until 1866, at which time he came to Meriden. Two years later he removed to Springfield, and was clerk and later traveling salesman for Kibbe Bros. & Co., wholesale confectioners, remaining with that house for two years. It was in 1870 that Mr. Gaines returned to Meriden to accept a position with the Charles Parker Co., as clerk in the gun department. An association of thirty-one years with this house testifies to his efficiency. In a marked degree, Mr. Gaines possesses those attributes which contribute to success in any line, and he is not only esteemed by his employers, but is respected by those with whom he is daily associated.

On March 14, 1869, was celebrated the marriage of Leroy J. Gaines to Miss Ann Ousterman Loweree, who was born at Flushing, Long Island, a daughter of Andrew G. and Martha (Wolcott) Loweree. Mr. Loweree passed his last days in Meriden, and his remains lie in Walnut Grove cemetery. The mother of Mrs. Gaines died in Branford, and she also sleeps in the beautiful Walnut Grove cemetery. A family of four children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gaines: Annie M. Oliver Wolcott, a graduate of the city's high school, is now a bookkeeper in the service of the Charles Parker Co.; he married Margaret Brown, of Yalesville, a daughter of Andrew J. Brown, of that place, and one daughter has been born to this union, Margaret Wolcott. George Loweree, a high-school attendant, is a clerk in the Parker clock department. Leroy John, Jr., died at the age of five years. In politics Mr. Gaines is a Republican, and he has taken an active part in civic affairs, on two occasions serving as selectman, for two years as a member of the city council, and for six years as a member of the board of aldermen. During his term of service he was the chairman of the committees on Streets, Water, Lamps and Claims, many changes and improvements being made in the public service during his tenure of office. Mrs. Gaines and the family are members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

JOSEPH C. KELLY. Among the leading and substantial citizens of New Haven, Joseph C. Kelly occupies a prominent position. Mr. Kelly came from an agricultural family of Ireland; his father, James Kelly, a native of County Cavan, spent his life on a farm in that country. The mother of our subject was Sarah (Carson) Kelly, a daughter of Dr. Joseph Carson, of Longford, Ireland, and she still survives. The family born to James Kelly and wife numbered eight children, all of whom survive, with the exception of George, the second child, the others being: Lizzie, who married John McCune, and resides in Burlington, Vt.; Rose, who married Daniel Miles, and resides in New Haven; Joseph C.; James, who is a member of the New Zealand Par-

liament, in Australasia; Margaret, who married William McClure, resides in New Haven; Sarah, who is single; and Emma, who married Betie Kerr, and lives in Ireland.

Joseph C. Kelly was born in County Longford, Ireland, Oct. 8, 1853, and until he was fourteen years old remained on his father's farm. His education was acquired in the old district school, and also in the parochial school, but in 1868, he emigrated to Canada, and settled in Canada West, on a farm. This, however, was not an active enough life for Mr. Kelly, and in 1871, he made his way to New Haven and took up the machinist's trade, and later went to work for the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., and it is somewhat remarkable, that with the exception of three years, he has been with the same company, for the past twenty-nine years, being a contractor in the concern over eighteen years. His energy and business capacity have made him a most valuable and desirable employe of this company. Mr. Kelly has accumulated large means during his long residence in this city, and owns much improved property, three of the beautiful houses on Shelton avenue belonging to him, while other houses in the city also bring him satisfactory returns. For several years following his marriage, he resided in the country, in the town of Bethany, but drove daily into the city, from his farm. A prominent and ardent Republican, Mr. Kelly has been called upon to fill many offices, has, in turn been a most acceptable alderman, councilman and selectman, from the Ninth ward, and at the last municipal election was so strongly urged to accept the nomination for mayor, that he received the most votes on the first ballot, but he withdrew in favor of John B. Studley, who was elected. At present Mr. Kelly is serving as one of the police commissioners.

On Feb. 11, 1888, Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Addie M. Todd, a native of Bethany, a daughter of Streat B. Todd, a prominent farmer and cattle dealer. The Todd family is one of the old and honored ones of New England. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly: Frank J., George W., and Arthur J., all of them attending school in New Haven. Mr. Kelly is as prominent fraternally as he is politically, being a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliated with Olive Branch, No. 84; Franklin Chapter, No. 2; Harmony Council; New Haven Commandery; La Fayette Consistory; and Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Bridgeport. The religious connection of the family is with the Episcopal Church, where they are highly esteemed.

HENRY RUSS, one of the leading German-American citizens of West Haven, was born Aug. 18, 1855, in Munich, Germany, and is the only member of his family in this country.

His father, George Russ, was a native of Landau, Germany, and followed the business of cigar manufacturing in the Fatherland throughout his life. He lived to the age of seventy years, and his

wife, Mary Moser, a native of Munich, Germany, attained the same age. This worthy couple had five children: Bertha; Henry; Herman, who conducts his father's old business in Germany; Anna and Augusta.

Henry Russ was educated in his native land, and in May, 1873, came to this country, a clever, ambitious lad of eighteen. He landed in New York and was employed for short periods in the Havenmeyer sugar factory and Goodwin's wholesale importing house on Water street, and later on Eighty-first street in various lines of work. In 1876 he located in the town of Orange, this county, being employed as a farm hand, and he once owned a fifty-acre farm in Milford. In 1880 he removed to West Haven, engaging in a general teaming business. He also carried on the ice business for six years, and since selling out has given his attention to the trucking business, keeping a number of horses. He has also made some successful real estate deals and at one time bought a tract of land, and opened up the street now known as Court street. He built four houses on the tract and still owns three, his own residence being one of the handsomest on the street. It was built in 1890, and has a fine location at the corner of Court street and Savin avenue. He has taken an active interest in promoting public movements of a beneficial nature, and he donated the lot for the Episcopal rectory at West Haven, he and his family being members of that Church. In 1888 he married Mrs. Anna Fisher, a native of Norway, who came to this country with her parents in 1866. Her father died in New Haven in 1871. Five children brighten our subject's home: Clara, Annie, George, Celia and Albert. Mrs. Russ' former marriage, which occurred in 1877, was blessed with two children, Josephine and Mary.

Politically Mr. Russ is a Democrat, but he votes for the best man in local affairs. Although the town is Republican his popularity won him an election to the board of wardens and burgesses in 1893, 1894 and 1895, and when nominated for selectman he ran ahead of his ticket, although defeated. He is a member of the fire department, Engine No. 1, and socially is identified with Annawan Lodge No. 15, F. & A. M., in which he has held office; the Order of United Workmen in West Haven; the Heptasophs and the Harugari, a German order; and at one time he was a member of the K. of P., at New Haven. He has taken special interest in the Harugari, being a charter member, and has held all the offices in the society including those of secretary and treasurer.

DEXTER LEETE BISHOP, of the Dexter L. Bishop Co., dealers in pure ice and native lumber, at Meriden, is a man of character and standing in the city where his business career has been so creditable and successful.

Mr. Bishop was born in the town of Orange, New Haven county, Aug. 8, 1865, son of Walter

G. Bishop, one of the most prominent farmers of Guilford, a sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere. Dexter L. Bishop removed to the town of Guilford with his parents when quite young and secured his education in the public schools and in Guilford Academy, from which he was graduated in 1884. Growing up on the farm, he was inured to hard work. He remained at home until of age, when he came to Meriden, in 1886, to take a position as clerk with the firm of Little, Somers & Hyatt. For eight years he remained with this house, giving general satisfaction by his faithful performance of every duty devolving upon him and his genial and courteous treatment of the patrons of the firm. At the end of this time, Jan. 1, 1895, he resolved to enter business for himself and purchased an interest in the firm of Foster Brothers. Two years later he purchased the business, and in January, 1898, organized the Dexter L. Bishop Co., he being secretary, treasurer and general manager. The business to which this corporation addresses itself is quite comprehensive, including among its principal objects the operation of saw and feed mills. They deal in every form of domestic lumber, from tool handles to piling. Recently the Dexter L. Bishop Co. have acquired the ice business of Dayton & Sherman and the Meriden Ice Co., which gives them the control of two-thirds of the ice business of Meriden. Mr. Bishop has built up a large patronage and has a fine outlook for the future. In his career he has displayed good judgment, honorable dealing and strict integrity. What he is he has made himself by hard work and unflagging industry.

Mr. Bishop was married in Meriden in 1891 to Esther C. Johnson, who was born in that city, daughter of the late Chauncey G. Johnson, a well-known real estate man, who died in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop have three children: Ethel Johnson, Herbert Leete and Wilford Merriman. Mr. Bishop is Knight Templar, a Royal Arch Mason, and is enrolled in Centre Lodge, No. 97, and Keystone Chapter, No. 27, and St. Elmo Commandery No. 9, of Meriden. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics a Republican, though taking an independent attitude. In 1899 he was elected alderman, representing the Fifth ward in the city council, where he has acquitted himself most creditably. A good citizen, an upright man, he is personally very popular with a wide circle of friends.

WILLIAM WOOSTER BUCKINGHAM is one of the younger business men to whom advancement came early. He is now treasurer and manager of the well-known Buckingham Hardware Co., of New Haven, wholesale hardware dealers.

Nathan Lewis Buckingham, grandfather of William Wooster, was a son of Nathan and Silena (Lewis) Buckingham, and was born about 1792. He married Clarissa Wooster, and became the father of six children, of whom one died young. The others were: Mark, who married Martha Bristol;

Martha, who married Styles French; Henry, mentioned below; Joel, who was among the "missing" at Chancellorsville, in the war of the Rebellion, when he was about twenty-three years old; and Henriette, of Pasadena, California.

Henry Buckingham was born Feb. 29, 1828, in Oxford, Conn., and there in the public schools he received his early training. At the age of seventeen he came to New Haven, and for a number of years was in the employ of D. W. Buckingham, and later of Jeremiah Atwater. He then went to Derby, Conn., where he engaged in the retail butcher business, but soon returned to New Haven, where he started a grocery on Chapel street. The outbreak of the Civil war diverted his thoughts into other channels, and in company with Charles King, he went South as a sutler with a Rhode Island regiment. After he returned from the war, he engaged in the real estate business in New Haven, having offices in the Hoadley building for about twenty-five years. He spent over forty years of his life in New Haven, but the last six years he retired from active business. His death occurred Nov. 7, 1893. His wife was formerly Abbie Ogden (Phillips) Curtis, widow of Reuben Curtis. She was born in Fairfield, Conn., July 16, 1830, and died in Boston, while on a visit, Jan. 28, 1901. The children born of this marriage are as follows: Nathan Lewis, born June 25, 1855, married Emma Anderson, and resides in Boston; Charles Curtis, born Sept. 5, 1856, married Louella Broderick, and lives in New Haven; William Wooster; Alfred Whitney, born in September, 1864, resides in New York City.

William Wooster Buckingham was born in New Haven, April 4, 1863. His education was obtained in the public schools. His early business ventures were along the line of mining, and for two years he was near Cartersville, Ga., engaged in manganese mining. He then returned to New Haven, and entered the employ of F. S. Bradley & Co., wholesale hardware, the firm being composed of F. S. Bradley and Oscar Dikeman, the latter now of New York City. In 1890 the firm became Buckingham, Clark & Jackson, who May 1, 1900, were succeeded by the Buckingham Hardware Co., Mr. Buckingham being the only one who retained connection with it. He is now serving as treasurer and general manager, while Mr. Bradley is president. Mr. Buckingham gives to the business the same careful attention to detail that characterized him when he became an employee of the company in 1880—an attention that has won him a large interest in the business, and a high place in the business world.

In 1885 Mr. Buckingham enlisted in the "New Haven Grays," becoming a member of Co. F, 2d Conn. N. G., serving his five years term of enlistment. He also served seven years in the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guards, being mustered out of service in June, 1900.

On Sept. 24, 1888, Mr. Buckingham was united

in marriage with Laura Stevens Morey, of Mayville, N. Y. Four children, two of whom are living, have blessed their happy home: Louella Beatrice, born June 19, 1890, died Nov. 28, 1892; William Root, born March 30, 1892, died April 27, 1892; Lenora Bishop, born June 29, 1893; and Charles Wooster, born Jan. 21, 1895.

ANDREW OEFINGER, proprietor of the Oefinger Cafe, on West Main street, Meriden, is a prominent citizen and valued business man of that place. His birth occurred March 6, 1860, in Trossingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, and his father, John Oefinger, was a native of the same locality. In early life the latter was engaged in the bakery business, but later adopted the trade of box maker, establishing a large factory of his own where this business was carried on extensively. He died in his native land in 1897, a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. The mother of our subject, Anna (Neipp) Oefinger, was also a native of Trossingen, where she died in 1862, mourned by a large family. She was the mother of eighteen children, but several died in infancy, those who reached maturity being: Jacob, who resides in Meriden; Elias, also of Meriden; Martin, who lives at home; Andrew; Michael, who was accidentally killed by a horse in Meriden; John, who was killed by the cars in Meriden; Christian, who died in Massachusetts; and Mathew, who died in Bridgeport.

Andrew Oefinger received an excellent education in his home schools, and until 1876 worked with his father in the box factory. Deciding at that time to follow a brother to the United States, he landed in New York at the age of sixteen years. His brother Jacob was located at Shelburne Falls, Mass., engaged in the manufacture of harmonicas, and with him Andrew worked for one year, coming to Meriden in 1877. Here he secured employment in the cutlery factory of the Miller Bros. Cutlery Co., remaining with that house from 1877 to 1886, during which time he was a contractor for four years. In the latter year he entered the Wilcox Silver Plate Co.'s factory, and there learned the trade of engraver. He then became connected with the Meriden Silver Plate Co. as engraver, remaining until 1894, when he bought an interest in the Turner Hall Cafe. He conducted the business at the old stand for a year and a half, changing then to No. 250 Pratt street, where he continued the business for the succeeding two years, selling out to remove to his present location. Here he managed the business for his brother until 1900, when he purchased his interest and since that time has ably conducted it for himself. Mr. Oefinger is very popular, and possesses the business qualifications necessary to success.

In 1882 Mr. Oefinger was married to Miss Ida Graebin, a lady of Prussian birth, daughter of Fred Graebin, of Providence, and four children have been born to this union: Robert; Max; Frances and Arthur. Mr. Oefinger is an active member of Ten

tonic Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F., has filled all the chairs and has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge. For twenty-five years he has been a member of the Turnverein, and for a number of years of the Saengerbund of Meriden. He is also a member of the German American School Association, the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society and the Meriden Rifle Club. His religious belief he sums up in the Golden Rule, and is living up to it. He finds his political ideas best satisfied when he keeps free from all parties and votes independently. Mr. Oefinger has many friends in Meriden, where he is ranked among the good, reliable and substantial citizens.

SHERMAN H. BALDWIN, a well-known resident of Milford, was born in that town April 4, 1855, son of Charles R., and grandson of Elnathan Baldwin.

For several generations the family has been identified with the town, and Elnathan Baldwin was born there and became a leading farmer of the town. He married Sarah Stowe, of Milford, and had a large family of children, of whom several died in childhood. The others were: Elnathan, deceased, was a farmer in Milford; William, deceased, was engaged in the hat business in New Haven; Charles R., deceased, is mentioned below; Eunice, deceased, married Charles J. Baldwin, of Milford; Sarah is the wife of Charles W. Beardsley, of Milford; Esther, died unmarried; James is a farmer in Milford; and Phineas is a farmer.

Charles R. Baldwin was born in Milford, April 12, 1823, and was engaged in farming all his life. Soon after his marriage he settled upon a farm in West Milford. He married Miss Mary A. Beardsley, daughter of Sarah Beardsley, of Stratford, and she survives him. Our subject was the youngest of a family of five children, and of the others the first died in infancy, unnamed; Edgar C. died at the age of fifteen; George H., also died at fifteen; and William died in infancy.

Sherman H. Baldwin was educated in the schools of Milford, and when seventeen years old went to Bridgeport to learn the carpenter's trade, but after a year he returned to Milford, and entered the employ of his uncle, H. B. Beardsley. Later he resumed the work in Bridgeport, and in 1888 he began in contracting there, and his time is now chiefly devoted to building, although he has, as well, a farm of sixty-five acres to manage. While in Bridgeport he was a member of the Board of Trade. In 1879 he married Miss Lottie H. Warner, daughter of Noah-diah Warner, of Southbury, Conn., and she died March 19, 1889. On Jan. 30, 1895, Mr. Baldwin married Miss Mary Blakeman, daughter of Ezra Blakeman, a farmer of Huntington, Fairfield county, Conn. Mr. Baldwin has one son by his first marriage, Clifford S., aged nineteen. As a member of Congregational Church of Milford, Mr. Baldwin has been active in religious work for many years, and

he also belongs to the Grange and the I. O. O. F. Politically he is a Republican, and as a citizen he is held in high esteem.

G. CLIFFORD FOOTE, who is a member of the well-known firm of H. C. Rowe & Co., oyster growers, and one of the public spirited and influential business men of New Haven, was born in Fair Haven, Oct. 17, 1809, a son of George L. and Lucretia (Way) Foote, and a grandson of Augustus and Statira (Whitney) Foote. The grandfather was a farmer of Northford, and there reared a family of six children, Mary, Sarah, Emily, Samuel, Henry and George L., of whom only the latter two survive, Henry, of North Haven, and George L., father of our subject.

George L. Foote was born in Northford, July 18, 1835. He married Lucretia Way, a native of Yalesville, and a daughter of David Way. Three children were born of this union, namely: Frederick W., an oyster dealer in New Haven; Leah S., wife of Herbert Kanahan, of New Haven; and G. Clifford.

G. Clifford Foote was reared in Fair Haven. He attended the Woolsey school and also the Hillhouse High School, supplementing his public school education with a course in a business college. He began his business career in 1887, at the age of eighteen years, as stenographer for H. C. Rowe & Co., oyster growers. Mr. Foote's faithful and conscientious discharge of his business duties immediately won the confidence of his employer, which has continued and increased during the fifteen years' connection, which has ensued. His salary was raised repeatedly and voluntarily by the firm, and he has recently acquired a junior interest in the great and successful business enterprise conducted by this well-known house.

Mr. Foote married, May 29, 1893, Matilda A. Bostwick, of New Haven, daughter of Rev. William L. and Susan M. (Smith) Bostwick. Her father was a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, having held the rectorship of several Parishes in Illinois and Connecticut. To G. Clifford and Matilda Foote have been born four children, Ruth B., Bernice G., Marion I. and Dorothy M. Both Mr. and Mrs. Foote are active members of St. James Episcopal Parish, of which he is clerk. In politics Mr. Foote is a Republican, and in 1900 he was elected councilman from the Fourteenth Ward, and in 1901 was elected, for a term of two years, to the Aldermanic Board of the Court of Common Council of the City of New Haven.

RICHARD HENRY WOODRUFF, first selectman of the town of Guilford, where he is engaged in fruit farming and dairying, was born in that town Aug. 13, 1850, and comes from one of the most reputable families of New England. He is in the eighth generation from Matthew Woodruff, the first progenitor in America of this branch of the



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Woodruff family, the line of his descent being through Samuel, Daniel, Daniel (2), Dr. Eleazer, Monzo and Eleazer.

(I) Matthew Woodruff was one of the original proprietors of Farmington, in 1672, coming thither from Hartford in 1640, and was admitted a freeman in 1667. His wife was admitted to the church in Farmington in 1654. He died at an advanced age in 1682.

(II) Samuel Woodruff, son of Matthew, was born in Farmington, in 1661, and was married in 1686 to Rebecca, daughter of John Clark. In 1698 he moved to what is now the town of Southington, and has a place in history as its first white settler. He died in 1742, his wife in 1737.

(III) Daniel Woodruff, son of Samuel, was born in 1696 in Farmington, and married Lydia, daughter of Ephraim and Rachel (Cole) Smith. He died in 1785.

(IV) Daniel Woodruff (2), son of Daniel, was born in 1728, and was married in 1750 to Lydia Porter, who died in 1796. He lived on what is known as the Edwin Woodruff place.

(V) Dr. Eleazer Woodruff, son of Daniel (2), and great-grandfather of Richard H., was born in Southington, Conn., and baptized Sept. 24, 1752. He was a physician and located at Haddam, where he followed his profession. During the Revolutionary war he served as surgeon and supplied the medicine he prescribed. He married Sophronia Porter, a daughter of Dr. Porter, of Southington. A letter from Dr. Woodruff, written to Dr. Pierson, while he was serving with his regiment, is preserved among the choice heirlooms of the family; it reads as follows:

RESPECTED SIR:

It is common for a person upon the reception of a letter to be well pleased but truly Sir you will be greatly disappointed upon opening this for I have nothing very special to acquaint you with. Therefore, I shall only give you a short sketch of our encampment. Our circumstances are as favorable as can be expected. We are encamped on York Island about eighty rods east from Mount Washington in the woods. The place is universally liked. Would not exchange places with any regiment on the island. We have good tents to live in, straw to sleep on; salt pork and beef; good bread plenty, and sometimes a few potatoes. Cider at seven coppers a quart and who can wish to live better than that?

As for news I shall not pretend to write much, for probably there is more with you than us. However last Wednesday three ships sailed up North river, and as they passed the fort they fired some guns, but no damage was done. Our people fired from the Jersey side, but did little or no execution. The ships still continued up the river. It is said they have taken two of our new galleys and one vessel coming down the river.

[Signed]

ELEAZER WOODRUFF.

(VI) Monzo Woodruff, son of Dr. Eleazer and the grandfather of Richard H., was born in Haddam, and removed to Killingworth, where he followed the blacksmith's trade, and where he died in the prime of life. He was buried there but his remains were afterward removed to Guilford by his son,

the father of Richard H., and interred in the family plat. During the war of 1812 he served as a soldier for a short time. Hannah Davis, his wife, was born in Killingworth, and was the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier. Their children were: (1) Eleazer was the father of Richard H. (2) Adelia married Aden Parmelee, of Killingworth, and had one daughter Clementine, who became Mrs. Warren Tucker. Mr. Parmelee died in Newark, N. J. (3) Harriet married Justin Dudley, of Killingworth. (4) Orvill died in Killingworth. (5) Orvill (2), married Angeline Parmelee; he died in Killingworth.

(VII) ELEAZER WOODRUFF, father of our subject, was born July 3, 1819, and lost his father while still a young boy. He attended school only a few terms, for at the age of nine years he was bound out to a farmer, with whom he remained until he was sixteen years old, when he entered a grist mill at Cornwall. There he was employed two years, and next spent two years in a tanyard at Guilford, working there in the summer and in the winter following shoemaking, a trade he had already acquired. Leaving his wages in his employers hands, by the failure of that gentleman he was made penniless, but with stout and brave heart, he went to work again, as a farm hand. In 1840 he came to Guilford and found work in the mill of the town, and became its keeper and operator for twenty-three years. During a part of this time he had as a helper the afterward well-known Prof. Loper, of Middletown, Conn. In 1863 he bought a tract of land in Hungary Hill, in the town of Guilford, which was then a wilderness. When he entered into possession of this tract of land, it was encumbered to the extent of \$2,700, but by hard work he paid off the indebtedness, and was able subsequently to make numerous improvements. He was an extensive grower of tobacco and a pioneer in that field. On account of old age Mr. Woodruff has now given up active farm work, and his son, Richard H., has charge of the family interests. However, he is quite active, and still retains command of all his faculties, being noted for his clear and active mind. He has always been strictly temperate, and has never used tobacco in any form. In early manhood he had a strong ambition for an education, and attended school at Killingworth, where he acquired at least a working education. Mr. Woodruff is the oldest member of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 38, F. & A. M., in Guilford. William Henry Harrison, Whig candidate for president, received his first vote, and William McKinley his last. He belongs to the Third Congregational Church. He has ever been known as an active, industrious man, and is highly respected in every walk of life.

Mr. Woodruff was married in Guilford to Harriet A. Davis, who was born in Guilford, a daughter of Christopher B. Davis. She died on the farm Dec. 14, 1890, and was buried in the family ceme-

tery, leaving precious memories as a wife and mother. Five children were born to them: (1) Ellen, born Jan. 5, 1850, died in 1853. (2) Edwin C., born Jan. 25, 1852, graduated from Yale in 1872; he was elected town clerk and probate judge of Guilford, acting in that capacity at the time of his death, which occurred May 17, 1886. He was married July 15, 1884, to Charlotte Simes, of Yonkers, N. Y. (3) Richard H. is mentioned below. (4) John, born Jan. 27, 1859, died June 16, 1862. (5) Lucy, born March 20, 1862, married Frank Griswold.

Richard H. Woodruff attended the Guilford schools and grew up on the home farm, where he has always remained. Since his father retired from active work, he has carried on the extensive farm of over 200 acres, largely devoting himself to dairying, having fifty head of Jersey cattle. He is giving much attention to peach culture, and has over a thousand trees growing. A man of enterprising and active spirit, he is much respected for his business ability. In 1880 he built a fine house and barn, which latter, in 1895, together with seventy-five tons of hay, two horses and all his farm implements, was destroyed by fire, Mr. Woodruff losing in all \$3,000. The barn with which he has replaced the one he has lost, is about the finest in the town; some of the stones in its foundation weigh over five tons. It holds one hundred tons of hay, and has ample accommodation for stock and machinery.

Mr. Woodruff was married Nov. 1, 1882, to Isabelle Parmelee, a native of Madison, and a daughter of Henry Parmelee. She died April 27, 1885, at the age of twenty-six years, leaving one son, Henry Edwin, born March 8, 1885, who is now living in Madison with his grandparents. Mr. Woodruff married for his second wife, Nellie R. Brewer, who was born in Guilford, daughter of Alva G. Brewer. To this union have come three children: Hattie, born May 29, 1889; Alva, born March 20, 1891; and Raymond, born Dec. 17, 1893; all are attending school. Mr. Woodruff was elected selectman of Guilford in 1898, in 1899, and again in 1900, and is chairman of the town board. He is a staunch Republican. For many years he has been president and director of the Guilford Agricultural Society. He belongs to the Third Congregational Church, and fraternally is a Mason, affiliating with St. Alban's Lodge, No. 38, Guilford.

Alva Goldsmith Brewer, the father of Mrs. Woodruff, was born in Port Chester, N. Y., June 7, 1838, son of Thomas Brewer, a native of Devonshire, England, who came to New York. For some years he worked as a carpenter and joiner, and in his later life located with his family at Moose Hill, New Haven county, where he bought a farm. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He married Phebe Conklin, of Long Island, and they had two children: Lydia Ann (who married Albert Conklin) and Alva G. Alva G. Brewer was three years old when he came to Guilford with his parents. He

was educated in the public schools, became a farmer, and also dealt in railroad ties and ship timber. He died May 13, 1887, and was buried in the West cemetery. He was a Congregationalist in religious connection, and was well known and highly regarded. In 1861 he was married, in Branford, to Harriet Alice Palmer, a daughter of Wilmot and Susan C. (Bradley) Palmer, and by her became the father of eight children: Nellie R. married Richard H. Woodruff; Albert C. married Fannie Fowler; Fannie married Lovell Stone, of Florida; Elizabeth married William Blatchley; Angeline married William Leete, of Leete Island; Harry is living at home; Mary; Hattie is at school.

HENRY DRYHURST, postmaster of the city of Meriden, and a well known attorney, is one of the leading citizens of that community, and has long been connected with public affairs there. He came to Meriden from Massachusetts in March, 1865.

Henry Dryhurst, the father of our subject, learned the trade of silversmith in his native place, Birmingham, England, and came to America to pursue it while still a young man, locating in Providence, R. I. In that city he followed his trade a short time, then removed to Taunton, Mass., in 1864 coming to Meriden, where he entered the employ of the Meriden Britannia Co., with whom he remained for many years. Mr. Dryhurst's fame, as a skillful workman was known all over England and the United States wherever the best class of silver-plate was manufactured. His wife, formerly Eleanor Lewis, died in Meriden, Oct. 2, 1881. Our subject's brothers and sisters are all living at this writing: Rowland L., in Rockford, Ill.; Hugh, in Hartford, Conn.; Louisa E. (wife of Montgomery R. Budd), Eleanor and Laura A., all of Meriden; and Emma, wife of Edwin W. Hall, of Wallingford, Connecticut.

Henry Dryhurst, the subject proper of this biography, received his education in the district school, leaving his books early to engage in work in a saw-mill in Meriden. A short time afterward he entered the employ of George R. Wilmot, and remained with him for a number of years. Ambitious and energetic the youth resolved to supplement the knowledge he already possessed by attendance at night school, and as a most excellent one was conducted by Rev. John T. and Mrs. Pettee, he was enabled to continue his studies. In 1877 he entered the postal service under postmaster Erwin D. Hall, with whom he continued for nine years. The law was the profession he had in view, and in the course of time he was able to enter upon its study under Hon. Ratcliffe Hicks, then city attorney. Still later he studied with Hon. O. H. Platt, and finished his course under the wise direction of Hon. George A. Fay. In January, 1884, he was admitted to the New Haven County Bar and entered into practice, immediately coming to the front in politics. For eight years he was chairman of the Republican town committee and

efficiently filled the office through the Presidential campaigns of 1888 and 1896. In 1890 he was appointed postmaster at Meriden by President Harrison. At the expiration of his term in 1894, he resumed the practice of law, and held the position of assistant city attorney. In 1898 he was re-appointed postmaster, and the general consensus of opinion is that this city has never enjoyed better postal facilities than under his administration. His care and evident desire to facilitate all of the work of the office in such a way as to best accommodate the public, has won him well-deserved popularity with all classes. During his first term he brought about the promotion of the Meriden office from the second to the first-class, and succeeded in having the carrier force increased from eight to thirteen men. During his second term he induced the department to abandon the old quarters on the west side of Colony street, and to lease the large and commodious office now occupied, in the Byxbee block, and to increase the carrier force to seventeen men.

Mr. Dryhurst married Miss Margaret C. Dutcher, who was born in Sag Harbor, L. I., and children as follows have been born to them: Jennie E., who graduated from the Meriden high school, and married Guy A. Palmer, of Meriden; Henry, Jr., a student in the Meriden high school; and Orville J. Mr. Dryhurst is a man of domestic habits. He is a member of no secret societies, but has long been connected with the First Baptist Church, and with the Home Club.

EDWARD N. WARNER, a thorough and skillful farmer living on Munson street, Hamden, was born on the farm where he now lives, May 11, 1852, and is a representative of one of the old and honored families of the town. His grandfather, Elam Warner, a son of Hezekiah Warner, was born on the same farm and married Betsey Merriman, by whom he had four children: Orchard; Horace; John, father of our subject; and Catherine, wife of Merriek Mansfield. All are now deceased.

John Warner, father of our subject, was also born on the old homestead in Hamden, in 1822, and continued his residence there throughout life, his time and attention being devoted to farming. He married Miss Sarah J. Riggs, a native of Oxford, Conn., and to them were born four children: Edward N., our subject; Bernard A., a farmer of Hamden; and Richard L. and George W., both carpenters of that town. The father died in 1869 and the mother departed this life Jan. 12, 1898, at the age of sixty-five years. They were highly respected and esteemed by all who knew them.

The boyhood of Edward N. Warner was passed upon the home farm and his early education was obtained in the common schools of the neighborhood. At the age of sixteen years he went to Michigan, where he attended school for two years, and on his return home took charge of the farm, as his father had died in the meantime. He now owns fifty acres

of rich and arable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, and upon which he is successfully engaged in general farming and dairying. Politically he is not identified with any party but votes for the men whom he considers best qualified to fill the offices, and fraternally he is a member of the Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. Warner was married Dec. 31, 1888, to Miss Ella Warner, and they now have two children: Freda E., born June 12, 1894; and Earl, born Dec. 9, 1897. The family are prominent in the community where they reside.

CHARLES W. HOFFMANN, a highly prosperous farmer and butcher, and one of the substantial citizens of the town of Orange, is a native of New Haven county, born Sept. 22, 1864.

John W. Hoffmann, his father, was a native of Germany, born July 8, 1827, in Saxe-Coburg, a son of Peter and Catherine Hoffmann, the former of whom was a butcher, successful business man of the above named Duchy. John W. Hoffmann received a liberal education in his native land and learned the butchering business with his father; but inclining his ear to the bright promises extended by the New World, he concluded to try his fortune on these shores. Accordingly, in 1853, he set sail, and after a passage of seventy days in a sailing vessel, landed at New York, soon afterward finding employment with Gen. Blanket, of New Jersey. Here he remained a couple of years and then, having married in the meantime, he opened a boarding house in New York and conducted it for a time, after which he removed to New Haven, where he operated the Miller Garden. Not making a success of this, however, he moved to the Bassett farm in the town of Hamden, and in 1858 rented the Captain White farm. For three years he engaged in general agriculture, dairying, etc. His next venture was in the butchering business on Congress avenue, New Haven, in which he continued until 1876, in that year removing to the town of Orange and locating on the Milford pike, where he bought a tract of land known as the Gen. Ives farm. This he carried on, in connection with the butchering business, working hard and making many improvements on the property. There he passed the rest of his industrious life, and his death occurred in 1880, and his remains were interred in Evergreen Cemetery, New Haven.

In 1856, in New York City, John W. Hoffmann was married to Barbara Lutz, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Bender) Lutz, and four children came of this union: Minnie, deceased at the age of six years; Charles W., our subject; Augusta, wife of Charles Fravlich, of New Haven; and Lydia, wife of Robert Pastornus. The mother of these is now living with her son, Charles W. The father was a corporal in Company B, 2d Regiment National Guard; in religious faith he was a member of the

German Baptist Church. He was much respected for his industrious and upright life and was known far and wide as a loving husband, an indulgent father and a useful, loyal citizen.

Charles W. Hoffmann, whose name introduces this sketch, received a good education at the district schools of his native town and learned the butchering business under his father's instruction. On the death of the latter the son, although but sixteen years of age at the time, at once took hold of the business and has well and successfully conducted it; moreover he farms over forty acres of land and conducts a thriving dairy. In addition to his property in the town of Orange he owns town lots in West Haven.

In 1888, in the town of Orange, Charles W. Hoffmann was united in marriage with Martha Spiesecke, born in Germany, a daughter of Frederick Spiesecke, and two children were born to them: Lydia Barbara and Walter C. The family attend the services of the German Baptist Church, and Mr. Hoffmann is treasurer of the Sunday-school. In politics he is a Republican, is a member of the town committee, treasurer of the school board, etc., while socially he is affiliated with the Grange in the town of Orange. Since 1884 he has been a member of the Governor's Horse Guard, and in 1898 was appointed by the Governor of Connecticut lieutenant of his company. Successful in business, honest in all his dealings, there is no citizen of the town of Orange held in higher esteem and regard than Charles W. Hoffmann.

FREDERICK BURTON STREET, a descendant of the noted family of Streets of East Haven, whose reputation for sterling integrity ranks in the highest degree among the early settlers of the town, in Church and State, as the records abundantly testify, is one of the prominent and successful business men of New Haven. He was born in East Haven Sept. 29, 1853, a son of Thaddens and Elizabeth Amelia (Hotchkiss) Street. He is of the eighth generation from Rev. Nicholas Street, the founder of the family in America. The line of descent is as follows:

(I) Rev. Nicholas Street, born at Bridgewater, England, in 1603, son of Nicholas and grandson of Richard of Atogumba, Somersetshire, England, received the degree of B. A. at Oxford in 1624-5, and came to New England sometime between 1630 and 1638. He was first known as a colleague of Mr. Hooker in Taunton, Mass., where their joint pastorate continued for seven years. Mr. Hooker was then called to New Haven, Conn., as colleague of Mr. Davenport. Mr. Street continuing as sole pastor for fifteen years. He followed Mr. Hooker to New Haven where he took the latter's place as colleague of Rev. Davenport in 1659, and from 1667, until his own death in 1674, had sole charge of the First Church, now Center Church. A tablet has since been placed in that church in his memory.

Rev. Street lived in College street, on the site where now stands College Hall. He was associated with William Jones and John Davenport, in giving aid to the regicides, Goffe and Whalley. His second wife was Mrs. Mary Newman, widow of Gov. Francis Newman, of New Haven. After Mr. Street's death, she became the third wife of Gov. Leete.

(II) Rev. Samuel Street, son of Nicholas, born 1635, married in New Haven in 1664, Anna, daughter of Richard and Katherine (Constable) Miles. Mr. Street was graduated from Harvard in 1664. He lived in New Haven and taught in the school Davenport had founded. He was installed in 1674, the first settled clergyman at Wallingford, Conn., and remained pastor forty-five years. His death occurred in 1717, and that of his wife in 1730.

(III) Lieut. Samuel Street (2), son of Rev. Samuel, born in New Haven in 1667, married (first) in 1690, Hannah Glover, born in 1672, daughter of John Glover, of New Haven. She died in 1715, and he married (second) in 1716, Mrs. Elizabeth (Brown) Todd, daughter of Eleazer and Sarah (Pulkeley) Brown, and widow of Michael Todd, by whom she had nine children.

(IV) Capt. Elnathan Street, son of Lieut. Samuel, born in 1695, married in 1722, Damariss Hull, daughter of Dr. Benjamin and Elizabeth (Andrews) Hull, of Wallingford, Conn., born in 1700. Mr. Street was ensign and later captain of the train-band of Wallingford. Both Mr. and Mrs. Street died in 1787.

(V) Rev. Nicholas Street (2), son of Capt. Elnathan, born in 1730, graduated from Yale. He married (first) in 1758, Desire Thompson, born in 1745, and died in 1765, daughter of Moses and Desire (Hemingway) Thompson, of East Haven. Mr. Street married (second) in 1766, Hannah Austin, born in 1741, daughter of David, Jr., and Hannah (Punderson) Austin. She died in 1802. Mr. Street was ordained in 1755 and became the second pastor of the Congregational Church in East Haven, and early in his pastorate the Stone Church was built and still stands a monument to his memory. He continued in the ministry fifty-one years, or until his death, which occurred on the anniversary of his ordination Oct. 8th. During the Revolution he was in ardent sympathy with the American cause and did much to kindle and encourage the spirit of patriotism. In theology he was conservative and Calvinistic.

(VI) Elnathan Street (2), son of Rev. Nicholas (2), born in 1774, married in 1802, Clarissa Morris, born in 1783, daughter of Amos and Betsey (Woodward) Morris, and resided in East Haven a farmer. Mr. Street died Nov. 13, 1840. Mrs. Betsey (Woodward) Morris descended from the Huguenots through the De Luce line.

(VII) Thaddens Street, son of Elnathan (2), born April 22, 1821, married Jan. 9, 1850, Elizabeth Amelia Hotchkiss, born Oct. 26, 1826, and resided in East Haven, a farmer. He died Jan. 16,



Frederick B. Street

1882. Their children were: Samuel Hotchkiss, Frederick Burton (the subject of this sketch), and Clifford Herbert. Samuel Hotchkiss Street was born Nov. 14, 1850, married Sept. 22, 1880, Alice May, daughter of Samuel Peck Newton, and their children are, Ruby Elizabeth, born July 14, 1881; Bertha May, born Aug. 16, 1884; Mildred Dorothy, born Aug. 12, 1888; and Newton Herbert, born March 16, 1895. Clifford Herbert was born Feb. 1, 1861, and on Oct. 27, 1887, married Elizabeth A. Forbes, daughter of Albert and Harriett (Hemingway) Forbes; their children are: Albert Burton, born Jan. 8, 1894; and Helen Madolyn, born Feb. 25, 1901.

(VIII) Frederick Burton Street, born Sept. 29, 1853, married Sept. 20, 1882, Eveline Jane Jones, born May 18, 1858, daughter of Daniel A. and Emeline (Roberts) Jones, of Danielsonville, Conn., and their two children are: Emeline Amelia, born Sept. 13, 1884, entered Vassar College in 1901; Grace Hotchkiss, born Sept. 10, 1890.

Mr. Street spent his boyhood days on the homestead farm in East Haven, attending the neighboring schools, and he finished his education at the New Milford Institute. He returned to the farm where he remained some years, then with his brother, Samuel H., he engaged in the cereal and flour business, continuing successfully for about fifteen years. In 1896 Mr. Street associated himself with Lieut. Governor J. D. Dewell, as sole partner in the wholesale grocery business of J. D. Dewell & Co., with whom he has since been actively associated. True to the religious spirit of his ancestors, Mr. Street has been active in church work throughout the years of his manhood. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and has been a deacon of the church for more than twenty years. He is also superintendent of the Sunday-school, a position which he has filled for more than a quarter of a century. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the New England Order of Protection, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Founders and Patriots.

WILBUR BIRDSEY HALL, an able and energetic business man of Meriden, engaged in the manufacture of hard white metal and electro-plated ware, is an enterprising young man, native to that town, born Feb. 1, 1860, a descendant of one of the oldest families in New England.

The emigrant ancestor of the Halls of New Haven and Wallingford, was John Hall, who was born in England in 1605 and died in Wallingford in 1676, aged seventy-one years. In 1641 he married Jane Wollen, who was born in England and died before Nov. 14, 1690. The records show the following concerning their children: (1) Richard, born July 11, 1645, married, 1669, Hannah Miles, daughter of John and Mary (Alson) Miles, and died in New Haven in 1726. (2) John, baptized Aug. 9, 1646,

married Dec. 6, 1666, Mary Parker, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Potter) Parker, and died Sept. 2, 1721. (3) Sarah, twin to John, married in December, 1664, William Johnson, son of Thomas Johnson, of New Haven. (4) Daniel, born in 1647, married, 1670, Mary Rutherford, daughter of Henry Rutherford, and died at Barbadoes, West Indies, in 1675. (5) Samuel, born May 21, 1648, married Hannah, daughter of John Walker, and died March 5, 1725. (6) Thomas, born March 25, 1649, married Grace Watson and died Sept. 17, 1731. (7) Jonathan, born April 5, 1651. (8) David, born March 18, 1652, married Sarah Rockwell, and died July 7, 1727. (9) Mary, born in 1653, married Henry Cook, and died Oct. 31, 1718.

Thomas Hall, sixth in the above named family, removed from his native New Haven to Wallingford with his two brothers, John and Samuel, and was one of the signers of the Plantation Covenant in 1669-70. He spent the remainder of his life in Wallingford, where he was a land holder and where he died Sept. 17, 1731. He married on June 5, 1673, Grace Watson, who was born in 1653, a daughter of Edward and Grace (Walker) Watson. This was the first marriage on record in Wallingford. Grace (Watson) Hall died May 1, 1731. Her children were: Abigail, born Jan. 7, 1674, married John Tyler; Thomas, born July 17, 1676, married Abigail Atwater, daughter of John Atwater; Mary, born Nov. 22, 1677; Jonathan, born July 25, 1679, married Dinah Andrews May 12, 1703; Joseph, born July 8, 1681; Esther, born Feb. 23, 1683, married Benoni Atkins; Benjamin, born April 19, 1684, married Mary Ives; Peter, born Dec. 28, 1686, married Rebecca Bartholomew; Daniel, born Jan. 27, 1689; Rebecca, born Jan. 6, 1691, married Daniel Holt; and Israel, born Oct. 8, 1696, married Abigail Powel.

Joseph Hall, son of Thomas, was born in the town of Wallingford July 8, 1681, and passed his life in his native town, dying there Nov. 3, 1748. His wife, Bethiah Terrell, whom he married Nov. 13, 1706, died Dec. 28, 1753. Three children were born of this union: Temperance, July 15, 1714, died Dec. 7, 1716; Joseph, Sept. 23, 1718, died Sept. 6, 1737; and Ephraim, April 25, 1723.

Ephraim Hall, son of Joseph, was a farmer and land owner. He was twice married. His first wife, Eunice, died May 9, 1763, and on Oct. 13, following, he married Chloe Moss, daughter of Daniel and Mindwell (Doolittle) Moss. Their children were: Temperance, born Aug. 10, 1764; Joseph, March 27, 1766; Ephraim, Oct. 5, 1768; Chloe, Nov. 13, 1770; Comfort, Feb. 25, 1773, settled in Middletown; Reuben, born May 19, 1775; David Moss, Oct. 24, 1777; Content, March 15, 1780; and Bethiah, March 20, 1782. Two children were born to Ephraim Hall by his first marriage, namely: Temperance, Oct. 11, 1748, died Oct. 28, 1750; and Thankful, who married John Darrow Sept. 29, 1774.

David Moss Hall was born in Wallingford Oct.

24, 1777, and upon attaining man's estate, married Mindwell Beach. He removed to Torrington, Litchfield county, where he died Feb. 4, 1842.

Asher Hall, son of David Moss Hall, was born in Litchfield county and moved to Wallingford, whence he went to California in 1849, returning after four years to Connecticut. His death occurred in 1878 in Meriden, where he came to live immediately after coming from California. He married Delia Hall, a daughter of John Hall, of Wallingford, Conn. Asher Hall was a farmer and land owner and was an honored and highly respected citizen.

Lewis Hall, son of Asher and father of Wilbur B., was born on a farm in Wallingford Feb. 1, 1836. He received only a district school education, but was self-educated, being an omnivorous reader. He started in life in the Britannia shops in Meriden, which business he thoroughly learned. He spent a number of years with Parker, Casper & Co. and then went to the Wilcox Silver Plate Co., where he was a stockholder and where he remained until the formation of the International Silver Co. He had for over thirty years been superintendent of the Wilcox Silver Plate Factory, and continued there up to the time of his death, July 5, 1900. He was a man well known and very highly respected. In religious connection he was a member of the First Baptist Church. Though a Democrat in principle, he voted independently at local elections.

On Oct. 4, 1857, in Meriden, Conn., Lewis Hall was united in marriage with Lucy M. Birdsey, who was born on the Birdsey homestead, a daughter of Edwin Birdsey, and two children were born of this union: Lewis Burton, who resides in New York, where he represents the International Silver Co.; and Wilbur Birdsey. Mrs. Hall is still living at her home in Meriden where she is greatly beloved for her kindly sympathy and broad charity.

Wilbur Birdsey Hall received his education in the district schools of Meriden and at an early age he entered the Wilcox Silver Plate factory where he worked for five years. Being a young man of enterprise and progressive ideas he started in the silver plating business for himself in 1882, beginning first in a small factory. Through strict attention to business he was enabled in 1885 to build his present factory where for the past sixteen years he has been engaged in the White Metal business, building up a successful trade. He employs over thirty hands, but attends to all the details of the business himself.

In politics Mr. Hall is independent and has efficiently served in the city council two years, representing the Fifth Ward, and also served as police commissioner under Mayors Tracy and Wilson. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, in which he is serving as trustee. Fraternally he is a member of Centre Lodge, No. 97, A. F. & A. M., Meriden; Keystone Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council, No. 22, R. & S. M., Meriden; St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, K. T., Meriden; E. G. Storer

Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., New Haven; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem, New Haven; New Haven Chapter Rose Croix, New Haven; Lafayette Sovereign Consistory, S. P. R. S.; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Bridgeport.

In 1880 Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Lillie E. Beckley, who was born in Clinton, Conn., a daughter of George Beckley, and one child has blessed this union: Lewis George, who was educated in Meriden and in a business college at Hartford, and is now assistant to his father.

WILLIAM G. SMITH, contractor with the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, is a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., born Jan. 29, 1856, son of William Smith and grandson of Jotham Smith. The last named was born on Long Island and followed farming there until his removal to New Haven.

William Smith was born on Long Island June 17, 1823, and grew to manhood on the farm there. In 1863 he came to New Haven where he passed the rest of his life engaged at his trades of carpenter and millwright. His death occurred Oct. 29, 1890. In Brooklyn, N. Y., he married Miss Fannie Brewer, a native of England, and six children blessed this union, namely: Frances, who died at the age of twenty months; Elvira, who married Frederick E. Baldwin, of New Haven; Ida, who married Andrew J. Warner and subsequently Edward Aldrich, and lives in New Haven; William G., the subject proper of these lines; Isabelle, who first married F. B. Clemens, and is now the wife of Arthur H. Sadd, a farmer of Wapping, Conn.; and Josephine, who died at the age of seven. The parents were Congregationalists in religious connection, and Mr. Smith was a Republican politically. John Brewer, Mrs. Smith's father, was a sawyer in the dockyards in England; he died in Brooklyn.

William G. Smith was reared in New Haven and received his education in the public schools of the city, attending the Cedar street school and the Washington school in Howard avenue. After commencing work he had employment four years with the Candee Rubber Co. and then learned the machinist's trade in the establishment of the New Haven Manufacturing Co., with which he also remained about four years. In 1886 he entered the employ of the company with which he has since been connected, the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. For the past ten years he has been a contractor. Mr. Smith has made his way in the world by industry and fidelity to every trust, and he has gained the confidence of his employers and the thorough respect of all associated with him, whether in business or in private life.

On April 21, 1880, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Minnie L. Roberts, of New Haven, daughter of A. P. Roberts, who was born in Morris, Litchfield Co., Conn. On her mother's side Mrs. Smith is a granddaughter of John H.

Lhoebus, for many years a teacher of music in New Haven. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, only three of whom survive: Roland A., William G., Francis R. and Frederick E., all deceased; Dwight E., Warren P. and Fannie B. They attend the Howard Avenue Congregational Church. Socially Mr. Smith unites with City Lodge, No. 36, I. O. O. F.; Pioneer Council, No. 1, O. U. A. M.; the local order among his fellow workmen, called the Good Fellows; and the Winchester Mutual Aid Society. His political support is given to the Republican party.

RICHARD LLOYD. One of the successful farmers and poultry raisers of North Haven, Conn., who has accumulated a fine farm and surroundings by the exercise of energy and industry, is Richard Lloyd, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Lloyd is a native of Wales, born in Moughtre, Montgomeryshire, North Wales, Feb. 11, 1848, a son of Thomas and Ann (Evans) Lloyd. The other children in the family were: David, who married Ellen Donagan, and lived and died in Northford, Conn.; and Mary Ann, who married Edward Edwards, and remained in Wales.

Richard Lloyd had but limited schooling, as his health was poor in youth, and he was principally occupied in agricultural labor on his father's farm until he was married. After renting a farm there some years he came to America in May, 1889. David Lloyd, his brother, had already located in North Haven, and Richard also came here, securing work at once with Mr. E. C. Warner, and so satisfactory were his services that he remained seven years in that place. Mr. Lloyd was economical and industrious, and at the end of this time he had accumulated enough to purchase his present farm, the land then being owned by John Wiley. Since that time he has been very successfully engaged in general farming and the raising of poultry, the latter branch of the business being managed with great success by Mrs. Lloyd, who takes great care in the breeding of many excellent varieties suitable for the market.

In September, 1874, Mr. Lloyd was married to Jane Brown, a most estimable lady, born in Montgomeryshire, Wales, the only daughter in the family of four children born to Samuel and Jane (Evans) Brown, the sons being, William, John and Samuel, Jr. Samuel Brown, Jr., married Elizabeth Lewis and is engaged in business in Liverpool; William Brown is deceased. The children born to Mr. Lloyd and his wife were: Richard, born Sept. 19, 1875, in Wales, came to Connecticut with his wife in May, 1901; and Mary Jane, born July 22, 1878, in Wales, came with her parents to America. She is a graduate of the Moody school at Northfield, Mass., and after teaching four years at Woodbridge, Conn., is now teaching in North Haven. In 1896 Mr. Lloyd and family returned to Wales and spent a delightful winter among their old friends and relatives.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd are energetic and thrifty people and have deserved the success which has attended them. They have never had cause to regret their settlement in Connecticut, and are among the most esteemed residents of North Haven. Their religious connection is with the Episcopal Church, in which faith both were reared.

JULIUS KUNTZE, a well known successful dealer in tobacco and a manufacturer of cigars, whose place of business is on East Main street, Meriden, was born in Wansen, Prussian Silesia, Germany, Feb. 14, 1858.

Carl Kuntze, father of Julius, was a native of the same town, where he was engaged all his life in the manufacturing of cigars and died in 1869. He is remembered as an upright and honorable man. Theresa Weiss, his wife, was a native of the same place. Of their children, all are now dead except Herman, who carries on business at the old stand of his father; and Julius, of Meriden.

Julius Kuntze received a good education in his home town and learned his father's business in the most complete and perfect manner. After the death of his father he and his brother, Herman, conducted the business for their mother. In 1881 Julius Kuntze crossed the ocean on the steamer "Vandalia," sailing from Hamburg and landing at New York, in which city he remained six years, doing a good business as a cigar maker. At the end of that period he went to the East, stopping at New Haven, where he was located five years. He then spent several months in his native land. In 1893 Mr. Kuntze came to Meriden and established his present business, which has grown to very large proportions. Sixteen hands are now employed and his factory is the most extensive between New Haven and Hartford. Mr. Kuntze is an enterprising and progressive young man. He is strictly honorable in his dealings, kindly and accommodating in disposition and has built up a business which would be creditable to any management.

Mr. Kuntze was married in New Haven to Elizabeth Schwab, a native of Darmstadt, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and their union was blessed with the following children: George; Ludwig and Helen, both of whom died young; August; Eliza and Carl. Mr. Kuntze belongs to the Meriden Saengerbund and the Turnverein, is a member of the A. O. U. W. and of Court Silver City, Independent Order of Foresters. He stands high in the estimation of the community and his neighbors and patrons have learned to know and appreciate his many excellent qualities.

J. EDWARD BRAINARD, for some years superintendent of the city streets of Meriden, is one of the best known and highly respected citizens, and was born in Meriden Aug. 27, 1858, a descendant of one of the oldest families of Connecticut.

In the records of Haddam and East Haddam the

family name is spelled Brainerd, but later generations have changed it to Brainard. Daniel Brainard, when eight years old, is recorded as living at Hartford in the family of Gov. George Wyllys, and in 1662, when twenty-one years old, became one of the twenty-eight original proprietors of the old town of Haddam, Conn.; he married Hannah Spencer, and Nov. 29, 1668, took for a second wife, widow Hannah Saxton, and there is a tradition that her entire maiden name was the same as that of his first wife, who was a daughter of Gerrard Spencer, of Lynn, Mass. Daniel Brainard died in 1715, leaving seven sons and one daughter. Rev. Dr. David D. Field, in his *Genealogy of the Brainerd Family* (1857), speaks of Daniel as a prosperous, influential and very respectable man, a deacon in the church, a justice of the peace and largest land holder in this town. This Daniel Brainard is said to have been the common ancestor of the Brainards of this country. The family became very numerous and has ever ranked among the first in wealth and influence.

Oliver Brainard, grandfather of our subject, was a resident of Glastonbury for many years and was one of the best known citizens of that section. For nearly thirty-two years he was postmaster of the town of Glastonbury, appointed June 15, 1829, and serving continuously until his death, April 10, 1861. His son, Edwin W. Brainard, father of J. Edwin, was born in Glastonbury, where he received his primary education, later attending Wilbraham Academy in Massachusetts and Trinity College in Hartford, where he graduated in 1842 at the age of twenty, with the degree of B. A. For ten years he was a successful teacher, both in the South and also in Connecticut; and later he took up the study of medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, where he graduated. He practiced his profession in Naugatuck, East Haven and later in Branford, where he continued in practice until the time of his death. This occurred in January, 1881, and was the result of a melancholy accident. In answering a sick call he was driving across the railroad in the town of Branford, was struck by a train, and died a martyr to the call of duty. Dr. Brainard was one of the best known physicians in the State, a man of character and refinement, highly educated and prominent in all educational and progressive movements in Branford, where he was a member of the school board and one of the promoters of the high school. In religious views Dr. Brainard was liberal, following the Golden Rule to the best of his ability. Always a Democrat, he was staunch in the support of his party; was a lover of music and was the organist of St. Thomas' Church in New York, while he attended college. In New York City Dr. Brainard married Madaline S. Smith, who was born in Chelsea, Mass., a daughter of Prof. D. D. Smith, who was one of the faculty of the Homeopathic Medical College in New York City. The children of

this marriage were: J. Edwin, our subject; Madaline Clara, who married Frank B. Forbes; Gertrude, who married George Bradley, of East Haven, a soldier in the U. S. army, who died of wounds received at Santiago, Cuba, in 1898, in the war with Spain. The widow of Dr. Brainard still survives, a lady of refinement and culture, and a valued and consistent member of the Episcopal Church.

J. Edwin Brainard was born in the old Tuttle homestead on Colony street. When five years of age his parents moved to Branford where his boyhood was spent. He attended the district schools, was graduated in 1876 from the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven, and he delivered the salutatory at his graduation from the high school. His ambition was to become a professional man, and as a preliminary step he spent five years mastering drug business and materia medica, after returning to Branford to take up the study of medicine with his father. This career was interrupted by the sudden death of the latter, and in 1880 he came to Meriden and entered the employ of the Meriden Malleable Iron Co., where he held an important position up to 1891, then resigning to go into the bicycle business on Church street. Mr. Brainard formed a partnership with Irving Wilcox, under the name of Brainard & Wilcox, which continued until 1897, at which time he sold out to his partner and entered the employ of the Pope Mfg. Co.; subsequently accepting a position with the firm of Ives, Upham & Rand, in charge of their bicycle department. He continued there until Feb. 1, 1898, when he was appointed street superintendent by the board of public works, under Mayor Ives, which position he filled to the satisfaction of the public until May 18, 1901, at which date he resigned to enter the employ of the H. Wales Lines Company.

Mr. Brainard was one of the charter members of the Meriden Wheel Club when it was organized in 1882. During the past fifteen years he has taken an active interest in every movement which would further the interests of Meriden cyclists, being the promoter and builder of the first cycle path in the State, from Meriden to North Haven, and was the instigator of the Connecticut Federation of Cyclists, which was organized in this city, and which now has many thousand members, and has shown its power in Connecticut legislation. This organization is recognized as a powerful factor in the good roads movement, and is responsible for the enactment of the first and only distinctly bicycle laws that were ever passed by a Connecticut legislature. Mr. Brainard is president of the Federation and his popularity in local wheeling circles has been fully attested. For four years he was treasurer of the Meriden Wheel Club, and has been its efficient president for the last eight years. Conducting to a successful issue, as chairman of the Race Meet Committee, the three national circuit race meets of '95-96-97. Mr. Brainard personally supervised and constructed the track for these events upon original lines, the re-

sult being the lowering of many records and a reputation to Meriden of the fastest half mile track in the country.

In 1881 Mr. Brainard was married to Miss Lizzie C. Bartholomew, a daughter of Rodolphus and Elizabeth (Griffin) Bartholomew, of Branford, and three children have been born to this union: Halsted, a student in the Meriden high school; Norman, also in high school; and Spencer. Mr. Brainard has been very active in politics, having toured the State on the good roads and wheelman's rights movement; he has been the choice of the Fifth Ward for alderman, and served two years as chairman of the street committee. Upon his resignation as street superintendent he was presented with resolutions by the board of public works attesting his efficiency, and with an elegant gold chain and diamond studded locket as a token of esteem by the city teamsters. He is liberal in his views and is one of the most popular citizens of Meriden, where he has passed so many years of his life.

ALEXANDER R. AMOS, a member of the Sperry & Amos Co., of New Haven, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, May 12, 1863, but has lived in the United States long enough to have become an American citizen of whom the country is proud. His father, also Alexander, was born within nine miles of the city of Edinburgh, where he graduated from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons; he practiced in his native land all his life. Alexander Amos, Sr., married Miss Helen Donaldson, who was born in the same parish, where her ancestors for two centuries had resided. A family of seven children were born to them: John, Margaret, Helen, Annie, Jane, James and Alexander R., and all, with the exception of James, survive.

Alexander R. Amos was the only one of the family to come to the United States. He spent his boyhood days in his native place and was reared carefully by an admirable mother, as he was but four years old when his father died. The family was left in straitened circumstances, and at the age of nine years our subject went to work to take care of himself, at the age of thirteen entering as an apprentice to the cabinet making trade. His educational advantages had been meager, but the spirit of ambition filled the lad, and after his day of labor in the shop, for four years he studied architectural and freehand drawing, graduating in these at the Royal Academy of Science and Art. By the time he had reached his eighteenth year he had finished his apprenticeship and a short time later went to London where he remained some six months engaged in work at his trade, and in February, 1882, came to America, reaching this country poor and unknown.

That such was his condition reflects the greatest credit on Mr. Amos, contrasting as it does with his present honorable and prosperous condition, changed

in so short a time. His first location was in Worcester, Mass., where he followed his trade for eighteen months and then started out on a trip of sight-seeing through the West, working his way, through his trade, and closely observing and applying his knowledge as to the ideas of the American people on architectural subjects, returning after two years and locating for more than one year at Boston, Mass. Wherever he went Mr. Amos was a student, and in this, perhaps, lies a part of his success. Upon his return to Worcester he was made overseer of the cabinet department of Cutting & Bishop, contractors and builders, and remained with that firm for three years, coming to New Haven in July, 1891, at the request of J. Gibb Smith, to become the superintendent of the cabinet and shop departments of that company. In 1899, in association with Frank W. Sperry and Edward J. Scannell, he formed the corporation of the The Sperry & Amos Co. for the manufacture of mouldings, turned work, inside and outside trim, cabinet work, office and store fixtures, veneered doors, etc. Their business, now extending all over New England and the Middle West, has proved a great success, and reflects nothing but credit upon its energetic members.

On Aug. 10, 1887, Mr. Amos was married to Miss Minnie McFarland, who was born in Gardner, Mass., a daughter of Daniel McFarland, of Scotch extraction, and three children have been born to this union, but one, however, surviving, Alexander R., Jr. An independent in politics, Mr. Amos votes for the best man, and like his ancestors, he belongs to the Presbyterian Church, in which he enjoys high esteem.

CHRIS STROBEL, proprietor of a first class jewelry establishment in Waterbury, is a native of Germany, born Dec. 25, 1860, in Wilttenberg.

John G. Strobel, father of our subject, was of the same nativity, and in 1867 left the Fatherland for the New World, settling in Waterbury, where he was employed in factories. He was one of the first settlers of the place and lived there about a quarter of a century, dying Oct. 5, 1893. In Germany he married Lucy Schlegel, and three children graced this union: George J., who is in the employ of his brother; Chris, the subject of this sketch; and Emma. The mother died March 22, 1900.

Chris Strobel was about one year old when his parents came to Connecticut. He received his earlier education at the district schools of Waterbury, later attending night school, also a day school for three months in the year. At the age of fourteen he commenced to work with the Benedict & Burnham Mfg. Co., remaining with them three years; then was in the employ of the Waterbury Watch Co. some three years; after which he entered the store of D. C. Callender & Co. in order to learn the jewelry business. On Oct. 9, 1889, he purchased the

interest of D. C. Callender, the firm becoming Lake, Strobel & Co., Mr. Lake having been one of the "Co." previously. In 1895 Mr. Strobel and Mr. Lake purchased the "Co." part of the firm, and the style became Lake & Strobel. On Oct. 15, 1897, Mr. Strobel purchased the interest of Mr. Lake and has since conducted the business alone at Nos. 1 and 3 Exchange place. He has a remarkably fine store, fully stocked with everything in the jewelry line and conceded to be one of the finest in the State. In 1899 he refitted it at a cost of \$6,000.

In politics our subject is a Democrat; socially he is a member of the B. P. O. E., affiliating with Lodge No. 265, Waterbury, of which he is past exalted ruler. Mr. Strobel has not yet joined the "noble army of benedicts." A public spirited citizen and a man of broad and progressive views, the best interests of the community find in him a friend, and all who know him esteem him for his sterling worth.

FRANCIS G. DANIELL, the electrical engineer and superintendent of the electrical and mechanical department of the Fair Haven and Westville Railroad, was born in Dedham, Mass., April 4, 1868, a son of Ellery Daniell, and a grandson of Jesse Daniell. His remote ancestor, Robert Daniell, settled in Watertown as early as 1636, where he died in 1655. From him to Francis G. Daniell, the family line is as follows: Samuel, Joseph, Joseph (2), Joseph (3), Jesse and Ellery.

Ellery Daniell was born in Dedham, Mass., in 1829, and his father, Jesse, in the same place in 1786, where he died Aug. 29, 1832. Joseph Daniell, his father, was a sergeant in the Revolutionary forces, serving in Capt. Aaron Smith's Company, under the command of Col. William Heath. He was a deacon in the West Parish, of Dedham, and was prominent in the affairs of that community.

Ellery Daniell was reared in Dedham, where he received his education in the local schools. When he had attained his majority he entered into the banking business, in which he was engaged until his death at the age of fifty. He married Olive C. Guild, one of the ten children of Francis Guild, and a granddaughter of Calvin and Lendamine (Draper) Guild. Her great-grandfather, Joseph Guild, was a captain in the Revolutionary army and fought at Lexington and at Ticonderoga, as well as at other important places. Francis Guild was a tax collector in Dedham many years, and his brother was long the president of the Dedham Institute for Savings. To Ellery and Olive C. Daniell were born four children, three of whom are still living: Caroline is in Boston; Francis is the subject of this writing; and Jennie is a resident of Boston. The mother is still living in Dedham. She is a member of the Congregational Church, as was also her husband, and both were highly respected in the community where their useful and active years were passed.

Francis G. Daniell spent his early years in Dedham, where he attended the public schools. When quite young he took up the active duties of life and was received into the machine shop of the local mills. The machinist trade was thoroughly learned by him, when he connected himself with the American Tool Machine Company at Hyde Park, where he remained a year. With the Thompson-Houston Electrical Company's factory, at Lynn, he was connected some two years, and was then associated with the Street Railway Co. in Minneapolis some two years, and while there put two roads in running order. The Newburgh line in Cleveland was built by him, and also a line in Lincoln, Neb. He was connected with the Evansville street car line for about a year and April, 1893, he came to New Haven to take a position with the local street car company, which he held for a year or more. Since that time he has been connected with the Fair Haven and Westville Railroad, having charge of the cars, wiring and poles of a hundred miles of track and three hundred cars. One hundred and twenty men are employed by the company and are under his general direction. The entire construction of the line was put in his charge and the fine condition of the road and its perfect operation attest his mechanical ability, as well as his administrative genius.

Mr. Daniell was married in 1900 to Miss Maude Mazeine, one of two children, born in New Haven, to William Mazeine, an old and prominent business man of this city. Raymond Mazeine is her brother. Mr. Daniell is a member of the Wooster Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the Governor's Foot Guard, of New Haven.

JAMES J. FLANAGAN, D. D. S. Prominent among the professional men of Meriden was Dr. James J. Flanagan, the well known and successful dentist and useful and esteemed citizen. He was born in Newington, Conn., March 1, 1863, a son of Owen E. Flanagan, a highly respected resident.

Dr. Flanagan's education was begun in his native place, but at the age of eleven years, with his parents, he removed to Saugus, Mass., where he entered the public schools, becoming well grounded in the primary branches. When he changed his residence to Rockville he entered a factory in that city and for the succeeding four years was a faithful and valued employe there, later removing to Meriden. Here he also was employed in a factory but, from childhood, his tastes and ambition had been in the direction of the science of dentistry. All obstacles being overcome, in 1889 he went to New York and there completed a course in the New York Dental College, an institution second to none in the country. After his graduation, in 1891, he returned to Meriden, where he had many friends, and opened up a practice which at the time of his death was one of the best in the city.

For ten years Dr. Flanagan was faithful to his

patients, giving universal satisfaction. A skilled practitioner, he also worked with love for his profession and succeeded where others who look upon dentistry entirely from a sordid view, would probably fail. Not only was he a close student, but his comfortable apartments were supplied with all modern appliances known in the profession. Absorbed in it he took very little interest in politics and voted independently, as his judgment dictated.

Dr. Flanagan was married to Miss Catherine Mahan, a daughter of Thomas P. Mahan, one of the respected citizens of Meriden, and both he and his estimable wife were consistent members of the Catholic Church. Fraternally Dr. Flanagan was a member of the T. A. B. Society and the Royal Arcanum, while professionally he belonged to the State Dental Society. He enjoyed the esteem and confidence of the people of this community, and his death at the early age of thirty-eight years was deeply lamented.

FREDERICK BYRON HILL, associate of the American College of Musicians, and organist of the First Congregational Church, of Meriden, as well as a successful composer of music, is one of the best known young men of Meriden and a representative of one of the oldest families in New Haven county. He was born in the town of Wallingford, Conn., in 1871, a son of Byron and Emma Augusta (Howd) Hill.

Byron Hill was born in 1841, a son of William Hill (born 1796) and Susan (Hull) Hill (born about 1810). With his father he operated a farm and also a shop for woodturning, but later retired to his farm, where he now resides. His wife was born in 1852 in Wallingford and was a daughter of William and Lucinda (Tuttle) Howd. Three children were born of this union: Frederick B.; Elmer, born in 1873, died when young; and Linus Atwater, born in 1875, is a successful jeweler of Wallingford, and by his wife, Ethel (Lucas), has one child, Ivan Lucas.

Frederick B. Hill was born in the Hill homestead in North Farms, near Wallingford, Nov. 27, 1871. His primary education was secured in the public schools of Wallingford, and he early commenced the study of music, at first under the direction of Miss Nellie Hall, of Wallingford, and Prof. James Prescott, of Meriden. Later (1894) he became the pupil of E. M. Bowman, of Steinway Hall, New York, devoting himself to piano and theory. In April, 1892, Mr. Hill secured his first appointment as organist, in Wallingford, began teaching the piano and played first violin in an orchestra, which he himself led. He received the appointment as organist and choir director in the First Congregational Church, Meriden, in April, 1895. In 1896 Mr. Hill successfully passed an examination in piano and theory before the examiners for the American College of Musicians, in New York, and also covered the organ examination,

having pursued his studies in that branch with S. P. Warren. Mr. Hill's touch is extremely versatile; he has studied Bach thoroughly and can properly interpret Beethoven and Chopin, and he has received the most favorable press notices, as well as the highest encomiums on his touch and rendition from brother artists.

At the First Congregational Church of Meriden Mr. Hill has developed an excellent choir, and has given several series of recitals, which have been among the most popular Meriden has ever known. His large class of pupils—piano, organ and theory—is steadily increasing, and he has secured a substantial place in the respect of the people of Meriden, as well as in the musical world generally. Mr. Hill has composed for the voice, piano and orchestra, music which has met with a very flattering reception.

On June 2, 1897, Mr. Hill was married, in Meriden, to Miss Bertha Hotchkiss Camp, a daughter of Nelson Hinman and Mary (Butler) Camp. Mrs. Hill is a lady of refinement, highly educated and deeply sympathetic with her husband's work. The home life of Mr. and Mrs. Hill is ideal, and they gather about them a most congenial circle of friends. Mr. Hill is deeply interested in the Y. M. C. A., of which he is librarian, and presents to his associates a rare example of Christian manhood.

DR. FRANK G. ATWOOD is, though one of the youngest business men of New Haven, by no means one of the least known, for as proprietor of the largest veterinary hospital in the State and of the Metropolitan Stables, at No. 127 Meadow street, he has at an unusually early age gained a firm foothold among the enterprising citizens of his adopted place. If heredity counts for anything he was born to his chosen calling, for his father has also been a most successful veterinary surgeon, though he has not devoted himself entirely to practice.

The Atwood family is one of the oldest in Woodbury, Litchfield Co., this State, where our subject's grandfather, William R. Atwood, was born. He was well educated and taught in both public and private schools, and he also followed the vocation of farming. William R. Atwood was one of the well known residents of Woodbury in his day and was regarded by his fellow citizens as a man of exceptionally good judgment and uprightness of character. He and his wife were devout members of the M. E. Church, in the work of which he took an active part, being especially interested in the Sunday-school, in which he taught, and of which he served as superintendent. He died at the age of forty-five years, his wife, Roxey, who like himself was a native of Woodbury, living to the age of sixty-seven. They had a family of six children, four of whom survive: Vestina, who married Dr. Elisha Munger, of New London; Orvesta, who married Orlon Morehouse and resides near New Preston, Conn.; Frank J., our subject's father; and William R., a farmer of Thomaston, Connecticut.

Frank J. Atwood was born in Woodbury and has passed all his life on the place of his birth. He took up the study of veterinary medicine and surgery, which he has continued to practice in connection with farming, and has been quite successful. He has served as selectman and in other local offices and is highly respected in his locality. Frank J. Atwood married Miss Ellen Capewell, of West Woodbury, and they have had eight children, six of whom are still living: Edna R.; Frank G., whose name opens this sketch; Ellsworth, a resident of Middlebury; Warren S., who is a butcher in Woodbury; and Margaret B. and Grover C., who are still under the home roof. The parents attend the M. E. Church. Mrs. Atwood's father, Joseph Capewell, was a prominent man in the business circles of West Side and later Oakville, in Litchfield county, where he was engaged as a manufacturer of ammunition supplies and also conducted a machine shop. He died at the age of sixty-three, his wife, whose maiden name was Pitts, at the age of sixty-four. They were identified with the M. E. Church.

Frank G. Atwood was born Feb. 24, 1875, in Woodbury, where he remained with his parents up to the age of twelve, after which he lived with his father's uncle, Channcey Atwood, until he was nineteen. His literary education was acquired in the common schools of Woodbury and the Storrs Agricultural College. He pursued his professional studies in the Toronto College of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, graduating from Veterinary Department in 1896, in which year he commenced practice. His first work was as State Veterinarian on Tuberculosis, in 1896-97, and he has since been in general practice in New Haven except during the time he served in the Spanish-American war and the various periods he has spent in post-graduate work in his line. No better evidence of his devotion to the science and earnest desire to thoroughly master it in every detail is needed than a record of his faithful and persistent study. His post-graduate courses have been pursued at Yale and the Johns Hopkins University, Department of Medicine, which latter institution he attended in 1897, 1898 and 1899, taking post-graduate work in general medicine and surgery. He was in the United States service nine months, beginning with February, 1898, as a specialist, being engaged on microscopical and X-ray work in the Army Medical Museum, at Washington, D. C., under the surgeon general.

In November, 1899, Dr. Atwood became a partner of John E. Cook in the Metropolitan Stables, No. 127 Meadow street, and shortly afterward bought out that gentleman. He has since been sole proprietor of this well equipped livery establishment, where about thirty high grade horses are kept, and he enjoys a fine patronage. Dr. Atwood leaves the care of this business, however, to his manager, George H. Robinson, his attention being given to the management of his veterinary hospital, No. 129 Meadow street and Nos. 43 to 45 Prout street,

where he has accommodation for fifty-five horses. Many successful operations have been performed there and the hospital has grown to its present proportions through the reputation which the Doctor has earned for reliability, efficiency and absolute trustworthiness. That a man should gain so great a success in so brief a period is astonishing, and the heights he has reached thus early in life hold promises of even wider fields of usefulness in the future. Within the past few years the profession which our subject has adopted has come to be regarded with a due sense of its importance, and golden opportunities lie before those who are not afraid to be the pioneers in its development along broader lines.

On Oct. 17, 1900, Dr. Atwood was united in marriage with Miss Mai A. Lockwood, daughter of Samuel G. Lockwood, of Wilton, Conn., where he owns a large farm. Mr. Lockwood is also interested in New York real estate. His family consisted of two children, Charles and Mai A. Dr. and Mrs. Atwood are members of Trinity M. E. Church. He is a Republican in political sentiment, and a member of the Young Men's Republican Club. Though no office-seeker, he believes that every citizen should serve his community when he possesses special fitness for duty, and he is at present acting as humane agent for the State of Connecticut. The Doctor and his wife reside at No. 158 Whalley avenue, which piece of property was recently purchased of William E. Roberts.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS BLACKSTONE, a prominent farmer of Branford, is a descendant of Rev. William Blackstone, the first of the family in America, who settled in Boston in 1623 or 1625.

William Blackstone was the first white settler and owner of the territory on which Boston is built. The name Blackstone is a famous one for various reasons. Sir William Blackstone, the eminent English jurist, whose commentaries are the first books put into the hands of every law student, was a posthumous child, and his mother also died before he was twelve years of age. He was born in London July 10, 1723, was educated by friends, and by his literary labors has kept the name in great honor to this day.

The William Blackstone who first built at Boston is supposed to have come to this country from England in 1623 with Capt. Robert Gorges. He may have obtained possession of Shawmut, which was then the name of that locality, by lease or purchase from Gorges. He was not driven off by the later settlers, because of his kind offices to them and his carefulness not to be obnoxious to them. He is believed to have graduated from Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1617, and was a clergyman of the Church of England. He had "left England because of his dislike of the Lord Bishops." He had built a house in which he lived near a fine spring of water, that good authorities believe was at the northern terminus of Leveret street, and near the depot of



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the Lowell railroad. The improvements he had made showed he must have been there seven or eight years before any others came. He seemed to prefer solitude. Winthrop and his company, having located on the other side of the Charles river, at Charlestown, were having much sickness and distress. Mr. Blackstone, becoming acquainted with their condition, went over and invited them to remove to his place. His advice and invitation were accepted, and before August most of them moved over. Some years later Blackstone, becoming dissatisfied with his new neighbors, sold out most of his property and removed to the borders of Rhode Island. Lechford says that he was induced to remove because he would not join the church. The saying is, he left England because of his dislike of the Lord Bishops, but now he did not like the lord brethren. He was paid a small sum by each of the new settlers. Purchasing cows with his money, he went to a place about six miles north of Providence, at Attleborough Gore, on the Blackstone river. He called it Study Hill, a name which still clings to it. As at Shawmut, he had fine gardens, orchards and meadows in his new locality. There, as in the former settlement, his were the first apples produced in the place. In 1765 several of his apple trees remained and bore fruit. In 1836 three trees were standing, in appearance very old, and probably grew from the sprouts of those planted by Blackstone. These facts are found by Drake in Mr. Bliss' History of Rehoboth, and in Daggett's History of Attleborough. On July 4, 1659, Rev. William Blackstone married Mary Stevenson, widow of John Stevenson, of Boston. When Williams and his associates came to Providence Blackstone occasionally preached for them. He died a month before the breaking out of King Philip's war. The Indians ravaged his plantation and burnt up his buildings and his valuable library. Mr. Blackstone is known to have left one son, whose posterity are somewhat numerous. Drake thinks that Blackstone should be the name of the principal street of Boston. His name does survive there in the park or "square," and in several other things and places. The town of Blackstone and the river Blackstone also perpetuate his memory.

Soon after 1700 a John Blackstone appeared in Branford, Conn. He was a mariner, and came from Rhode Island with his wife Rebecca. He purchased considerable land from time to time. As Branford in those days was quite a port of foreign commerce, it was natural he should find it and choose it as a home for his family. He was probably the grandson of Rev. William Blackstone, of Study Hill. Tradition relates that his marriage was not agreeable to his friends or his wife's friends, so the young people resolved to make a new home for themselves in Connecticut. This John Blackstone began to buy land near the present "Blackstoneville," in Branford, and continued from year to year until he was one of the largest landholders in the place. Much of

the land is still owned by the Blackstone families of to-day.

Capt. John Blackstone, great-grandson of William, and son of John, was born Jan. 28, 1699. On April 2, 1727, he married Elizabeth Foote, who died May 14, 1733. On Nov. 25, 1736, Capt. Blackstone married Rebecca Harrison, of the same town, who died Oct. 8, 1765. He passed away Jan. 13, 1785. His children, all by the first marriage, were: Abigail, born April 20, 1728, was married Dec. 17, 1750, to Abraham Hoadley, of Branford, and died Sept. 15, 1810. Stephen was born Feb. 15, 1730. Elizabeth, born Dec. 18, 1731, married Isaac Hoadley. John was born May 7, 1733.

John Blackstone, son of Capt. John, was married May 19, 1754, to Rebecca Baldwin, and their children were: Ann, born Oct. 14, 1759; John, April 24, 1763; Timothy, Nov. 7, 1765; Abigail, July 10, 1768; Edward, Sept. 2, 1770; Stephen Foote, Dec. 3, 1772; Ebenezer, June 25, 1775; Ralph, July 5, 1778.

John Blackstone, son of John and Rebecca (Baldwin) Blackstone, was married Nov. 17, 1788, to Rebecca Foote, and they had children: Ransom, born April 17, 1790, never married, and died Dec. 14, 1859. Lucy, born July 23, 1792, was married Nov. 26, 1815, to John Tyler, and died Nov. 5, 1825. Augustus was born July 24, 1800. The father of this family was a soldier in the war of 1812, and several Blackstones served as minute men from 1776 to 1779.

Augustus Blackstone married Esther Linsley Nov. 27, 1822. She died Jan. 19, 1866, aged seventy. On Dec. 16, 1866, Augustus Blackstone married, for his second wife, Mrs. Ruel Andrews, of East Haven, who was born March 28, 1801, and died Dec. 9, 1891. Augustus Blackstone died Feb. 18, 1878. He and his first wife had two sons born to them, John Augustus and James Linsley. James Linsley was born Aug. 24, 1832, and on Aug. 20, 1857, married Isabella Lee, of Madison, Conn., who was born Dec. 2, 1835. Two children came to them: Lee, born April 16, 1861; and Catherine Lee, born Jan. 23, 1866. This entire family died March 29, 1869.

John Augustus Blackstone was born June 28, 1829, in Branford, where he was reared and received a common-school education. He became a prosperous and successful farmer there. Mr. Blackstone was married Nov. 7, 1855, to H. Minerva, daughter of Ruel and Olive (Foot) Andrews, of East Haven, and they had two sons, Charles Augustus and Ruel Andrews. Mr. Blackstone was selectman of Branford ten years, and also held the offices of assessor and constable, and was sheriff of the county. He died Oct. 2, 1893, leaving memories of an honorable and useful life.

Charles Augustus Blackstone was born Sept. 26, 1856, in East Haven, Conn., and grew to manhood in Branford, where he attended the public school. Bred to farming, he has made that his life work,

and is now living on a part of the old Blackstone property. Mr. Blackstone was married Oct. 29, 1879, to Mattie M., daughter of Capt. John Hamilton and Lucy Kelsey (Bishop) Spencer, of Madison, Conn. They have one daughter, Pearl Esther, born Oct. 23, 1894. Mrs. Blackstone's paternal grandparents were Elias and Rebinah (Stevens) Spencer, and her maternal grandparents were Levi and Polly (Coe) Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackstone are members of the Congregational Church, and he is enrolled in Widows' Sons' Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., of which he is senior warden; Israel Putnam Lodge, No. 31, A. O. U. W.; Montowese Lodge, No. 184, N. E. O. P., the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and the Supreme Lodge at Boston; the Knights of Honor; and the Branford Agricultural Society. At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, N. E. O. P., held in New Haven April 11, 1900, Mr. Blackstone was elected representative to the Supreme Lodge for two years. Mrs. Blackstone is a member of Princess Lodge, No. 29, N. E. O. P., the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and the Supreme Lodge at Boston. In sentiment Mr. Blackstone is a Republican, but he is no politician. He is fond of the hunt, and his home is full of fine trophies which testify to his superior marksmanship.

WILLIAM A. RUSSELL, a well-known blacksmith of West Haven, was born in Bethany, Conn., June 6, 1845, the son of Styles A. and Susan Andrew Russell.

His family became identified with Bethany at an early day and his grandfather Daniel Russell, was a farmer there. Styles A. Russell, our subject's father, was born and reared in Bethany and became a wheelwright by trade, many wheels having been put in place by him in different places in his section. He died in Bethany aged forty-one years. His wife, Susan Andrew, who now resides in Derby with one of her sons, is a devout Methodist. She was born in Bethany and is a descendant of Rev. William Andrew, who settled in Massachusetts in 1637, and was one of the twelve founders of Yale College. Her father William Andrew, died in 1857 and her mother Temperance Hotchkiss, in 1887. She was one of a family of seven children and had ten children, of whom six are living. Mary married Ransom Hitchcock and settled at the old home in Bethany; Catherine married Gilbert Doan; Ellen (Mrs. Newell) resides in West Haven; Elvira V. married Thomas Horsfall; William A. was the next in order of birth; Dwight S. is a resident of Ansonia; Ann E. (Mrs. H. D. Seldon), resides in Chester; and Wallace A. lives in Derby.

William A. Russell was, but eight years old when his father died, and at the age of ten years he made his home in Orange, where he remained until eighteen years old. He secured a common-school education and after learning his trade in Woodbridge he followed it as a journeyman in Orange two years;

Meriden one year; and again in Orange for a year. In 1869 he settled in West Haven, and in 1870 started in business for himself which he has continued with one exception from 1884 to 1887 when he was engaged in the manufacture of adjustable poles, in Mt. Carmel. His shop at West Haven was burned in 1895 and he then built the present shop on Union street where he carries on a general blacksmith business. In 1869 he married Jane L. Bradley, a native of Hamden, this county, and they have two sons: Fred A., born in 1874, is an electrician, and resides with our subject; and Elford B., born in 1876, is a carpenter in New Haven. Our subject is a Democrat in politics and was elected to the board of selectmen in 1897 and re-elected in 1898, 1899 and 1901. He has been connected with the Masonic order for twenty-five years and is a member of Annawan Lodge, No. 115, F. & A. M., in which he has held nearly all the offices and is a past master. He is also a member of Joseph Andrews Chapter No. 46, being High Priest at the present time, and of Crawford Council of Fair Haven and New Haven Commandery, K. T. He is an active worker in the I. O. O. F., Harmony Lodge, No. 5, and the Encampment, and is a charter member of the order of American Mechanics in which he is a past officer. He and his family are much esteemed socially and his wife is a member of the Congregational Church at West Haven.

CHRISTIAN THOGERSON, the proprietor and successful manager of a retail meat market at No. 290 Main street, Ansonia, was born in Denmark, Jan. 7, 1847, where his ancestors had long been native to the soil. There his father, Christian Thogerson, Sr., was born and reared, and there his grandfather spent his entire life engaged in the work of a farmer. The father died at seventy-five years of age, and the grandfather when past ninety years. Elsie Christenson, the wife of Christian Thogerson, Sr., was born in Denmark, and reared a family of four children. Two of her children, Christenson and Christian, are living, and two are dead. She died at the age of forty-five.

Christian Thogerson spent the earlier years of his life in Denmark, where he had such educational advantages as were afforded the children of his day, and became a farmer, in which occupation he was engaged until he reached the age of thirty-four years. At that age he determined to find a home in the western world, and crossing the ocean, located in Ansonia, Conn., where he worked in the shops while mastering the mysteries of the English speech. After a time he went into the confectionery business, in which he was engaged some ten years. Disposing of that interest, he opened a retail meat market, and in this enterprise has met with remarkable success. His is now the largest market in the city, and demands the services of four clerks as well as of a cashier, besides three wagons, and the business calls are of a high grade. Mr. Thogerson carries

everything in meats and provisions that the best trade demands. He is now among the oldest and most popular merchants on the street.

Mr. Thogerson was married when he was twenty-four years of age to Catherine Madsor, of Denmark. Fraternally he belongs to Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Foresters of America. In both these organizations, and in the social walks of life he is regarded as a genial and pleasant gentleman, thoroughly reliable, and honest and upright to the last degree. He attends the Episcopal Church, though both he and his wife were reared in the Lutheran fold.

ALBERT KENNEDY, a prominent citizen of Derby, New Haven county, was born in Scotland, Aug. 6, 1865, but accompanied his parents to this country while a mere child. He traces his lineage back to the Scottish Covenanters of the seventeenth century, who attested the sincerity of their convictions by the willing sacrifice of their lives in the struggle for religious freedom. His father was James Kennedy, who married Elizabeth Gegie, a native of Edinburgh. The elder Kennedy, on coming to America, took up his residence in Chicago, where he died in 1871. His widow still survives him. Albert was one of a family of seven children, whose names, in the order of their birth, are as follows: John P., James S., Albert, Mary, Bessie, Charles and Jennie. John, the eldest, is a clothier in Birmingham, England; he takes an active interest in politics and has been a member of the city council. James and Charles are residents of Philadelphia, the first named being connected with a house dealing in optical goods. May, now Mrs. Coffman, lives in England. Bessie and Jennie are still unmarried.

Albert Kennedy received his scholastic training in Philadelphia, but his broader and higher education has been self acquired during his contact with the world and the men who live in it. While yet a youth he went from Philadelphia to Derby, where he found employment with the corset manufacturing concern known as the Leopold Kraus Company. Not finding his situation congenial, he left to enter the law office of Senator Frederick W. Holden, with whom he remained for two years. At the end of that time he embarked in journalism, organizing the Transcript Company, of which he was secretary and treasurer, besides having editorial management of the paper. The venture did not prove a financial success, and after seven years the company went into insolvency, and Mr. Kennedy went into business as a job printer.

Mr. Kennedy is an ardent Democrat, and has always taken an active interest in politics. He is a man of extraordinary native intellectual power, possessing a well regulated, well stored mind, and endowed with remarkable fertility of resource. It is not surprising, therefore, that he should have been successful in public life. Nor, on the other hand, is it cause for wonder that his fellow citizens, recog-

nizing at once his mental and moral worth, should have delighted to do him honor. For three years he served as clerk of the board of Burgesses of Derby, and was for two years a member of the board of Aldermen. He served in the General Assembly during two terms, and for four years sat in the State Senate. He has a rich, well-modulated voice, easy grace of diction, and keen argumentative power. He is a fluent speaker, often heard in the legislative chambers and always commanding attentive and respectful hearing.

Mr. Kennedy is a member of various societies, being connected with the Poototuck Tribe of Red Men; the Court of Indian Well, F. of A.; and the Knights of the Golden Cross. He is also a member of the Hotchkiss Hose Company, of Derby.

GEORGE ERNEST MYERS, M. D., a leading physician and prominent citizen of Cheshire, was born in Newington, Conn., Feb. 10, 1867, and is a son of George W. and Anna A. (Huntley) Myers, both of whom survive, and make their home in Hartford. The Doctor acquired his literary education in the public schools of his native town and those of Hartford, and began the study of medicine with Dr. Howe of that city. Subsequently he attended lectures at the New York University and the medical college of Burlington, Vt., and was graduated from the latter institution with the degree of M. D., in 1896. Immediately afterward he came to Cheshire and opened an office, and for the past five years has successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at this place. Since the death of Dr. Cornwall, he is the senior practitioner of the town, and he is now serving as health officer. He enjoys a large practice which extends throughout the towns of Prospect, Wolcott, Bethany and Cheshire.

In 1894, in Hartford, Dr. Myers was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Deane, daughter of Edward Johnson, and widow of John Deane. Politically the Doctor is a staunch supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, and fraternally is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Hartford Lodge and Pythagoras Chapter at Hartford, and also a member of Charter Oak Lodge, I. O. O. F. In social as well as professional circles he stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens, for he is a pleasant, genial gentleman, and makes friends of all with whom he comes in contact. He is a skilled physician and surgeon, and is meeting with well deserved success in his chosen calling.

HOBART W. CURTIS, conspicuous among the skilled workers who have made Waterbury known the world over, was born in Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 28, 1850, a son of Hobart Curtis, and a grandson of Phillip Curtis.

Phillip Curtis was born in 1783, probably at Stratford, Conn., and died May 24, 1857. He wedded Lucy Marland, and after their marriage, they

settled in New Haven, Conn., where he followed the saddle-maker's trade. They had a family of ten children: Clarence W., Teresa, Hobart (the father of Hobart W.), John, Thomas P., Lucy, Mary E., Jane, Lucy and Henry. All the children with the exception of Hobart, lived in New Haven.

Hobart Curtis was born in New Haven Sept. 14, 1815, and died in Derby, Conn., Sept. 14, 1869. He married Miss Emma Francis, of Durham, Conn., a daughter of Friend W. Francis. The ancestor of the American branch of the Francis family came from England in 1651, and settled first at Wethersfield, later moving to Durham. Mrs. Emma Curtis died Oct. 7, 1887. Mr. Curtis was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Episcopal Church. They had a family of seven children: Thomas P. is a printer in Bridgeport; Edward W., a sash and blind maker in Derby, died in 1878; Hobart W.; Frank H. died in 1885; John B. and Mary E. both died young; and Charles B. is a draughtsman, and is now living in New York City.

Hobart W. Curtis was but a boy when his parents moved from Bridgeport to Litchfield, and he also lived for a time at Waterbury, and then at Derby. He attended school wherever his people were living, but in 1870, he came to Waterbury to serve an apprenticeship as a pattern maker in the shops of the Farrell Foundry Co. In this work he developed marked ability, and the house has kept him with them to the present time. Six months before completing his apprenticeship, he was put in charge of the pattern department, and has been its foreman many years. He is now a director and a stockholder in the Company, and for twenty years he has been financially interested in its prosperity.

On Sept. 18, 1873, Mr. Curtis was married to Miss Julia Drake, of Cheshire, Conn., a daughter of James S. Drake, who was one of the first business men of Waterbury, a generation ago. To this union were born three children: Charles D., a successful civil engineer; Elizabeth; and Laura. Mr. Curtis is a Democrat, and a reliable and patriotic citizen. With the Odd Fellow fraternity his relations are close and intimate, and he has been an active worker in Townsend Lodge, No. 89, I. O. O. F. for some years, and has passed through all the chairs. Mr. Curtis and his family attend the Trinity Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the Waterbury Scientific Society.

GEORGE SIMEON SEELEY, widely known in Meriden, where he is serving his fourth term as a member of the board of selectmen of the town, and is now the popular mayor, was born in Waterbury Feb. 2, 1846, son of Charles and Amy (Pritchard) Seeley. Both the parents were born in Waterbury. The paternal grandparents were William and Patty Seeley, who reared a large family.

Roger Pritchard, the maternal grandfather of

Mr. Seeley, served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and his father was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. Roger Pritchard lived in the town of Waterbury, where he was engaged in farming. He married Chloe Nichols. George S. Seeley and his mother were both born on the old Pritchard homestead.

Charles Seeley, father of George S., was a farmer in his earlier years, but later became a contractor for stonemason work, locating in Meriden as early as 1858. He died Nov. 25, 1890, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was the father of six children, of whom five lived to reach maturity: Chloe J., who became the wife of William Remington; George Simeon; Charles B., who died in Meriden in 1871; Grace A., wife of Henry Hurlburt; and Polly, Mrs. Joseph Fredericks, the last three deceased.

George Simeon Seeley was reared in Waterbury, and accompanied his parents to Meriden when he was twelve years old. His education was received in the common schools, and at the age of nineteen he began an apprenticeship to the metal turner's trade, at which he was engaged for twenty-five years. At the expiration of that long period he went into his present business, conducting a real-estate and rent collection agency, in which he has achieved a decided success.

Mr. Seeley was married Nov. 24, 1867, to Anna G., daughter of Melvin C. and Esther (Guy) Lee, of Meriden. To this marriage have come three children: Frank Guy; Candora Anna, Mrs. James H. Guernsey; and Arthur Deshon. Mr. Seeley and his family are members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, of which he has been a vestryman for fourteen years and treasurer since April 4, 1899, and he is highly esteemed by his associates in that body. He belongs to several fraternal orders, holding membership in Meriden Center Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F., of which he has been treasurer since March 17, 1888; and Silver City Lodge, No. 3, A. O. U. W. In politics Mr. Seeley is a Republican, and he is one of the workers in his city. He has been chairman of the Republican town committee since May, 1900, and has served as alderman and councilman from the Third ward. In December, 1901, he was elected mayor, was installed in that office in January, 1902, and is now efficiently performing the duties appertaining to the incumbency.

HORACE WARNER KIBBE, superintendent of the farm for the Connecticut School for Boys, at Meriden, was born April 27, 1857, in Ellington, Tolland Co., Conn., a son of Julius A. and Ellen (Warner) Kibbe.

The Kibbe family which is the most numerous in the northern part of Tolland county traces its history back to Edward Kibbe and Deborah, his wife, who were residents of Exeter, England, in 1611. In May of that year his son, Edward Kibbe, was born; he married Mary Partridge, of Exeter,



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and came to New England in 1639, and owned and conducted a sawmill at Brookline, Mass., in 1640.

Elisha Kibbe, son of Edward, was born in Boston, Feb. 20, 1643, and came to Enfield, Conn., from Brookline, in 1682, accompanied by his wife, Rachel Cook, whom he married May 7, 1667, and who died Sept. 10, 1740, aged ninety-six years, ten months; he died in Enfield, April 3, 1735, aged ninety-two years. According to the records, his three sons, Edward, Elisha and James, went to what is now known as Somers, Conn., in 1713, and from these ancestors, the Somers and Ellington branches of the Kibbe family have descended.

The children of James Kibbe were: Jane, Stephen, Daniel, Jacob, Israel, Moses, Aaron, Rachel and Miriam.

Daniel Kibbe, son of James, was born in North Somers, where he owned much land and carried on a saw and gristmill, on a branch of the Scantic river, on the site of the present North Somers batting mill. Successful in farming, he became one of the most prominent men of the town, and his life extended to the age of ninety years. From Tolland county he went into the Revolutionary army, and served in Capt. Wills' company, in Col. Spencer's regiment, and was engaged eight months, participating in many severe engagements, and taking part in the battle of Bunker Hill. Daniel Kibbe married Mary Pratt, in 1741, became a landowner and farmer, in North Somers, and had these children: Amariah, Daniel, Abner, Lemuel, Frederick, Molly, Sarah and Jerusha.

Amariah Kibbe, son of Daniel, was born in 1747, in Somers, Conn., and became a wheelwright and joiner, in his early manhood. His home continued to be in Somers, where he owned much property and where he made many improvements, one of these being the building of the Somers hotel. A gristmill was one of his sources of revenue, and he became wealthy and influential. In his politics, he was a Democrat and held many of the town offices. His death occurred in 1829, after a long life of usefulness, crowned with the esteem of all who had known him.

On Nov. 19, 1778, Amariah Kibbe was married to Hannah Kibbe, the latter being born in 1760, a daughter of Zerah Kibbe, and a granddaughter of Elisha Kibbe. To this union were born: (1) Amariah, born Feb. 15, 1780, married Charlotte McKinney, and died in 1840, more extended mention being found elsewhere. (2) Walter R., born Sept. 8, 1781, married first a Miss Paine, second Mrs. Sabina Norton, third Mrs. Hannah (Warner) Brown, and fourth Flenda Reed; Walter R. Kibbe was a graduate of Yale College, became a lawyer of Somers, where he died on April 22, 1864. (3) Rudolphus, born April 8, 1783, married Sybil Pease, and was a farmer in North Somers, where he died, in 1810. (4) Peggy, born June 24, 1785, married Daniel Grover, lived in Tolland, and died there in 1834, on their farm. (5) Horatio, born June 22,

1787, was a farmer in Somers, married Control Gowdy, and died in 1827. (6) Valirus, born June 2, 1789, was the grandfather of Horace W. Kibbe, of Meriden. (7) Sophia, born in 1791, married Stedman Nash, and died in Ellington, where he had followed the trade of mason. (8) Harriet, born April 20, 1793, married Emory Pease, a merchant in Somers, where both died. (9) Hannah, born Nov. 21, 1795, married Jonah Griswold, lived first in Sturbridge, Mass., later in Springfield, where the latter died; she lived to be nearly one hundred years old. (10) Jairus, born June 25, 1798, married Clarissa Billings, became a merchant at Somers, and in his later years moved to Jacksonville, Ill., where he died. After the death of the mother of these children, Amariah Kibbe was married on May 4, 1825, to Maria Grover, of Tolland, who survived him. Their children were: Julia, born in 1826, married Loren Percival, and died in Somers; and James P., born in 1828, married a Mrs. Brown, and died in New York city.

Valirus Kibbe, son of Amariah, was born at the Center, in Somers, Conn., secured his education at the district school, and while still a lad, was employed in his father's gristmill. His residence was at home until his marriage, when he assumed the support and care of his wife's parents, for some years, taking charge of the estate after their death. In 1835, this place was sold, and a farm was purchased, in Ellington, April 1, 1838, known locally as the "Ellis Wallace farm," consisting of over 200 acres. Here Mr. Kibbe was engaged in farming and stockraising and here he lived until his death, on Nov. 30, 1866. As a breeder of fine horses and cattle, he had a great reputation, and his stock was always in demand. In politics he was a Democrat.

On April 27, 1809, Valirus Kibbe was married to Eunice Cushman, a native of Somers, and a daughter of Allerton and Anna (Clark) Cushman, and a direct descendant of Mary Allerton, who came over in the "Mayflower" and also of Gov. Bradford. Her parents were farming people of Somers, where both died. Mrs. Kibbe was born in 1791 and died on March 30, 1885, lacking but a few days of being ninety-four years of age. To this union were born Eunice Leonora, June 30, 1810, married John Payne, a miller, and died in Vernon; Ethelinda Lidora, Nov. 17, 1811, married Luman S. Allen, a farmer, and died in East Windsor; Valirus, Oct. 3, 1813, married Laura Wood, and is living at Somers; Carlos E., Nov. 30, 1815, married Elizabeth Jennings, of Becket, Mass., and second Louisa Collins, and was a successful farmer, but is now leading a retired life, in Ellington; Hancy Ann, April 14, 1817, the widow of Roland Sellow, resides in Long Meadow, Mass.; Rodolphus, April 5, 1819, died in young manhood; Abigail Matilda, Dec. 20, 1820, married William Brainard, lives in Windsor, Conn., where he is a retired farmer; Julius A., of whom mention will be made later; Daniel Cushman, Feb. 11, 1825, married Hester Hall, was a farmer and

died in South Windsor, Conn.; Horatio, Nov. 16, 1826, married Alice Phelps, and is a retired farmer of Ellington; Marcus, Nov. 7, 1828, married Jane Bradley, was a farmer and died in Somers; Helen Cornelia, May 23, 1830, married Nelson Warner, and died in Ellington, where he was a farmer; Jairus Rodolphus, July 22, 1833, first married Ida Endicott, and second Abigail Pease, and is a farmer in Long Meadow, Mass.

Julius A. Kibbe, son of Valirus Kibbe and the father of Horace W. Kibbe, of Meriden, was born May 7, 1823, and was fourteen years old when his parents moved from his birthplace, Somers, Conn., to Ellington, obtaining his education at the district school, supplemented by a term each at the Glastonbury and Ellington Academies, the latter being under the care of Rust & Merrill at that time. After leaving school, Julius A. Kibbe was engaged during the summer season, for a time, in peddling Yankee notions, through rural Connecticut, with a horse and wagon. In 1850, he spent a season in Delaware City, Del., where he engaged in raising tobacco, raising the first tobacco raised in that State. In 1851, Mr. Kibbe returned to his native place and bought at auction his present farm, locally known at that time as the "Col. Belcher place," and in 1865 he began improving and remodeling his premises, moving the farm barns from across the street to their present location, and adding to their number and appearance. This was followed by other improvements and in 1872 he built his present comfortable and attractive home. Here Mr. Kibbe has successfully engaged in general farming, giving also considerable attention to tobacco culture and dairying. His farm consists of 200 acres, and the condition in which it is at the present time shows conclusively that Mr. Kibbe is a practical and competent farmer. At the time of his purchase of this estate the land had been neglected and required careful management, drainage and fertilization, but now it compares favorably with any place of its size in Tolland county. Of late years, Mr. Kibbe has lived retired from active operations, and has passed the management of the farm to his efficient son, William H. For a long period Mr. Kibbe dealt largely in cattle and was a successful handler of oxen for the local market.

On Jan. 21, 1851, Julius A. Kibbe was married to Ellen Warner, who was born Aug. 30, 1830, in Ellington, Conn., a daughter of Horace and Matilda (Martin) Warner. These children were born to this union: (1) Edwin Brainard, born July 17, 1854, was for a time engaged in farming, in Ellington, and while residing there, was town clerk for several years, and for four years was county sheriff. At present he is the General Agent for Connecticut of the Russia Cement Company, of Gloucester, Mass., with his residence in Hartford; on Sept. 24, 1878, he married Anise Warner, and they have had these children: Ellen Maude (born July 19, 1879, married Winfred E. Chapin, and has one son, W. Ern-

est, born April 5, 1901), Edna L. (born Nov. 4, 1880), Lucius Warner (born April 16, 1883, died March 29, 1897) and Henrietta E. (born March 15, 1891). (2) Horace W., of Meriden. (3) Mary E., born March 16, 1859, died Oct. 3, 1870. (4) George F., born April 17, 1861, married Ida Raymond, of Hebron, Conn., and is engaged in a hotel and livery business, in Brimfield, Mass.; they have one child, Ida Rae. (5) Jessie Ella, born March 2, 1865, died Sept. 11, 1867. (6) William H., born Aug. 19, 1869, married Estella F. Yost, and is engaged in the cultivation of the family estate. Mr. Kibbe is a Democrat and served as a member of the General Assembly, in 1856, being a member of the committee on Claims. For four years he has been selectman, and chairman of the board for three years, and for several years he has acted as constable, for one year as tax collector and for twenty years prior to his resignation of the office, was registrar of voters. Mr. and Mrs. Kibbe are members of the Ellington Congregational Church, in which Mr. Kibbe has held a number of the official positions, and he is a man much respected in this community where his sterling worth is known. Mrs. Kibbe belongs to the Warner family, which is an old and familiar name in the annals of Tolland county. At one time it had many local representatives, but at present the family is almost extinct.

Daniel Warner was the first of the family to come to Ellington, about 1760, from Stafford, Conn. By trade he was a weaver, but with the hope of providing better for his family, he decided to become a farmer and purchased an estate in Ellington, Conn., which remained in the family for five generations and recently passed into the possession of a native of Switzerland. From the marriage of Daniel Warner to Hannah Russell, these children sprang: Horace, who died in infancy; Daniel, who also died in infancy; Horace (2), who died young; Lemuel, who married Hannah Darby; Nathaniel; Ebenezer, who married Ruby Herriek, a singer of ability, and an astronomer; Daniel, who married Arzuba Clark, and spent his life in South Hadley, Mass., engaged in the mercantile line; and Hannah, who married Stephen Gifford, and removed to Watertown, N. Y.

Nathaniel Warner, son of Daniel, was a farmer on the family homestead, and married Martha Gifford, in 1796, who was born in 1774, and died in 1814, his second marriage being to Martha Newell. His children were: (1) Martha, born in 1797, died Dec. 2, 1891, the wife of David S. Pember. (2) Horace, born in 1799, married Matilda Martin and they had these children: Nelson, who married Helen Kibbe; Charles, who married Mariette E. Dimock; Ellen, who married Julius A. Kibbe; Treat M., who first married Lucina Lawrence, of Warsaw, Wis., and second Mrs. Sarah Richmond; and Horace, who first married Ella Hayden, and second, Emily (name not given). The father of these children died Aug. 28, 1870. (3) Betsey, born April 22,

1802, married Eleazer Whiton and died Nov. 10, 1828. (4) Mary (Polly), born Aug. 13, 1804, was married April 24, 1828, to John Wadsworth of Ellington, and died Aug. 25, 1897. (5) Nelson, born Aug. 2, 1806, was drowned July 18, 1812, in a small stream near his home. (6) Lora, born May 13, 1808, married Samuel M. Bliss, and made her home in Wilbraham, Mass., where she died June 2, 1859. (7) Sophronia, born July 5, 1811, married Edwin, the son of Rev. Diadate Brockway, of Ellington, and died Nov. 27, 1841. The one child of the second marriage of Nathaniel Warner was Abigail, born Sept. 5, 1818, now the widow of Aaron Charter, of Ellington.

Horace W. Kibbe, of Meriden, attended the public school in Ellington and grew up on his father's farm, where he remained until his marriage. His education was completed at a private boarding school conducted by Edward Halls. At the age of twenty-five years he began farming for himself. His tobacco farming and dairying was successfully carried on on a tract of forty acres of land in the locality of his birth, until in 1897, when he gave up private operations in order to accept the position as superintendent of the Connecticut Boys' School farm, an office which carried with it grave responsibilities. For the past five years, however, Mr. Kibbe has most successfully prosecuted the work here, has made innumerable improvements in the methods of cultivation, and has placed the 200 acres of this estate on a par with any other tract, under like conditions, in the State.

On Dec. 20, 1882, Horace W. Kibbe was married in Ellington, Conn., to Miss Henrietta E. Talcott, who was the only child of James M. and Amanda (Stoughton) Talcott. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kibbe belong to the Congregational Church of Ellington. For a period of fifteen years he was chorister of his home church, and he is now secretary of the Meriden Choral Club. For several years he was librarian of the Sunday school. Mr. Kibbe is socially connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, in Ellington, having been master of P. of H., No. 46, for two years, and was one of the charter members. He is also a Mason of high degree, belonging to Meridian Lodge, Hamilton Council, Keystone Chapter and St. Elmo Commandery, all of Meriden. He enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of sincere friends.

CHRISTIAN FREDERICK FOX, one of the best known and most successful business men of Meriden, located in East Main street, manages one of the best stores in the delicatessen line in the city, and is engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of bologna sausages, pressed ham, frankfurts and German sausages.

Mr. Fox was born in Koenigsbrunn, Germany, Dec. 14, 1861, a son of Frederick and Rosa (Fuchs) Fox. The parents were also natives of Germany, where the father engaged in the manufacture of

lumber, owning a sawmill, and there spent his whole life. He was a good and worthy man, and reared his family in the tenets of the Lutheran Church. After his death Mrs. Fox married Gottlieb Schwarz, with whom she came to America. They located in New York City, where she still resides, in the home of her son, John, a good, Christian woman, and a conscientious member of the Lutheran Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Fox were born five children: Christian F., our subject; Gottlieb, Frederick and John, all three in Greater New York; and Elizabeth, who died when a child.

Christian F. Fox received a good common-school education in his native land, and was fourteen years old when the family removed to America. Selecting the manufacture of choice sausages as his line of work, our subject thoroughly learned the business, following it eight years in New York, and then going to Worcester, Mass., where he lived four years. There he married, on Dec. 24, 1883, Emma R. Dason, a native of that town, and daughter of Andrew and Minnie Dason, natives of Germany, the former of whom is deceased, the latter still surviving.

In 1885 Mr. Fox and his wife removed to Norwich, Conn., where he started in the business of sausage manufacture, in partnership with Fred Wiegert, the firm style being Fox & Wiegert. They continued thus for three years, at the end of which time Mr. Fox came to Meriden and started in the same business, the partnership continuing, he being the manager of the Meriden branch, while Mr. Wiegert managed the Norwich branch. This state of affairs continued until 1890, when the former bought the interest of his partner, and for the past eleven years he has most successfully conducted the business alone, establishing his factory in East Main street, and also conducting a branch in West Main street. By 1900 he found that the increasing volume of business required all his attention, and the latter branch was closed. Mr. Fox has been a very successful business man, and the causes are not difficult to discover, for he is noted for his industry, honesty and fair dealing, which traits have won for him the confidence of the public. He generously contributes much of his success to his most estimable wife, who has so ably assisted him, and both possess the highest regard of the community.

To the marriage of our subject and wife three children have been born: Andrew F.; Minnie, who died at the age of nine years; Christian, who lived to be only five years old, his death occurring within a few weeks of his sister's. Andrew F. Fox, the only surviving child, attended the public schools of Meriden and graduated from the Pequot Business College, of that city, before he was sixteen years old; although yet a youth, he shows a very remarkable instinct for business. During 1900 Mr. Fox and his wife took a well-earned holiday and together visited all the principal cities of Europe, including Paris, where they attended the

great Exposition. During his absence, young Andrew was the efficient manager, his father finding his affairs in perfect condition upon his return. In religious affairs Mr. Fox is very liberal, considering any creed which does not insist upon the following out of the Golden Rule of little value, no matter what its name may be, and endeavors to live up to his professions. He is connected with Meridian Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Court Schiller, No. 117, A. O. F.; and the Meriden Turnverein and the Saengerbund, where he is very popular on account of his pleasant genial disposition.

HARRY J. DUGAN, D. D. S., whose office is at No. 40 Main street, Ansonia, was born in New London, July 1, 1868, a son of Harry Dugan, who was born in New York. The senior Dugan served as a steward for many years on the boats running between New London and New York. He began in a minor capacity when very young, and worked his way up to a profitable and responsible position. When he was thirty-one years of age he was drowned on a voyage, while off Allen's Point. The boat took fire and burned to the water's edge. Mary McDonald, his wife, was born in New London, and her father, Morris McDonald, a native of South Carolina, came to New London, very early in his life. He was a church sexton, and lived to be eighty-seven years of age. His wife, Catherine O'Connor, was born in Ireland. She died in 1898 at the age of ninety-three years. Mary (McDonald) Dugan was one of a family of ten children, and of her three children Dr. Dugan is the only one now living. Steward Dugan was well known by the patrons of the New London boats, and was a popular man. With his wife he was connected with the Catholic Church.

Harry J. Dugan spent his early years in New London, where he attended the city schools, and was graduated from the high school in 1886. He immediately took up the study of dentistry with Dr. Keeney, spending two years in his office. He was then a pupil of Dr. R. W. Brown, who is now the Dental Commissioner of the State, spending some time in the office of that gentleman in New London. Dr. Dugan spent a year in New York, and was three years in Bridgeport. On March 1, 1893, he came to Ansonia, and opened an office. With one exception he has practiced his profession longer than any other dentist in the city. For sixteen years he has been steadily engaged in its various departments, and is regarded as one of the most progressive and thoroughly scientific young men of his calling. All branches of mechanical dentistry are familiar to him, and he is especially adept at extracting teeth with gas. His friends think it not too much to anticipate for him a brilliant and successful future.

On Jan. 1, 1896, Dr. Dugan was married to Miss Effie M. Hitz, a native of Nova Scotia, but a resident of Bridgeport since childhood. Her father,

Alexander Hitz, was a sea-faring man, and her mother, Mary J. (McKenzie) Hitz, was of Scotch descent. Alexander Hitz and his wife had thirteen children, seven of whom are still living. Dr. Dugan and his wife have had three children, two of whom, Natalie Ruth and Lorna Elizabeth, are still living. H. J., Jr., died when two months and seventeen days old.

Socially Dr. Dugan belongs to Naugatuck Lodge, I. O. O. F., in which he is past noble grand, and present treasurer; to the Encampment, in which he is past chief patriarch and district deputy grand patriarch; and to the Order of Rebekah. He is also past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. In these various fraternities he takes an active interest. He is one of the most popular and thoroughly successful young men of the city. He is a Republican, but votes for the interests of the city without regard for the party.

EDWARD LEE LINSLEY (deceased). Since the time of Demosthenes the power to rule and sway the public by oratorical powers has been the aim of every man in public life. The silver tongue does more, both in public and in private life, than does the golden purse. In the village of North Haven, New Haven Co., Conn., was born Edward Lee Linsley, whose name and fame have gone beyond the limits of his own State, because of the gifts of mind and tongue which made him one of the wittiest and most popular public speakers known in Connecticut's political, legal and fraternal circles. Not only was he a distinguished man himself, but he came from a long line of honest ancestry, who in their day and generation were not unknown to fame.

The first records of the establishment of the Linsley family in America show that two brothers, John and Francis Linsley, came to America from England and settled in Totoket, Conn., John being one of the original purchasers in 1643. He was twice married. It is probable that his first marriage took place in England, and his wife, Ellen, died April 6, 1654. On July 6, 1655, he married Sarah Pond. He died in 1698, the father of five children: Jonathan, John, Mary (born Feb. 2, 1652), Ellen and Hannah (born April 1, 1654).

(II) John Linsley, son of John the emigrant, died in 1684. Of the children born to him and his wife, Hannah, two, John and Jonathan, were baptized in 1688.

(III) John Linsley, the third to bear the name, was known as Ensign John Linsley. In 1699 he married Mary, daughter of Thomas Harrison, an early settler of Totoket, and they became the parents of four children: Mary, born June 1, 1701; John, Feb. 20, 1703; Elizabeth, Jan. 20, 1705; and Joseph, born Nov. 28, 1707.

(IV) John Linsley, son of Ensign John, married Mary Frisbee, and died in 1787. His children were John, Isaac and Edward.



Edward L. Lusley

(V) Isaac Linsley, son of John, became a farmer in North Branford, Conn. The house in which he was born was still standing in 1899. He was married three times, first to a Miss Beach, second to a Miss Munson, and third to Mrs. Russell. His children were Munson, Isaac and Lydia.

(VI) Munson Linsley was born in 1769, and engaged in farming in Northford, Conn. On Jan. 1, 1794, he married Anna Foote, who was born in 1770, and died Feb. 11, 1842. He died June 13, 1845. Active in religious affairs, he served as deacon in the Congregational Church in Northford, and also in Wallingford and in North Branford. He and his wife had children as follows: Samuel, baptized May 20, 1799, died unmarried in early manhood; Esther Louise, baptized May 20, 1799, married Benjamin Hall, a butcher and farmer in Wallingford; Angelina, also baptized May 20, 1799, married Benajah Smith, a farmer in Northford, Conn.; Cleora, baptized Dec. 1, 1799, married Bayard Barnes, and became the mother of Mr. Barnes, of the firm of Sperry & Barnes, New Haven; Marcus, born June 20, 1801, is mentioned elsewhere in the sketch of Solomon F. Linsley; Alfred is mentioned below; Mary, born March 30, 1805, married Gilbert Page, a prominent paper manufacturer of Chapman and Plymouth, Conn.; and Lucy Ann was born Feb. 28, 1813.

(VII) Alfred Linsley was born July 3, 1803, in Northford, Conn., where he spent his boyhood and received the usual advantages of the district school. His occupation was that of farming; and he also bought and sold a great deal of timber, cutting it for the market, and becoming the largest dealer of the time in his vicinity. He died suddenly, from a stroke of apoplexy, while engaged in digging clams on Governor's Island, Conn., July 1, 1884. A man of fine personal presence, his mind and character were well fitted to inhabit such a frame, and his memory is still held in respect. He married Polly Frisbie, who was born Jan. 24, 1811, and died in April, 1892; she was a daughter of Jacob and Polly Frisbie, the former a prominent farmer and justice of the peace of his neighborhood. The children born of this union were: Romanta L., born Dec. 17, 1832, is mentioned on another page. Mary F., born July 20, 1835, was a school teacher in Bristol, Wis., and died Sept. 25, 1867. Eunice, born May 30, 1837, married Jan. 20, 1874, Arthur Daniels, and resided in Bloomington, Ill. Samuel Munson, born Sept. 12, 1839, died at Fairfax Seminary, Va., Nov. 19, 1862, a member of Company K, 15th Conn. V. I. Anna F., born Aug. 26, 1841, died Oct. 22, 1852. Delia, born April 18, 1844, married Jacob Viles, a grocer and banker in Boston. Jacob, born June 20, 1846, enlisted in the Union army, first in the 1st Heavy Artillery, from which he was discharged on account of illness, and second in Company K, 15th Conn. V. I., and died in Washington March 1, 1863. Alfred O., born Dec. 15, 1848,

resided in St. Paul, Minn., where he engaged in various lines of business; later he became manager of a hotel at Billings, Mont., and he was drowned in the rapids in the Yellowstone river, April 24, 1885, while on a fishing excursion, his body being found 300 miles from where the accident occurred; his wife was Mary Chandler, of St. Paul. Olivia, born March 16, 1852, married Julius Heaton, a bookkeeper for the New Haven Window Shade Co. Edward Lee is our subject.

Edward Lee Linsley was born March 21, 1858, in the house in North Haven where he always lived. Passing from the schools of his native town, he entered and was graduated at the age of sixteen years from the high school of New Haven, in the class of 1874, this being preparatory to a scientific course examination for Yale College, which he passed successfully. At the age of seventeen years (having been refused admission earlier, on account of his youth) he entered Yale Law School, receiving the degree of A. B. at the age of nineteen, and taking one of the honors of the class under examination. In 1878 he graduated and was made LL. B., in this class being an associate of the widely known Judge William K. Thomas, and on Sept. 17, of the same year, he was admitted to the Bar, holding the record as the youngest man who ever received such an honor in the State.

Locating in New Haven, Mr. Linsley soon built up a practice, and his interest in politics and his ability were speedily recognized by his appointment, as early as 1883, to the office of assistant clerk of the county court, holding this position for more than ten years, or until a change of administration put a Democrat in his place; but he was prominently connected with all the public offices and work from that time; served on the school board in North Haven from 1880 to 1886; as town clerk, 1880 to 1885; and was justice of the peace from 1882 until his death, and tried almost all of the town cases, having been town counsel for nearly twenty years, and at the time of his death represented eleven towns as prosecuting agent for violations of the liquor laws. Though of slight frame, he was ambitious, and performed a great amount of hard work in his short life.

An ardent Republican, Mr. Linsley was a member of the New Haven Republican Club, and served as chairman of the North Haven Republican Committee; was a member of the Republican State Committee from 1888 to 1890; was president of the Connecticut Young Men's Republican League from 1890 to 1894; and a member of the executive Republican committee from 1890 to 1895, serving in all these positions with unswerving fidelity to his party and possessing the confidence of the most prominent of the leaders all over the country. When it was desirable to particularly interest any section in any issue before the public, Mr. Linsley for many years was called upon to present the same to the

people, visiting many States in the Union, and going as far west as Denver, his glowing gift of oratory peculiarly fitting him for the task.

On Aug. 18, 1881, Mr. Linsley was married to Miss Grace Fitch, a native of North Haven, daughter of Justus and Luev (Huntley) Fitch, a lady who presided gracefully over his hospitable home. With the exception of a short residence in New Haven, Mr. Linsley made his home in the old homestead where he was born, one of the most attractive places in the town, which he remodeled and modernized. From this residence all of the deceased brothers, as also the venerable parents, have been borne to their last resting-places. Here he passed away Oct. 18, 1900, his death being the direct result of typhoid fever, which was probably brought on by overwork.

In fraternal circles Mr. Linsley was widely known, being connected with Adelphi Lodge, No. 63, A. F. & A. M., of New Haven, of which he was senior warden at the time of his decease; Pulaski Chapter, No. 26, R. A. M., of New Haven, of which he was high priest; Crawford Council, No. 19, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem; New Haven Chapter, Rose Croix; Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine; Lodge No. 36, I. O. O. F., where he made the semi-centennial address in 1896; American Lodge, No. 52, K. of P.; Davenport Council, No. 700, Royal Arcanum (he held the office of grand trustee of the Grand Council of the State for eight years, visiting almost every lodge in the State during that time); Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 27, O. U. A. M.; and North Haven Lodge, No. 61, A. O. U. W.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Linsley were valued and consistent members of the Congregational Church, in which she is still active, and were socially among the prominent citizens of North Haven, Mr. Linsley numbering among his friends and acquaintances many of the most distinguished people of the country.

E. T. SHARPE, M. D., a prominent young physician of Derby, Conn., is a native of New Haven county, born in Seymour, Dec. 18, 1871, and is a representative of an old and honored Connecticut family. His great-grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. The grandfather, Legrand Sharpe, was a native of Southbury and a shoemaker by trade. Thomas Sharpe, father of Elmer T., was also born in Southbury, in 1831, and when a young man removed to Seymour, where he is now successfully engaged in contracting and building, having learned the carpenter's trade in early life. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and has most creditably filled the office of justice of the peace. In Seymour he married Miss Charlotte McLane, who was born in Waterville, Conn., of Scotch parentage, and who died Dec. 30, 1898. Our subject was the only child born of this union.

Dr. Sharpe passed his boyhood in Seymour and

his primary education was secured in the local schools. Later he attended the Bordentown Military Academy, of Bordentown, N. J., for two years, and was a student at the Davis Military College in Winston, S. C., for the same length of time. The following year he attended lectures at the Yale Medical College, and then entered the University of the City of New York, from which he was graduated with the class of 1894. He took a post-graduate course at the New York Polyclinic Hospital, and spent one year in the Bellevue Hospital. Thus well equipped by education and practical experience for his chosen profession, he opened an office in Derby and has already secured a good practice, his skill and ability being widely recognized.

On Nov. 9, 1898, Dr. Sharpe was united in marriage with Miss Emily Jenkins, of Ansonia, a daughter of David Jenkins, of that place. The Doctor is a member of the Board of Trade, and also of Morning Star Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M., of Seymour; and Mt. Vernon Chapter, R. A. M. In his political views he is a Republican. His ancestors have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but he holds membership with no religious denomination. As a professional man he stands high, and socially he is very popular with his fellow citizens.

RUFUS RAYMOND FANCHER, chief of the Fire Department of the city of New Haven, is one of the reliable citizens, who has won his way to his present position by faithful attention to duty, and he is highly esteemed by the whole community.

Mr. Fancher was born at Lewisboro, Westchester Co., N. Y., on Jan. 10, 1861, a son of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Raymond) Fancher, the latter a native of Columbus, Penn. Cyrus Fancher was a blacksmith by trade, but his health failed, and he established a store in Ridgefield, Conn., continuing in mercantile business until his death in 1878. Rufus Fancher, the grandfather, was a resident of Ridgefield, a farmer by occupation, and lived to the age of eighty-three years.

Rufus Raymond Fancher spent his early school days in Ridgefield, and served an apprenticeship in the tinner trade with Samuel J. Barlow, and when he was nineteen years old, went to Ansonia to accept employment with T. P. Terry & Son, with which firm he remained two years. Upon coming about 1880, to New Haven, Mr. Fancher was employed for a time by J. W. Lounsbury, in the tinsmith business, but in 1882, he returned to Ridgefield and spent one summer engaged in the butcher business. In 1883, he returned to New Haven, and entered the employ of W. A. T. Smith, in the tinsmith business. When Mr. Fancher first came to New Haven, he became a member of the fire department, and in 1885 he was promoted to the position of call man, in 1887 was made permanent hoseman of Company No. 2, and on Jan. 2, 1889, was promoted to be captain of Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1.

So faithfully did Mr. Fancher perform the duties of this position, that his appointment as assistant-chief, in February, 1897, was no surprise to his friends. Later promotions rapidly followed, as on Sept. 4, 1897, he became fire marshal, and chief of the department, Sept. 1, 1898.

Mr. Fancher was married May 2, 1882, to Miss Mary C. Baldwin, a daughter of George B. Baldwin, of New Haven, and this union has been blessed with two children: Alice Louise, who died on May 8, 1898, at the age of fourteen years; and Edward K., born Feb. 8, 1889. Fraternally, Mr. Fancher is a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M.; Rathbone Lodge, K. of P.; Pyramid Lodge A. O. U. W.; New Haven Conclave, No. 323; the Heptasophs; Harmony Division of Sons of Temperance. He is also a member of the Connecticut State Firemen's Association, and of the International Association of Fire Engineers. Mr. Fancher has instituted many reforms in the department, and the safety of the city is well placed in his hands. Although a strict disciplinarian, he has won the admiration and respect of his subordinates by his bravery and personal courage, and his comprehension of his arduous work.

BENJAMIN W. PORTER. While the home of this popular and successful young business man is at Newton Centre, Mass., the town of Derby loves to claim him as one of its citizens, inasmuch as he is prominently identified with some of its most important commercial enterprises. He is yet in the prime of manhood, having been born at Freeport, Ill., June 3, 1865. He comes of Green Mountain ancestry, both his father and grandfather having been natives of Vermont. His grandfather—Henry—conducted a drug store at Rutland, in that State, and died there at the age of eighty years. His father, whose baptismal name was Benjamin was born in that town, but laid to heart the advice of the sage of Chautauqua and "went West." He settled at Freeport, Ill., where he engaged extensively in handling grain. In this enterprise he was successful, but death put an end to his business schemes in 1871, when Benjamin W. Porter was but six years old. The older Benjamin married Sarah, a daughter of Warren Clark, whose family were among the early pioneers of Stephenson county, Ill., removing thither from New York. After coming West Mr. Clark devoted himself to business as an insurance agent, but so thoroughly commanded the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens that for several years he was chosen to fill the office of city clerk. His wife's maiden name was Emily Everett, and the issue of their marriage was two children, both of whom are yet living, as also is Mrs. Clark herself, the latter at the age of eighty years. Mr. Porter's mother is also living, at Freeport. She is a communicant in the Episcopal Church, as was her husband.

Benjamin W. Porter was his parents' only child,

and after the death of his father he was reared by an uncle, who educated him at the common and high schools of his native town. He began his business career in the wholly unostentatious role of office boy for a firm of carriage manufacturers, but gradually worked himself up to the position of bookkeeper, holding that until 1884. It is not difficult for those who have known him in later years and who appreciate his naturally keen intellect and his capacity for business affairs to understand the causes for his advancement. Freeport proved to him, however, a sort of "pentup Utica." He had learned both the science and art of surveyor, and he found a field for practice in the employ of the Freeport and St. Paul Railroad Company. One year of this life satisfied his scientific aspirations; and at its conclusion he returned to office work entering the employ of the Henry Buggy Company, at that time one of the most important and flourishing concerns in the West, in its own line of trade. He was commissioned city clerk of Freeport for two years, but tired of the office within nine months and tendered his resignation. Thereupon, he reversed the idea of Mr. Greeley and went East, making no pause until he reached the town of Derby, Conn. His means were comparatively small, and he willingly began work as a bookkeeper for the Derby Street Railway and the Naugatuck Steamboat Companies, both concerns being under one management. Here he manifested such aptitude, sagacity, quick perception and his ready grasp of affairs, that in August, 1897, he was tendered the office of general manager. This he accepted and has ever since continued to discharge the grave duties of that responsible post with that cool judgment, genuine common sense and unswerving integrity, which have characterized him throughout life. Meanwhile—from 1892 to 1897—he had served as secretary of the National Box Company, of Derby, of which concern, in 1897, he was made general manager, and in 1898 vice-president. The output of the company is enormous, and perhaps it is not too much to say that it is one of the largest concerns, if not the largest, of its sort in the world, owning large well equipped manufacturing plants at Baldwinville and Orange, Mass., as well as at Manchester and Ashuelot, N. H. The Derby Street Railway Company, of which Mr. Porter is at present general manager and assistant treasurer, was probably the first local transportation company in the New England States to employ electricity as a motive power, starting the first car over its lines on May 1, 1888, and it was the first to use air brakes. The line is well equipped and its service is of the best, and the management has opened a charming park, on the Housatonic, where attractive concerts and exhibitions are given throughout the summer season, free of charge to the patrons of the road. A fine ball field adjoins the park, which is much used during the seasonable months. It is not surprising that under such wise and liberal management the line has become one of

the most profitable in the State, paying large dividends to its stockholders. The road is but three and a half miles in length running between Ansonia, Derby and Housatonic Park, but has an equipment of twenty-five cars, while the number of employes is sixty. The selection of these is a matter of great concern with Mr. Porter, who has raised the personnel of his subordinates to an exceptionally high standard. He is much esteemed by his men, who as well as the public, look upon him as a model manager. His rare executive capacity has been also shown in his conduct of the affairs of the Box Company. When he assumed its superintendency there were seventy-five hands employed, and but one mill was in operation. At present (1900) four mills are constantly running, giving work to five hundred employes. In 1867 he was chosen a director in and general manager of the Saratoga Traction Company, but resigned both positions within a year. He has other important business interests as well, being a member of the railway engineering firm C. H. Davis, of New York. He was for a time confidential secretary for Mr. Wood, president of the Derby Street Railway Co., and is secretary and a member of the executive committee of the Connecticut Street Railway Association. He is also chairman of the house committee of the Derby Board of Trade. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and in 1896 was a member of the State Central Committee of the "gold" wing of his party. For a year he served as borough treasurer of Derby, and for a like period as police commissioner. He is a communicant in the Episcopal Church, and was for many years a vestryman. In 1890 he was married to Miss Harriet Downs, a daughter of D. J. Downs, a sketch of whose life may be found elsewhere.

Personally Mr. Porter is exceedingly popular, his warm heart and frank, genial manners winning for him hosts of friends. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and also belongs to Housatonic Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F. In 1898 he removed his residence to Newton Centre, Mass., but he still claims Derby as his home.

IRA W. BEERS. The world instinctively pays deference to the man whose success has been worthily achieved and who has overcome the obstacles in his path and reached a high position in the business world. This is a progressive age, and he who does not advance is soon left far behind. Mr. Beers, by the improvement of the opportunities with which all are surrounded, has steadily and honorably worked his way upward and is now at the head of a profitable business as a dealer in flour, grain, feed and hay, and proprietor of the Excelsior and Central Mills, of Hamden.

Mr. Beers is a native of that town, born in Centerville June 18, 1862, and belongs to one of the oldest and best families of Connecticut. His father, Philo S. Beers, was born, reared and educated in

Trumbull, Fairfield county, and began his business career as a workman in the woolen mills at that place. Later he was similarly employed at Naugatuck, Conn., and while there invented a spoke machine, which he patented. Coming to Hamden, he erected the first flourmill at Centerville, where he successfully engaged in the manufacture of flour and feed up to the time of his death, in September, 1875. His remains were interred in the cemetery at that place. He was a man of good business and mechanical ability, noted for his industry, honesty and fair dealing, and was well-known and highly respected. He was a worthy member of the Episcopal Church of Hamden, and in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican. Philo S. Beers married Miss Marietta Fenn, a native of Middlebury, Conn., and a daughter of John and Sarah Fenn. She was a woman of many noble qualities, and like her husband was a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. She died in Centerville Jan. 21, 1898, and was laid to rest in the cemetery there. In the family were four children: John and George, both residents of Hamden; Mary L., wife of George Dickerman, of the same place; and Ira W., our subject.

Ira W. Beers attended the Centerville district schools during his boyhood, and after the death of his father, which occurred when he was thirteen years old, he commenced work in the shop of J. T. Henry, a manufacturer of pruning shears at Centerville, where he was employed eight years. In 1883 he leased the mill which had formerly belonged to his father (and later purchased it) and embarked in business for himself as a manufacturer of flour. Meeting with success in this undertaking, he subsequently built another mill, for the grinding of feeds, and in connection with the operation of both mills he also deals in grain, hay, etc., doing quite an extensive and profitable business along that line; he also conducts a branch store at Mt. Carmel. Mr. Beers made many improvements in his property, and now has a well equipped plant. Early in 1901 he took possession of the Algona Milling & Grain Co.'s business, at Algona, Iowa, of which he is sole owner, and in connection with same he deals in coal and runs a grain elevator, having, altogether, quite an extensive business, which will no doubt under his management take on the same degree of prosperity that has marked his connection with other enterprises. All in all Mr. Beers has shown himself to be a man of unusual ability, prompt and notably reliable. His dealings are all characterized by the strictest honesty, without which he could never have gained the reputation he enjoys, his name being second to no other in his town for fairness and uprightness. As his standing in commercial circles, so is his standing socially and as a citizen, and he is quite popular, having won many friends by his genial disposition.

On June 21, 1893, Mr. Beers was united in marriage with Miss Florence A. Mead, a native of Win-



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sted, Conn., and a daughter of Charles and Jane A. (Burr) Mead, both representatives of old New England families. Mrs. Beers is a lady of culture and refinement, is an accomplished musician, and has served as organist of churches in Winsted and for eight years as organist in the Central Presbyterian Church of Auburn, N. Y. Her frequent appearances in public have been attended with unvarying success. She and her husband belong to the Episcopal Church, of which he is clerk and treasurer, and one of the vestrymen. They are also members of Hamden Grange, of which he has served as master and is at present treasurer, and in social circles they occupy an enviable position. Mr. Beers is identified with the Republican party, but he has never desired political notoriety. Fraternally he affiliates with Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., of Centerville; and with Montowese Lodge, 1. O. O. F., and Golden Rule Encampment, both of New Haven.

PHINEAS TRUMAN IVES, who enjoys the distinction of holding a leading position as jeweler in Meriden, was born in Yalesville, in the town of Wallingford, and is a descendant of the oldest families of New Haven. John Ives, the first of that name in Wallingford, was a son of William Ives, who came from England during the old days, and was the first of the name in America. John Ives was a farmer and land owner in what is now Meriden town, and had a family of eight children.

Joseph Ives, second son of John, was born in Meriden Oct. 14, 1674, and was married to Esther Benedict May 11, 1697. For his second wife he married Minnie Munson, who was born June 13, 1733. He was a farmer and land owner in the southwest part of Wallingford, where he held the position of Deacon in the Church, and died March 18, 1775, when much advanced in years. His children were ten in number.

Ephraim Ives, youngest child of Joseph, was born Jan. 4, 1717. Elizabeth Atwater became his wife March 12, 1741, and they made their home in Plymouth. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war, and died at Crown Point, from sickness, his remains being interred at that place. To him and his wife were born: (1) Sarah, born Nov. 19, 1741, married a Mr. Baldwin, of Waterbury; (2) Ephraim, born Jan. 7, 1744; (3) Phineas, born June 12, 1746; (4) Elmathan, born Dec. 21, 1751; (5) Eunice, born Feb. 19, 1755, married Capt. Bradley, a noted sea-faring man in his day; and (6) Ichabod, who was born after the death of his father, served in the Revolution, although young, and drew a pension of eighty dollars a year.

Phineas Ives, born June 12, 1746, lived in Plymouth, Mass. Later he removed to Cheshire, where he engaged in farming. During the Revolution, with two of his brothers, he served in the Continental army. His life was spent in Cheshire, where he died, and his remains were buried in the

Episcopal churchyard at Cheshire Centre. He was married Dec. 1, 1774, in Cheshire, to Martha Moss, who was born in 1745, a daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Moss, and by her had eight children: (1) Nehemiah Rice, born in August, 1776; (2) Loyal, born in 1778, a farmer, who died at Crown Point, N. Y., in 1802; (3) Phineas Truman, born Oct. 5, 1781; (4) Noble died at Ticonderoga, N. Y.; (5) Justus died at Russell, N. Y.; (6) Martha; (7) Hannah died young; (8) Samuel died Jan. 26, 1851.

Phineas Truman Ives, the grandfather of Phineas T. Ives, was born at Cheshire Oct. 5, 1781, and was engaged in farming and sawmilling, owning a part of a sawmill. He died in the south part of Meriden, near the Cheshire line, April 19, 1870. His remains were also placed to rest in the Cheshire Street cemetery. In his younger days he was a member of the Episcopal Church, but in his later years became a supporter of the Universalist faith. In politics he was a Democrat, and heartily supported Jeffersonian doctrines, but was no office seeker. Phineas T. Ives was married in Cheshire to Salome Rice, who was born in Cheshire, a daughter of Col. Reuben Rice. To this union were born four children: (1) Martha M., born Jan. 3, 1813, died March 10, 1879. (2) Augusta Ann, born Oct. 18, 1814, married Rev. Anson A. Beach, a Methodist clergyman, who was born Oct. 1, 1837; she died April 10, 1898. (3) Lois Louise, born Aug. 9, 1816, married Rev. Hart F. Pease, of the Methodist Church; she died at Norwalk, Conn. (4) Nehemiah Rice, born Feb. 17, 1819, died at Troy, N. Y. The mother of these children died Dec. 15, 1820, and Mr. Ives married for his second wife Fannie Baldwin, of Cheshire, Conn., and to this union were born two children: (1) Phineas Truman, who was born Feb. 15, 1822, and died Aug. 23, 1895, married Julia Doolittle, of Wallingford, Conn., and to them were born two children—Frances Salome (who died in April, 1848) and Friend Augustus (born April 19, 1848). He twice represented the town of Wallingford in the Legislature, and he was a director in the Savings Bank. (2) Amasa B., born Sept. 29, 1823, died in Meriden Jan. 26, 1901. Mrs. Ives died Sept. 17, 1824, at the age of forty years, and Mr. Ives married, for his third wife, Julia A., daughter of Ichabod Ives. She was born April 6, 1793, and died April 19, 1874. In her early years she was a member of the Baptist Church, but later became associated with the Universalist Church. She was the mother of four children: Isaac S., who is still living, was born Aug. 5, 1828; John Augustus, born Dec. 12, 1829, died May 3, 1836; Ebenezer Clark, born Feb. 16, 1832, died June 28, 1872; James Ichabod, born May 13, 1834, died March 3, 1848.

Ebenezer Clark Ives, father of Phineas Truman, was educated in the district schools. He was reared on a farm, but after reaching manhood engaged in the grocery business at Yalesville, Conn. He died there June 28, 1872, and his remains rest in

the Cheshire Street cemetery. In politics he was a Democrat, and in all his intercourse with the world around him lived very close to the Golden Rule. He was married Aug. 5, 1854, to Mary J. Potter, who was born in New Haven, a daughter of Sylvester and Mary E. (Campbell) Potter. Her mother was of Scottish descent, and her father of English. To them were born four children: Julia, who died young; Jennie M.; Hattie C.; and Phineas Truman, whose name introduces this article. The mother died Jan. 31, 1879, and her remains repose in the Cheshire Street cemetery.

Phineas Truman Ives removed with his mother from Yalesville, where he attended the public school, and entered the Cheshire Episcopal Academy. In September, 1890, he opened a jewelry store in a modest way on West Main street, and in 1895 he removed to the Meriden House Block, where he has since won recognition as the leading jeweler of the city. In 1897 he opened a branch store in Wallingford, Conn. In politics he is a Republican, but he is no politician. Socially he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., Meridian Lodge, No. 77; Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council, No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery, K. T.; and of Pilgrim Harbor Council, No. 543, Royal Arcanum. In religious matters he is a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Y. M. C. A.

LEONARD BURTON WOODING is a representative young farmer, and a descendant of an old and prominent family in Bethany, Conn., being a grandson of Silas Wooding, who can still be recalled in that neighborhood. Silas Wooding married Mary Sperry, and their family included: Dennis M., the father of our subject; Burton, who died young; Edwin, who died in July, 1881, in Westville; and Guy, who is a mechanic.

Dennis M. Wooding was born in Bethany, where he grew up, later removing to Woodbridge, where he engaged in the butcher business, dealing in a wholesale way in New Haven, and managing a wagon that went through the town of Woodbridge, much to the accommodation of the residents. His death occurred in July, 1881, in Woodbridge, and his burial took place in Westville, Conn. He married Elizabeth S., a daughter of Alva Munson, a native of Hamden, and the children born to this union were: Nellie A.; Jessie, the wife of Frederick Prentice; Leonard B., our subject; and John T., who died young.

Leonard Burton Wooding was born Nov. 27, 1866, in Woodbridge, where he went to school until the death of his father, which occurred before he had completed more than a primary course. Thrown upon his own resources, he engaged in any labor that would bring returns, and followed many kinds of occupation, being of an energetic nature. In 1898 he settled in North Haven and bought the farm he now occupies, consisting of eighty-four

acres formerly belonging to Franklin Shepherd, and upon this he carries on general and dairy farming, succeeding beyond his expectations.

Mr. Wooding was married in 1890 to Lizzie A. Judge, a native of Woodbridge, a daughter of Edwin W. Judge, a farmer of that locality, and to this union five children have been born: Edwin M.; Leonard B., who died in infancy; Henry W.; Franklin W.; and Nellie Angeline.

In political affiliations Mr. Wooding is a Republican; he has never accepted any office. Socially he is connected with North Haven Lodge, No. 61, A. O. U. W.; and Olive Branch Lodge, No. 84, A. F. & A. M., of Westville. Of an earnest and upright nature, Mr. Wooding has made many friends. He is a valued member of the Congregational Church in Woodbridge, and Mrs. Wooding belongs to the M. E. Church of Westville.

JOHN C. PETTIBONE, a manufacturer of brass goods in Ansonia, was born in Burlington April 12, 1850, a son of DeForest Pettibone, who was born in Canton, Conn., the birthplace also of his father, Oliver Pettibone. His parents came from England, and settled in Canton at an early date in the history of the Colony. They were farmers, and spent their lives in the cultivation of the soil. They died in Burlington. The grandmother, Harriet Pettibone, was the mother of eight children, all of whom are living, and we have record of the following: Stephen, in Iowa; Gordon, in Des Moines, Iowa; De Forest; William and Oliver, both in the West; Edwin, in the State of California; Catherine, married and in the West. Both Oliver Pettibone and his wife were members of the Methodist Church.

DeForest Pettibone spent his early life in Burlington, where he learned the carpenter trade, and became a carpenter and contractor, which business he followed all his life, until the failure of his health, in 1897, compelled a retirement from active labor. Aurelia Pond, his wife, was born in West Hartford. Philena (Crandall) Pond, her mother, is still living, and has reached the venerable age of eighty-five. Aurelia (Pond) Pettibone was the mother of five children, three of whom are living: Fred R.; John C.; and Myrtie, who married M. E. Ryder, of Plainville, Conn. The parents were both members of the Methodist Church, and the father was a man of affairs in the town, where he was elected to several offices.

John C. Pettibone spent the first fourteen years of his life under the parental roof, and was engaged in the acquisition of an education. He entered a clock factory at Forestville when he was fourteen, and began the clock maker's trade, which became his business in life up to 1881. That year he came to Ansonia and entered the employ of the Ansonia Electric Company, remaining with that corporation three years. From that institution he passed to the Ansonia Brass Casting Co., and was in their service until 1894, when he began the manufacture

of his present line of brass specialties. He is making a large variety of these goods, and as he has thoroughly mastered every line of his trade, his success was assured from the start.

Mr. Pettibone was married in 1889 to Carrie B. Crane, a daughter of Thomas Crane, and she is the happy mother of two children, Clarence E. and Edna Marion. Mr. Pettibone is a Democrat in his politics, and at different times has appeared on the ticket of that party as a candidate for various official positions. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., and was formerly associated with the Red Men, in which he was an active and popular member, being honored by election to all the chairs. He is a charter member of the Workmen, and belongs to the Eagle Hose Company, No. 6. Mrs. Pettibone belongs to the Congregational Church.

ARTHUR SHERMAN LANE, a member of the firm of J. S. Lane & Son, a well-known business house of Meriden, Conn., was born in Kent, Litchfield county, Conn., Oct. 27, 1864, and is the eldest son of John Sherman Lane (see biography on another page). His education was acquired at a select school at Lime Rock, in his native county, and after completing the course he entered the employ of the Housatonic Railroad Company, as freight agent at West Stockbridge, Mass., and was afterward located at Bridgeport in a clerical capacity with the same company. After one year at this point, he was made freight cashier of the New York, New Haven & Hartford road at the Harlem River terminal, N. Y., and for ten years Mr. Lane ably filled the important duties connected with this position. In 1891 he resigned in order to become a partner with his father in the stone business, and for eleven years his energies have been devoted to the Meriden and Westfield works of the firm, where he is not only respected for his excellent business and executive ability, but also for an energy that prompts him personally to give assistance in any case where it may be demanded by the exigencies of the occasion. His example is an excellent one, and he is held in the highest esteem by his employes. Although his business cares are engrossing, Mr. Lane is a public spirited man, and has taken an active interest in the development of Meriden along all lines of improvement. During his term of office as alderman from the First ward, he made the committee on Streets and Parks, of which he was the chairman, among the most important of all. In 1897 Mr. Lane was nominated by his Republican fellow-citizens as their candidate for Mayor, but was defeated, that being the year which was noted for the "land-slide" for the Democratic party.

In 1884 Mr. Lane was married in New York, to Miss Carrie E. Shove, a native of that city and a daughter of Oliver P. Shove. She is noted for her many winning traits of character. The three children born to this marriage are: Gertrude E. and Grace L., charming twin daughters; and one son,

Samuel Virgin. The beautiful family home is located on North Colony street and is one where taste and refinement make it one of the social centers of the city. Fraternally Mr. Lane belongs to Alfred Hall Council, No. 1423, of which he was the first charter member; and he is active in the social affairs of the Home Club. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lane belong to the First Congregational Church, in which Mr. Lane has been an official member and a most liberal supporter and where Mrs. Lane is well known for her interest in all good work. Both in public and private life Mr. Lane is a popular and representative citizen of Meriden.

GEORGE D. MOSHER. Mr. Mosher's immediate ancestors were residents of the "Pine Tree State." Both his grandfather and father were born in Maine, where his English progenitors first made their home. Both were tillers of the soil and his father, Careb Mosher, whose birthplace was Mercer, Maine, is still living at the age of ninety years after a life spent in farming. Careb married Johanna Hancock, whose father was one of the farmer-patriots who lost his life in the war of 1812. George D. Mosher was one of a family of thirteen children, the youngest of whom died in infancy. The names of the others were Ruth, Reuben, Stephen, Caroline, Susan, Emily, Adelia, Adriana, Wheelock, George D., Milton and Ellen. Of these, Reuben is a farmer and still lives in Maine. Stephen was a resident of Pittsfield, Maine, until his death, which occurred in 1895; he was a man of prominence in his neighborhood, took an active interest in public affairs and accumulated what in his time was considered a comfortable competence. Wheelock is still a Maine farmer. Milton is in the employ of his brother, George D. Careb Mosher is a Republican in political faith and a Baptist in religious conviction.

George D. Mosher was born in Rome, Maine, April 10, 1851. Until he reached the age of seventeen years he lived and worked upon his father's farm, attending the district school as necessity permitted and opportunity afforded. The natural bent of his mind was turned to mechanical pursuits, and at the age of seventeen he began his active business life as an employe in a scythe factory in Maine. In 1869 he ventured to go West as far as New Hartford, Conn., where he spent two years more as a hand in a scythe factory. Some men might have regarded at least a portion of this time as wasted. Not so Mr. Mosher. He had learned just enough of mechanical work to stimulate his desire to further knowledge, while at the same time laying a foundation for future success in what was to be the business of his life. Going from New Hartford to New Britain he entered the employ of the Stanley Rule and Level Company where he learned the manufacture of planes. After remaining five years with this concern he returned to New Hartford, where he entered into business for himself as a

manufacturer of harness snaps. His partners changed from time to time and in 1880 he removed to Shelton where he carried on the manufacture of harness trimmings alone, his specialty being snaps, in which he has patented a new device. Not long afterward he invented a new description of plane, and in 1885 organized a stock company for the manufacture and sale of the same, as well as of other hardware. The concern in which Mr. Mosher was the principal stockholder was at first called the Birmingham Plane Manufacturing Co., but in 1891 the name was changed to the Derby Plane Co. Some three years ago Mr. Mosher bought the remainder of the stock and is now sole owner of the business. In addition to planes, various specialties are made at the works, among them being patented combination spoke shaves with chamfering gauges attachment. Mr. Mosher is pre-eminently a practical man; there is not a detail of the process of manufacture with which he is not familiar, and dressed in old clothes he goes about here and there among his men working with them and keeping his experienced watchful eye ever open and his active busy brain ever at work. The supervision of the work of the office he entrusts to his oldest son. Both his factories are located at Shelton and both are kept constantly at work to their full capacity. His business is large and constantly growing and as he looks through his works and examines his books of accounts he has the proud satisfaction of knowing that he laid the foundation of his own prosperity and that from an underpaid apprentice in a scythe factory in Maine he has risen to be owner and head of a great manufacturing industry through his own hard work, sound sense, patience and probity. In addition to his business as a manufacturer he owns and conducts a large stock farm at Milford, where he resides. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1871 Mr. Mosher was married to Miss Alice Rust, of New Hartford. They are the parents of two sons—Durwood and Bertram. Durwood, as has been already said, takes charge of his father's office and Bertram is yet at school.

GERSON STRAUSS, M. D., one of the leading physicians of New Haven, and one whose skill is unquestioned, is a native of Bavaria, Germany, where he was born July 3, 1866, a son of Isaac and Amelia (Kahn) Strauss.

The paternal grandfather, also Gerson Strauss, was a successful grocer and merchant in his native land, and died respected by a large circle of friends and business associates.

Isaac Strauss, the father of our subject, was also a merchant, but never came to America, dying in Bavaria, about twenty years ago. The honored mother passed away about the same date, having borne her husband a family of five children: Leo, Clara, Fannie, Joseph and our subject.

Dr. Gerson Strauss, the subject of this article, spent his boyhood days in Bavaria, but when only

twelve, after having attended the public schools at Bruckenaue, he came to America, settling at Frederick, Md. Being anxious to improve every opportunity, he then attended school at Frederick for one year, after which he clerked for four years. The next change was made to Cleveland, Ohio, and here the ambitious young man was connected with a clothing store. Through all these years, however, his great desire had been to enter the medical profession, and as a preliminary step, he finally came to New Haven, Conn., entering the drug store of Mr. Fleishner. Saving the money he so industriously earned, and carefully storing his mind, Dr. Strauss, in 1891, entered the medical department of the Baltimore University, from which he graduated with high honors in 1895. Having completed his course, Dr. Strauss returned to New Haven, and has since remained in this community, building up a fine and constantly increasing practice.

In 1894, Dr. Strauss married Miss Anna Morris, a native of Prussia, and two interesting children have been added to their family. Both the Doctor and Mrs. Strauss are members of Orange Street Temple of Mishkan Israel. By their many kind actions and excellent qualities, they have endeared themselves to all who know them.

HENRY W. SANFORD, of New Haven, is a worthy and representative member of the Sanford family, which has possessed, in combination with talent of a high order, an energy and capacity for work that has given it prominence through generations.

Joseph Sanford, grandfather of Henry W., was a native of East Granville, Mass., where he acquired a knowledge of the tanner's trade and carried on what was an extensive business, becoming quite prominent and successful. During the war of 1812 he secured the contract for supplying the government with leather and purchased a large number of hides. At that time the process of tanning was necessarily slow and before the leather was ready for use the war closed and the contract was never filled. The latter years of Mr. Sanford's life were spent upon a farm in Bloomfield, Conn., purchased for him by his son, George W. Joseph Sanford was a member of the Congregational Church and a good and worthy man. He married in Northfield, Hope Wilmot, a native of that town, and to them were born: George W., who is mentioned below; Hope, who married a Mr. Trumbell, and removed to Ohio; Hannah, who married Henry Neil, of Sherborn, Mass.; Roena, who married Reuben Barker and removed to Michigan; Joseph D., who died in infancy; Joseph D. (2), who married Mary Smith, and was at one time a merchant in Tariffville, later residing in Granby; and another daughter, Mrs. Botham. Joseph Sanford, the father of these children, died in 1846 and is buried at Tariffville.

Dr. George W. Sanford, the father of Henry



Henry W. Sanford

W. was born in Litchfield, Conn., Dec. 20, 1807, and received a good education, completing a course at Dr. Corley's Classical School, East Granville, Mass., in 1827. After this he studied medicine and several years later commenced practice in Granville, Mass. In 1836 he graduated from the Medical Department of Williams College. Shortly before 1830 he located at Tariffville, where he continued in active practice for over sixty years. While on his way to Tariffville he went over the toll bridge at North Bloomfield without paying toll. As he passed on a young lady who was attending to the toll gate rushed after him and threatened to prosecute the physician if he did not make the legal payment. The Doctor related the incident to a friend whom he met a little later on his trip, expressing his admiration of the courage of the girl and said he intended to make her acquaintance. Following up this intention Dr. Sanford found out that she was Miss Jane Elizabeth Adams, who was born in Bloomfield, Conn., Sept. 11, 1813, a daughter of Ambrose and Catherine (Eno) Adams, and upon Feb. 4, 1830, the young lady became Mrs. Sanford.

In his extensive practice at Tariffville Dr. Sanford was eminently successful and he soon became one of the leading citizens of the town. In 1835 he became a member of the Hartford County Medical Society and at the time of his death was its oldest member. In 1874 he was elected president of the society and again in 1881 the honor was conferred upon him. Dr. Sanford was also a member of the State Medical Society; the American Medical Society; and the Lyceum of Natural History of the Berkshire Medical Institute. His usefulness, however, was not limited to his profession, for he was a prominent member of society and as a public-spirited citizen accomplished much good.

The declining years of Dr. Sanford's life were burdened by a misfortune which, however, he did not allow to deter him from continuing his practice. In 1885 he became totally blind as a result of two accidents, he having been thrown from his carriage Feb. 21, 1883, and again on May 3, of the same year. These successive shocks caused a congestion of the nerve of the eye which produced blindness, yet he continued to practice. His patients visited him preferring him, with his wonderful skill, to strangers. His faculties were unimpaired to the last and he retained through life the kind regard and respect of the people whom he had known and served for over sixty years. Dr. Sanford died at Tariffville Sept. 23, 1892, aged eighty-five, and in his death the town lost one of its most valued citizens.

For many years the Doctor was a prominent member of the Baptist Church and often when the church was in debt and in urgent need of funds he at his own expense and inconvenience made trips among the members and solicited the necessary money. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican and for many years served as justice of the

peace. During the administration of Harrison and Tyler he was postmaster; for fifty years he was school visitor; and for several years was keeper of the town poor. In 1845, 1871 and 1875 Dr. Sanford served in the House of Representatives and during his first term served most acceptably on the committee on Banks; during his other two terms he served on the committee on Humane Institutions. Not only in his immediate vicinity but throughout the surrounding country he was widely known and numbered among his friends many prominent men. Fraternally he was a Mason.

Dr. Sanford and his wife had children, as follows: Jane Geraldine, born June 16, 1831, married Charles L. Roberts; both are deceased. George Ambrose, born Nov. 26, 1832, died Feb. 5, 1851. Joseph Willis, born Sept. 1, 1835, of the Scovill Mfg. Co., of Waterbury, Conn., married Emma Woodward, by whom he had one son, Frank Willis, who married Susan Goodman, and they have one child, Mary Ellen. Marvin H., born Sept. 20, 1837, died Dec. 8, 1896. James Honor, born May 8, 1840, died March 25, 1892, at Meriden, where for many years he was connected with the street department. Ophelia, born April 15, 1842, died Sept. 16, 1860. Morton, born July 6, 1844, is keeper of the State poor; his sketch appeared in the history of Hartford county. Mary, born July 11, 1846, died Feb. 8, 1847. Mary Alice, born Nov. 27, 1847, died July 8, 1848. Henry W. is mentioned below. George Ambrose, born Aug. 15, 1852, resides in Winsted, Conn. Ellen B., born Oct. 28, 1855, died Aug. 19, 1870. The mother of this family died March 9, 1872, and Dr. Sanford married Ada L. Eno, who now resides in New Britain, Connecticut.

Henry W. Sanford spent his early school days in the public schools of Tariffville and latter attended the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield for two years, after which he joined his brother in caring for the State poor. After four years he went to Saunders county, Neb., on the Platte river, where for three years he was in the cattle business. At the expiration of this time he returned to Tariffville and for two years more was in business with his brother, M. H. On March 1, 1878, he came to New Haven as superintendent of the New Haven Alms House, and for twelve years had charge of that institution, then located on the western end of Martin street. He was in charge when its four hundred inmates were removed to Springside Home, near Evergreen Lake, which is one of the best appointed institutions of the kind in New England. In the building and arrangement of this new home Mr. Sanford took a keen interest and worked hard to include in its arrangement plans and conveniences that his experience had taught him were needed. In that line of work (Alms-house-keeper) he was one of the well-known men in New England. He labored constantly for improvements and it was entirely through his labors and untiring efforts that in 1885 an ambulance wagon became part of the

institution. This was the first ambulance wagon in New Haven and a feature that was soon copied by the police department there. Few people have any idea of the care and responsibility incident to such a position. Mr. Sanford took a deep interest in the work and it was with considerable regret that his resignation was received in 1895 when he became manager of the New Haven Ice Co., which position he still holds.

On May 17, 1877, Mr. Sanford was married in Avon, Conn., to Helen E., daughter of Newton Miller, and one son has come to this union, Newton Waldo, born in New Haven Nov. 27, 1891. Fraternally Mr. Sanford is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of New Haven Commandery, K. T.; the Red Men; the Heptasophs; the A. O. U. W.; and the Knights of Honor.

JEREMIAH FRANCIS DONOVAN. Prominent among the young professional citizens of New Haven is Jeremiah Francis Donovan, a well-known lawyer, a prominent Democrat and senior representative of the city of New Haven in the General Assembly, having been elected to that honorable position in November, 1900. The paternal ancestors of Representative Donovan were prosperous farmers in Ireland and there at Castle Donovan, County Cork, was the ancestral domicile for over five generations.

Jeremiah C. Donovan, his father, located when a young man in New Haven and has since resided there, being one of the oldest Irish residents of the city. He was by trade a silver-plater and for many years he was engaged in the grocery business but has now retired. In 1856 he was married in New Haven to Miss Ellen Collins, of Skibbereen, County Cork, Ireland, and of their marriage were born eight children.

Jeremiah F. Donovan was born in New Haven Feb. 1, 1872, and was educated in the public schools and the high school of his native city. After leaving school he engaged in business for two years and entered Yale University Law School in 1892, graduating in June, 1894, at which time he was admitted to the New Haven county Bar. He has since practiced his profession in New Haven. Mr. Donovan has always taken an interest in public questions and his city's welfare, by reason of which fact he was elected at the comparatively youthful age of twenty-eight years as representative to the General Assembly by the largest constituency in the State of Connecticut. His record as a legislator of ability and integrity has been unsurpassed by any young man in the General Assembly. Mr. Donovan was active in debate and in the councils of his party and was a champion of the cause of Constitutional Reform. He is one of the few men of the General Assembly having the honor to serve on three committees, each of which was important: Contested Election committee, Joint Constitutional Amendment committee and Revision of Statutes committee, all of them requiring close attention and

involving complicated legal questions. His record argues for further political consideration and advancement at the hands of his fellow citizens.

On Oct. 12, 1898, at St. John's Roman Catholic Church Mr. Donovan was married to Miss Mary E., daughter of Mrs. Margaret J. Fahy, and two children have been born of this union: Jerome F., born in August, 1899, and Mary E., born in November, 1900. During his college days Mr. Donovan was prominent in athletics and was also one of New Haven's amateur actors. He is a prominent member of many societies and clubs and is interested in the National Guard of the State of Connecticut, holding a commission as captain of the Sarsfield Guard of New Haven.

JOSEPH ANSELL, one of the prominent and successful business citizens of Meriden, Conn., who conducts a business in meats, poultry and green groceries on West Main street in Meriden, is rapidly coming to the front as one of the substantial as well as one of the most reliable merchants in the city.

Mr. Ansell was born in Birmingham, England, Feb. 4, 1870, coming from an old family of that city, his forefathers having successfully engaged in business pursuits there for a great many years—good, honest men and devoted members of the Church of England. Joseph Ansell, Sr., the father of our subject, was born in Birmingham, England, July 25, 1838, and there he grew to manhood and opened up a large trade in fruits and vegetables, at which business he continued until the time of his death, in 1876. On Jan. 1, 1859, at All Saint's Church, Birmingham, he was united in marriage with Sarah Butwill, a native of the same place, and she still resides in Birmingham. Seven children were born to this marriage, of whom two are deceased: Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Davis, of New York City; John, who resides in Norwich, Conn., where he is foreman of the Crescent Arms Co. and a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity; Sarah Ann, who married Charles Madley, a prominent railroad contractor, of Crudington, Wales; Joseph; and Charles, who is foreman in the glass works of L. Strauss & Son, in New York.

Joseph Ansell, our subject, was but six years of age when his father was removed by death and his mother was left to care for the family. Thus Joseph had few educational advantages beyond those offered by the common schools and he started out while yet a youth to earn his own living. Being a bright and prepossessing youth he easily secured employment with the wholesale grocery firm of Henry Clay & Co., where he continued until he had saved enough money to gratify his ambition and start for America, an older brother having become a resident of New York City, and to him the fourteen year old traveler made his way. After a short visit with his brother, John, he came to Meriden, and soon secured employment with the Meriden Britannia Co., and with wages at fifty cents per day, remained with them for a year, leaving to take a posi-

tion in the chandelier department of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., and for thirteen years was one of its most trusted and valued employees.

During this period Mr. Ansell had worked his way up to a responsible position in this house and left it only to take a more lucrative one with the American Pin Co., of Waterbury. Through 1895 he sold the goods of this latter firm through all the New England States and also handled goods for the Excelsior Faucet Co., of New York, and local firms of Meriden. Our subject is still the agent for the American Pin Co., Waterbury, in connection with his other line of business. In May, 1897, he opened up his present line in meats, poultry and green goods on West Main street, in this city, and immediately received encouragement from the citizens, his strict attention to business, with his honesty in dealing, gaining for him the confidence of the public.

Joseph Ansell was married in 1891, in this city, to Miss Frances Kibner, who was born in Glens Falls, N. Y., a daughter of John Kibner, of that place, but was born in Chambly, Canada. John Kibner married Susan Paro, a native of Vermont, and they had nine children, two sons and seven daughters. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ansell: Joseph Wilbur, who died in infancy; Victoria Stella, born on the birthday of the late lamented Queen of England, May 24, 1895; Henry William, born Aug. 7, 1897; and Steward, born Dec. 9, 1899.

Of a pleasing personality and genial nature Mr. Ansell has connected himself with a number of organizations for social and educational purposes, in all of them being very popular; and he is active in the management of the fairs and bazaars, which form a pleasant feature of their entertainments. In April, 1890, he joined Court Excelsior, No. 6, Foresters of America, and the following year was elected to the office of Chief Ranger, filling the duties of the position for more than a year, and in 1893 was elected the Court delegate to the Grand Court in Danbury. In 1892 he joined Charles Dickens Lodge, No. 89, Sons of St. George, and in 1895 was made its president and in 1896 took his Grand Lodge degree at Stamford, Conn., and was the District Deputy Grand President for both Meriden and Wallingford. Mr. Ansell is also a charter member of I. C. Lewis Lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor, which was organized in 1895 and is an active member of the Friendly Circle Companions. In politics he votes independently. He is a member of All Saints Memorial Episcopal Church.

LOUIS F. GARDNER, member of the well-known firm of John B. Gardner's Sons, manufacturers of clock trimmings, nickel plating and brass finishing, Ansonia, is a native of that city, born Aug. 18, 1859. John B. Gardner, his father, was born in Germany whence, when about fourteen

years old he came to America in the employ of the Jerome Clock Co., Ansonia, and subsequently carried on for his own account the clock trimming business, in which he remained until his death, Jan. 25, 1891. By his wife, Mary Jane (Gregory), he had a family of children as follows: Horace, who died young; Sturgis G.; Louis F., our subject; Annie L., wife of Emile Schultz, a lawyer in New York; John, who died at the age of fifteen; Mary C. and Charlotte G., both single. The mother passed away Aug. 27, 1890. The father was a Republican in politics, served as warden in Ansonia for many years and was a justice of the peace and deputy judge there.

Louis F. Gardner, whose name introduces these lines, received his education in part at the local schools of Ansonia, in part at boarding schools and then commenced business life along with his father. On the latter's death Louis became a member of the firm, the name thereof being now John B. Gardner's Sons.

On Oct. 27, 1898, Mr. Gardner married Cecile Banks, born in Easton, Conn., a daughter of Moses E. and Amelia (Collins) Banks, of Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Banks was born June 15, 1835, in the town of Easton (at that time known as Weston), a son of William Banks, who was born in Weston, in 1808, and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. By his wife, Ellen (Burr), he had two children, Moses E. and Eliza M. (Mrs. Tuttle, of Bridgeport). Moses E. has for many years been connected with a book publishing business in New York and is also owner of a fine farm in the town of Easton. On Dec. 24, 1853, he married Amelia Collins, of New York, and four children were born to them, viz.: Cecile, Mrs. Louis Gardner; Jane E., wife of Major J. Taylor Amiss, of Asheville, N. C.; Mildred, widow of James H. Torry, late of Bridgeport; and C. Lincoln, a medical practitioner in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

In politics Mr. Gardner is a Republican, and although not a fraternity man in the strict sense of the term, he belongs to several clubs; is a member of the Board of Trade, of the Knickerbocker, Holland and Imperial Clubs and an honorary member of several other clubs. He has a fine residence in Derby, though all his business interests are in Ansonia, and he and his wife enjoy the esteem and regard of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

THEODORE E. BEARD, M. D., a successful young physician of New Haven, was born in Huntington, Fairfield Co., Conn., Feb. 7, 1866, son of Theodore E. Beard, Sr., a prominent lumber dealer of Huntington township and a worthy representative of a family which has long been held in high esteem in that section.

Among the first settlers of Milford, Conn., in the year 1639, were Widow Martha Beard with three sons and three daughters. Her husband, James Beard, died on the passage from England to

America. The names of the sons are James, John and Jeremy (or Jeremiah). James, who was the eldest, died in 1642, unmarried, and his estate was the first ever settled in Milford. The name of Jeremiah is not conspicuous on the records of the town. He was propounded for freeman by the General Court at Hartford, May 11, 1671. Capt. John Beard, the ancestor of those bearing the name in this region, was a prominent citizen of the town. He was married about 1653 to Hannah, the divorced wife of John Oviatt. They had eight children, whose names with dates of birth, are as follows: John, June 27, 1654 (old style); Mary, Nov. 12, 1658; James, Dec. 4, 1661; Joseph, July 20, 1666; Samuel, Feb. 4, 1669; Jeremiah and Ebenezer, twins, April 16, 1672; and Sarah, July 22, 1675. John was appointed captain of a military company Jan. 17, 1675. He was deputy from Milford to the General Court for October, 1677, term, and was re-elected continuously for the next thirteen years, with two exceptions. He was frequently appointed by the General Court commissioner to settle boundaries, etc. His name appears frequently in the Colonial records.

Samuel Beard, son of Capt. John, was born Feb. 4, 1669.

James Beard, son of Samuel, was born in 1702.

Samuel Beard, son of James, was born in 1734 and served in the Revolutionary war. He married Elizabeth Wheeler and had children as follows: Lavinia, Rebecca, Joel, James, Elizabeth, Sarah, Joanna, Samuel and Polly.

Joel Beard, son of Samuel, was born Aug. 16, 1765, and was a resident of Huntington. He married Nancy Blackman and had children as follows: Eli, Sally, Nancy, Laura, Lucy, Caty, Polly, Annie and Joel.

Joel Beard, son of Joel, was born in July, 1805, in Huntington and was a lifelong resident of that town, where he followed farming. He married Maria Chatfield and had the following children: William T., Theodore E., James H. and Oliver G.

Theodore E. Beard, Sr., was born Dec. 21, 1833, at the old homestead in Huntington and received a common school and academic education during his boyhood. As the son of a busy farmer he had a practical training in agricultural work and at an early age he began to display marked business ability. In 1854, when only twenty-one years old, he engaged in the manufacture of straw paper in partnership with his brother, William T. Beard, building a mill about three and a half miles from Derby. They continued the partnership for a quarter of a century then, in 1880, Theodore E. purchased his brother's interest. After that time he carried on a gristmill and sawmill business, his son, Frederick W., being associated with him. They enjoyed a large trade, keeping about twelve men employed all the year round. They purchased extensive tracts of land from which they cleared the timber, but they did not attempt to bring the property under culti-

vation. Mr. Beard died Dec. 9, 1901. In politics he was a Democrat and his sound judgment and upright character have caused him to be chosen to different offices in his town, including those of selectman, assessor and justice of the peace. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in which he had been senior warden.

On Nov. 10, 1857, Theodore E. Beard, Sr., married Miss Julia Ann Wheeler, daughter of Augur Wheeler, a well-known citizen of the same town. Six children have blessed this union: Joel A., who married Miss Grace Morse, of Huntington, resides in South Britain, Conn., where he is engaged in business as a grain dealer and lumberman, and also operates a gristmill; Frederick W., was in business with his father; Zina C., who married Miss May Turney, of Easton, is a grocer in Shelton; Theodore E., our subject; Lavinia M., at home; and Anna S., a stenographer and typewriter in New Haven.

Dr. Theodore E. Beard's early education was acquired in Huntington, where he attended the public schools until he was sixteen years of age. He then entered Staples Academy in Easton, Conn., and after completing the course there was employed three years in the Derby paper mills. The failure of his eyesight had compelled him to give up his studies temporarily and at the age of twenty-five he entered Yale College and was graduated from the Medical Department of that institution with the class of 1897. He had, however, begun practice the year previously in New Haven on a State license and he has been successfully engaged in the active duties of his profession ever since, his office being at No. 163 Wooster street. He is a member of the City, County and State Medical Societies, and fraternally, of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and of the English Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity. He is medical examiner for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

In May, 1893, Dr. Beard was married at St. Paul's Church to Miss May Carroll, a native of Northampton, Mass., and a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Cook) Carroll, the latter born in Colerain, Mass. Mr. Carroll was born in Vermont and was an officer in the Civil war.

EDWARD WIER SMITH, M. D., a prominent physician of Meriden, was born in that city Oct. 17, 1854, son of David and Fidelia (Parker) Smith, and comes of sterling ancestry. Both the Smiths and Parkers bore by no means an inconspicuous part in the American Revolution. The first known ancestor of Dr. Smith in this country was James Smith, one of three brothers who came from England to the Massachusetts Colony. He settled at Taunton in 1636, with his wife, Johanna.

(II) Nathaniel Smith, son of James, was born at Taunton, where he and his wife, Experience, passed their lives.

(III) Nathaniel Smith (2), son of Nathaniel,



David Smith Edw. & J. Smith M.D.

David P. Smith

born in Taunton, moved to Hartford and was one of the first settlers at Litchfield, where he died. His wife was Anna Hoskins.

(IV) Jacob Smith, son of Nathaniel (2), lived at Litchfield and died April 14, 1807, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary army. His wife, Mary, daughter of Gershom Lewis, of Cape Cod, died Dec. 30, 1833, aged eighty-one years. Upon his tombstone in Northfield cemetery, Litchfield, is inscribed:

"Oh! Thou Great Arbitrer of Life and Death!
Thy call I follow to the Land Unknown.
I trust in Thee and know in Whom I trust."

(V) David Smith, son of Jacob, was born on the homestead farm in Litchfield and was a farmer all his life. He married Anna, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Spencer) Bartholomew, and they became the parents of ten children, namely: Hiram, Charles, Truman, Mary, Benjamin, Samuel, Edward, David, James and Anna. The last named became the wife of Meritt Clark and lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

(VI) David Smith, son of David, was born April 6, 1822, in Litchfield, where he grew up and acquired the trade of stonemason. At the age of thirty years, in 1852, he became a resident of Meriden, where he has since continued to make his home, and where he has been active in building operations as a contractor. His home is on West Main street. An advocate of temperance, his life has afforded a worthy example to all. Since the advent of the Republican party in National politics he has been among its adherents and religiously he is identified with the First Congregational Church, of Meriden. In 1848 Mr. Smith married Miss Fidelity Parker, a daughter of Daniel and Ruth (Hull) Parker, of Meriden, the latter a daughter of Jesse Hull, a Revolutionary soldier whose wife, Hannah, was a daughter of Jehiel Preston, a sergeant in the Revolutionary army. On Nov. 22, 1808, Mr. and Mrs. Smith celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, surrounded by their surviving children, and received the congratulations of many friends. The youngest of their six children, Frances Eva, whose numerous paintings show much artistic ability, died Oct. 27, 1898. The others are: Nettie, wife of Julius Augur, of Meriden; Frank D., of that city; Edward W., one of the most successful physicians of his native place; and Ella Isabel and Jennie S., leading members of Susan Carrington Clark Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Daniel Parker, the maternal grandfather of Dr. Smith, was a son of a Revolutionary soldier, and his mother's maternal grandfather also participated in that war, as related in the foregoing. These honorable and gallant gentlemen did their country good service in its early days and the Doctor is justly proud of his ancestry.

Dr. Smith was reared in Meriden and obtained

his academic education in the public schools of that city, the Hopkins Grammar School, in New Haven and Yale College, from which institution he was graduated in 1878. During his college course he took considerable interest in athletics and played on the Yale University baseball team, taking part in contests with Harvard, Princeton and others. Beginning the study of medicine in the Medical Department of Yale his course was interrupted after a year of work by a year of teaching, and was resumed in 1880 at Montreal, Canada, where he was graduated from the McGill Medical School in 1882. In that year he located at Meriden, where he has since been engaged in the active and successful practice of his profession. In 1892 he took a course in the Post Graduate Medical College, of New York.

Dr. Smith was married Oct. 14, 1885, to Helen B., daughter of Oliver and Abbie C. (Caldwell) Rice, of Meriden, and to this union have been born two children, Marion R. and David Parker. Dr. Smith is a member of the First Congregational Church. He enjoys a prominent place as a citizen as well as in his profession. He holds membership in various Medical associations, belonging to the State Medical Society, the National Medical Society and the American Academy of Medicine. He is on the staff of the Meriden Hospital and is much respected and esteemed wherever known.

JOSEPH GILLET NOYES, late secretary and general manager of the National Electrical Manufacturing Co., of Milford, was born Aug. 6, 1861, in New York City, a son of Oliver H. P. and Louisa (Boyd) Noyes. His family is of English origin and at an early date his ancestors settled in Maine but later generations moved southward, locating in Maryland.

Oliver H. P. Noyes, our subject's father, an able and successful business man, was born in Baltimore and became one of the first tea merchants there. He also engaged in the same business in New York City for a number of years, his trade being extensive for that day. Politically he was a staunch Republican. His death occurred in 1888. His wife, Louisa Boyd, was probably a native of Baltimore. Joseph Gillet was the youngest of a family of four children, the others being: Louise O., who died in May, 1899, unmarried; Miss Adele; and Oliver H. P., manager of the tea department of John D. Matherson, in Japan.

Joseph Gillet Noyes grew to manhood in his native city, attending the public and private schools and the college of the City of New York. On account of illness he left the latter institution before graduation and on his recovery he entered the New York office of the New Haven Clock Co., where he remained nine years. His capabilities were recognized, promotion rewarding his efforts from time to time, and during the last four years he held the position of manager. He then started an electrical department in connection with the clock company

and the business increased so rapidly that after three years a new company was formed, called the National Electrical Manufacturing Co. This was organized in 1890, and in the following year the business was removed to Milford, Mr. Noyes continuing the management without interruption until his death. At present the company occupies a large brick building and employs many skilled workmen. Mr. Noyes took a loyal interest in the development of the town where he made his home and was one of the incorporators of the Milford Savings Bank.

On Jan. 10, 1883, Mr. Noyes married Miss Edith Wetmore, daughter of Henry Wetmore, of New York City, and three children brightened their home: Joseph G., Jr. (now deceased), Edith I. and Louisa W. In politics he was a Republican and in religion a leading member of the Episcopal Church, of Milford, with which his family also unite. Mr. Noyes was at one time vestryman and at the time of his death, which occurred in January, 1901, had served as junior warden for four years.

STURGIS G. GARDNER, a leading business man of Ansonia and one of the solid and influential citizens of the town, was born in New Haven April 15, 1859, a son of John Gardner, who was born in Munich, Germany, and was a son of John Gardner, who lived and died in Germany.

John Gardner, the father of Sturgis G., came to Ansonia at the age of twelve years and learned the clock maker's trade of the celebrated Jerome, of New Haven, remaining in that famous establishment until he was twenty-eight years of age. At that time he came to Ansonia and in 1857 began business in a small way. By close application he built his business into large proportions, and at his death in 1891 it was in a most prosperous condition and it is continually increasing. John Gardner was a member of Bristol Lodge. He owned considerable real estate and built several houses. He was one of the representative and successful men of the day. He was married to Mary Gregory and they had seven children, five of whom are living: Sturgis G.; Louis F., with his brother, Sturgis; Anna Louise, who married Emil Schultze; Christine; and Gertrude. The mother died when fifty-three years old. The parents were members of Christ Church, of Ansonia, and the father was vestryman. He was a Republican and took much interest in the public affairs of the town and State. In his last years Mr. Gardner was a judge of the District Court.

Sturgis G. Gardner spent his early years in Ansonia and acquired his education in the public schools and St. Paul's Academy. In 1878, when less than twenty years old, he was taken into the firm with his father and the very rapid progress that the business has made in the last twenty years may be in good part attributed to his push and go. The firm is still active and aggressive, and their goods reach every part of the world. They employ about seventy hands and such is the demand upon

them that for much of the time since 1899 they have worked night and day. They are using improved machinery and are thoroughly up-to-date in every particular. The fine reputation of the father for integrity and unswerving honesty has been their principal capital in business and the firm by following along the lines of honesty and candor which the father followed have retained the respect and confidence of the trade.

Mr. Gardner is a public-spirited citizen and at the request of his friends and neighbors he accepted the nomination of the Republican convention for the State Assembly, to which he was elected in 1898; he was a member of the committee on Appropriations and on Banks. He was a faithful and conscientious legislator and made many friends throughout the State. Mr. Gardner belongs to George Washington Lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M., Mt. Vernon Chapter, Union Council and New Haven Commandery.

Mr. Gardner was married in 1880 to Anna Wolf, the daughter of John Wolf. She was born in Broadbrook, Conn., where her father was engaged in business as a woolen manufacturer. To this marriage have come four children: Anita, Helen, Louise and John.

WARREN DOOLITTLE, an enterprising and progressive young farmer of Cheshire, New Haven county, was born in that town March 12, 1871, and belongs to a prominent early family of the county, his parents being Amos and Mary (Reynolds) Doolittle. The father was born in Cheshire March 29, 1838, and was a son of Joel and Narcissa (Ives) Doolittle, the former a native of Wallingford, New Haven county, and a son of Solomon Doolittle.

Joel Doolittle was reared and married in his native town, but at quite an early day came to Cheshire and located on the farm where our subject now resides. There he continued to make his home until he was called from this life. His wife, who was also born in Connecticut, of English ancestry, died in Cheshire some years after her husband's death. Their children were Amos, father of Warren; and Leverett, now a resident of New Haven.

Amos Doolittle attended the common schools of Cheshire and on reaching man's estate was married in his native town to Miss Mary Reynolds, who was born in Ireland, and they had four children: Elizur H., who lives on the old homestead; Mary E.; Warren; and Alice S., all at home. The father was again married in Cheshire in 1880 to Miss Mary J. Doolittle (a cousin), a native of Madison, Conn., who also resides on the home farm. There Mr. Doolittle died May 5, 1882, honored and respected by all who knew him.

During his boyhood and youth Warren Doolittle pursued his studies in the schools of Cheshire, and since completing his education has engaged in farming, he and his brother successfully operating

the home place, which comprises 250 acres of valuable and productive land under a high state of cultivation and well improved. As a business man he is thrifty, reliable and energetic and commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact. In political sentiment he is an ardent Republican.

JAMES A. PERRY, senior member of the firm of Perry & Perry, well-known grocers of Milford, was born in Westport, Conn., Nov. 1, 1855, a son of Alfred and a grandson of Thaddeus Perry. The family has been identified with this State from an early day.

Thaddeus Perry was born in the town of Redding, Fairfield county, and became a farmer there. He married Mary Cable and had a large family of children, as follows: Gershom was a stone mason in Westport; Thaddeus is a blacksmith in Southport; Ward was a farmer and married Esther Bulkley; Monson was a shoemaker in Westport; Curtis is mentioned more fully below; Alfred, our subject's father, was the next in order of birth; Charles married Susan Howard; Grace married Horace Downs, a shoemaker in Westport; and Mary is the widow of James Banks, who died in Savannah, Georgia.

Alfred Perry, father of our subject, was born in 1824 in the town of Redding, Fairfield county, and is now a resident of Bridgeport. In early manhood he went to Weston to learn the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for many years. His wife, Martha Holden, was born in Manchester, England, the daughter of Robert Holden, who settled in Weston, Conn., as a millwright. Our subject was the second child of a family of three children, the others being Emma, who died aged twenty years; and Louisa, who died at the age of three years.

James A. Perry was reared in Westport where he attended school until he reached the age of seventeen. He then went to Bridgeport and after working two years in a tap and die factory he learned the shoe cutter's trade, which he followed twenty-one years there and in Milford. He located in Milford in 1886 and in 1895 purchased a grocery, but he conducted it only two years, as he became associated with John A. Birge in the coal business in Shelton, Conn. After two months there he returned to Milford to take charge of the branch business, which he carried on four months, and in 1897 he and his cousin, Stephen O. Perry, engaged in the grocery business under the firm name of Perry & Perry. Mr. James A. Perry married Miss Mary A. Fletcher, of Bridgeport, a daughter of Thomas Fletcher, of Birmingham, England. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Order of United American Mechanics and the United Workmen and politically both he and his partner are Republicans.

STEPHEN O. PERRY was born in Westport,

Conn., May 30, 1856, the son of Curtis Perry and grandson of Thaddeus Perry, mentioned above. Curtis Perry grew to manhood in Westport and followed shoemaking and farming there and in Fairfield. He died in Fairfield in 1888. His wife, Harriet Sherwood, who died in 1891, was a native of Westport and a daughter of Moses Sherwood. Of their six children, Ellen B. married Arthur Bennett, of Fairfield; Celestia C. married C. B. Dake, of Norwalk, Conn.; Curtis G. is a rubber cutter in Fairfield; Sarah married William H. Fox, of Bridgeport; Stephen O. is mentioned below; and Arthur W. is a traveling salesman.

As a boy Mr. Stephen O. Perry attended the schools of Westport and when seventeen years old he went to Bridgeport to learn the trade of shoe cutter. In 1878 he removed to Milford where he followed his trade until 1896, making twenty years in all, and he then engaged in the undertaking and plumbing business with Noyes Bailey, under the firm name of Bailey & Perry. Two years later he turned his attention to the grocery business, in partnership with Orlando N. Clark, under the firm name of Perry & Clark, but after six months he purchased his partner's interest, the business being continued by him under the name of S. O. Perry for some time before he formed his present partnership with his cousin. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Congregational Church, and like all of the family has shown loyal interest in public movements of a beneficial kind. In 1881 he married Miss Sophia Cornwall, a native of Milford, and daughter of Josiah Cornwall, a well-known citizen. They have had three children: Dorothy, Arthur and Carleton.

DAVID H. CARTER is an influential business man of Derby, whose fellow citizens respect him alike for his native ability and his moral worth. His grandfather Carter removed to Connecticut from Berkshire county, Mass.

Joel Carter, father of David H., settled in the town of Redding, Fairfield county, in early manhood and died there highly respected in 1889. He was a native of Massachusetts and a farmer by occupation. Active in political affairs he affiliated with the Republican party and represented his town in the legislature. Joel Carter married Sarah A. Miller, of Pound Ridge, Conn., a daughter of Epeneus Miller, who was born there and passed his life in farming. Her mother's name was Waterbury and more than one of her maternal ancestors did gallant service in the struggle for American independence.

David H. Carter was born in 1841 upon the farm in Redding where his parents passed their days. He was the youngest of a family of four children, his three sisters being named Catherine, Adele and Minnie. Catherine married Luzon Hubbell, of Stepney, Fairfield county; Adele became the wife of William E. Crofut, of Stepney; and Minnie

is now Mrs. John Carson, of that town. David H. Carter, himself, improved to the utmost the rather limited educational advantages which the times and the locality afforded; and after quitting school, at the age of fifteen, he passed two years in alternately working upon the farm and teaching young minds to germinate in the district school. He remained in the town of his birth until he was twenty-eight years old, when going to Derby, he entered the employ of the Derby Lumber Company. For nearly a quarter of a century he was with that concern, devoting to its service the physical strength of early manhood and the mature judgment of middle life. Leaving the Derby Company he worked for a time for a lumber firm in New Haven and in March, 1866, engaged in business on his own account, in co-partnership with Mr. H. M. Hubbell, under the firm name of Carter & Hubbell and they have ever since successfully continued a prosperous and constantly increasing trade. They deal in finished products, such as doors, windows, blinds, mantels and mouldings, as well as in raw material. To ascribe the success of the enterprise wholly to the knowledge and efforts of Mr. Carter would be to accord to him an undue meed of praise. Yet the fact remains that to the management of the business he brought a mind of no ordinary caliber, well cultivated, and a judgment ripened by the experience of nearly thirty years.

Mr. Carter is a man of broad and generous public spirit and takes especial interest in the cause of popular education, having been for many years chairman of the school board of Derby. He is a member of King Hiram Lodge, No. 12, of Derby, having been first initiated into the Masonic order at Bethel. He was married, when he reached the age of about thirty years, to Miss Julia E., a daughter of Burr Edwards, of Bethel, Fairfield county. Three children have been born of this marriage: Harriet E., Adelaide and Ruby J. The eldest daughter, Harriet, married Mr. Hubbell, her father's business partner. The others are both dead; Adelaide dying when but four years old and Ruby passing away when a girl of fourteen.

JAMES E. NICHOLS, a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of West Cheshire, New Haven county, is a native of this State, born in the town of Plymouth, Litchfield county, June 20, 1850, but belongs to a family originally from this county, his grandfather, James Nichols, having been a farmer of Waterbury.

Henry Nichols, our subject's father, was born and reared on his father's farm in Waterbury, and when a young man removed to Plymouth, where he also followed farming in early life, but later filled the position of sexton of the Episcopal Church, with which he was connected. He was a Democrat in politics and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He died in Plymouth March 6, 1888, and was buried in the cemetery there. For

his first wife he married Levia Blakeslee, of Northfield, and to them were born two children: Ora Ann, wife of Addison Bunnell, of Plymouth; and Levia, wife of James T. Clark, of Fair Haven, Conn. His second wife was in her maidenhood Julia Maria Judd, a native of Northfield, and a daughter of Elisha Judd, and the only child born of this union was James E., our subject. The mother is still living and makes her home with her son in West Cheshire.

James E. Nichols received only a district school education. He remained at home with his parents, in Plymouth, until eighteen years of age and then went to New Britain, where he was employed until coming to Cheshire in 1886. For six years he engaged in teaming for H. J. Moss and since then has followed farming and market gardening in West Cheshire, where he purchased the Orin Fields farm of forty acres. He is now meeting with well-deserved success in his labors and is recognized as a valued and useful citizen of the community. He was married in New York City to Miss Elizabeth Dinwoody, a native of England, who has proved a faithful helpmeet to him. They have no children of their own, but have reared Mrs. Nichols' nephew, Eric D. Finlayson, who is now a student at the Episcopal Academy. Both are members of the Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Nichols is now serving as vestryman and he also belongs to L. A. Thomas Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., of Cheshire, in which he has passed the chairs. He is rather independent in politics, but usually supports the men and measures of the Republican party and is ready to aid every movement for the public good.

HON. S. HART CULVER, insurance agent, town clerk and representative from Seymour in the General Assembly of the State, is one of the self-made men of his town, where he has figured in public life from boyhood.

Born Feb. 3, 1851, in Seymour, Mr. Culver is a son of the late Stephen Hopkins Culver, grandson of Stephen Culver, and great-grandson of Amos Culver, and is of an historic and distinguished ancestry, descending in one and likely two lines from the Pilgrims of the "Mayflower," 1620.

Amos Culver, the great-grandfather of S. Hart, was a patriot of the Revolution, serving in Capt. Gallup's Company. In 1770 he married Sarah Hopkins, who was born Oct. 1, 1750. Their son, Stephen Culver, born in 1773, married, Nov. 7, 1793, Anna Francis, and their son, Stephen Hopkins Culver, born Dec. 20, 1810, was married March 7, 1847, to Sarah J. Adve. They were the parents of S. Hart Culver, of this sketch. These Culvers figured in Waterbury and towns formed from it in the Naugatuck valley. Stephen Hopkins Culver was a farmer of Seymour, one of the town's substantial men and useful citizens, serving his fellow townsmen as selectman in 1866 and 1867, and commanded the esteem and respect of the community in which he



S. Hart Culver

lived. He and his wife were members of the M. E. Church. His death occurred Oct. 7, 1889, and she passed away March 7, 1862.

Through his great-grandmother, Sarah (Hopkins) Culver, S. Hart Culver is a descendant in the ninth generation from John Hopkins, of Cambridge, Mass., 1634 (or earlier), and an original proprietor of Hartford, 1639 (there in 1636). The Christian name of his wife was Jane. This John Hopkins, of Hartford, was possibly a son of Stephen Hopkins, of the "Mayflower." Says Anne Arnoux Haxtum, in her "Signers of the Mayflower Compact" (1896), "No signer of Mayflower Compact, 1620, opens more historical possibilities in his story than Mr. Stephen Hopkins. To secure what I have so eagerly sought for I will write of him in many aspects, bringing all possible circumstantial evidence to bear upon a kinship I so earnestly desire and hope to prove—that he was the father of John Hopkins, of Hartford, Conn." From this John Hopkins, of Hartford, S. Hart Culver's lineage is through Stephen, John (2), Stephen (2), John (3), Sarah Hopkins and Amos Culver, Stephen Culver and Stephen Hopkins Culver.

(II) Stephen Hopkins, son of John, of Hartford, born about 1634, married Doreas Bronson. He died in 1689, and she passed away in 1697.

(III) John Hopkins (2), son of Stephen, married, in 1683, and settled in Waterbury. He died in 1732, and his wife, Hannah, passed away in 1730.

(IV) Stephen Hopkins (2), son of John (2), born in 1680, married in 1717 Susan Peck, and lived in Waterbury. He died in 1769, and she passed away in 1755.

(V) John Hopkins (3), son of Stephen (2), born in 1718-19, married in 1749 Sarah, born in 1729, daughter of Benajah Johnson and his wife Sarah, who was formerly Mrs. (Brewster) Hawkins, a granddaughter of Rev. Nathaniel Brewster, of Long Island, a great-granddaughter of Jonathan Brewster, and great-great-granddaughter of William Brewster, of the "Mayflower," 1620.

Several branches of this Hopkins family became distinguished in the professions in which they engaged. Confining ourselves to those of the locality of Waterbury and vicinity, descendants of Stephen (2), and where the name is one of the most honorable, we mention such men as Samuel Miles Hopkins, LL. D., Samuel Miles, Jr., D. D., and Dr. Lemuel Hopkins, the latter one of the most distinguished physicians in the State.

(VI) Sarah Hopkins, daughter of John (3), married Amos Culver.

(VII) Stephen Culver, son of Amos, married Anna Francis.

(VIII) Stephen Hopkins Culver, son of Stephen, married Sarah J. Adye.

The JONXSON Family, too, was an early as well as a prominent Connecticut family of the Colonial period. Benajah Johnson, who married Sarah (Brewster) Hawkins, referred to in the foregoing,

was born in New Haven July 24, 1704, son of Jeremiah Johnson (2) and his wife Elizabeth (eldest daughter of Col. Ebenezer Johnson), and grandson of Jeremiah Johnson, of New Haven, who is likely the Jeremiah Johnson given by Savage as of New Haven, 1662. Jeremiah Johnson received a grant of land on Sentinel Hill, in Derby, Conn., March 2, 1672. He married Sarah Hotchkiss, and their son Jeremiah (2), born April 25, 1664, married as above stated; and Benajah Johnson, son of Jeremiah (2), settled in what is now Beacon Falls, and died April 13, 1763; his wife, Mrs. Sarah Brewster (Hawkins) Johnson, passed away May 7, 1773.

S. Hart Culver received a common-school education in his native town, and at sixteen years of age, in 1867, began his business education in the drug store of the late S. H. Canfield, who was also the village postmaster, and continued with that gentleman for thirty years—until Mr. Canfield's death, in 1898. Much of this time Mr. Canfield's store was not only the post office, but the telegraph office as well, so from his very boyhood Mr. Culver has been, as it were, a public servant. For a decade before Mr. Canfield's death, owing to his feeble health, the duties and responsibilities of the office and business devolved upon Mr. Culver, and so well did he dispatch them, and so entirely had he gained the confidence of his fellow townsmen, that he was honored by election in 1890 as town clerk, to which position he was thereafter re-elected annually until a change was made to a two-years term, and since then he has been chosen every second year until the present time, his term not expiring until Jan. 4, 1904. A Republican by birth, his father before him being of that political faith, Mr. Culver has taken a deep interest in his party's welfare, and from his fitness for legislative duties he was nominated for the town's representative in the General Assembly of the State in 1900. His nomination was endorsed in the election that followed by a majority of 346, he receiving 564 votes against his competitor's 218. He was present at every session during his term, and served as a member of the committee on Insurance, a subject that long years of experience has made him master of. Mr. Culver was also chosen as county auditor for a term of two years.

Since 1881 Mr. Culver has been engaged continuously in the insurance business, which he has carried on for years in connection with his other duties in the store of Mr. Canfield, and on the death of the latter established himself more extensively therein in an office of his own. He represents the Continental Insurance Co. of New York; the New York, Greenwich, Hanover and United States, all of New York; the Boston, of Boston; the Phoenix, of London; the Manchester, of Manchester, England, and the Middlesex, of Middletown, Conn. He now carries more than one-half of the insurance on dwellings in Seymour in the last named

company. He also represents the Fidelity & Casualty, a plate-glass and burglary company. Mr. Culver is a charter member of Castle Rock Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., of Seymour, and he and his wife and family are attendants of the Congregational Church, to the support of which he is a contributor.

On Aug. 10, 1873, Mr. Culver was married to Helen A. Downs, born April 25, 1853, in Bethlehem, Conn., a daughter of Albert Z. and Sarah Pritchard Downs, and to them has come one daughter, Helena A., who is now the wife of O. M. Williams, of Seymour; they have one son, Stephen Culver Williams.

WILLIAM HASSETT was born March 15, 1850, in County Tipperary, Ireland, and is a son of Thomas Hassett, who was born in the same community, where he died in 1852 when he was about thirty-five years of age. He was a farmer by occupation. Hannah Cummings, his wife, died in New Haven, Conn., and was the mother of the following children: (1) Bridget died at the age of thirty-five years at Jersey City, N. J. (2) John died in the same city at the age of forty-five years. (3) Patrick, a blacksmith by trade, is still living in Jersey City. (4) William. (5) Thomas is in the grocery business at Wallingford. John Hassett, the grandfather of William, was a farmer in Ireland and did a large contracting business.

William Hassett was born in Ireland, where he received his somewhat limited schooling. When thirteen years old he came with his mother to this country and settled in Jersey City, where for a number of years he was engaged in various capacities, clerking in a grocery store, and in 1870 he became associated with the Judd Manufacturing Co., and for fifteen years was in the iron finishing room of their factory at New Haven. When their plant was removed to Wallingford he came with them to do contracting work in the brass department. In 1888 he was made assistant superintendent of the factory, and in 1894 he became superintendent of the factory, having charge of an industrial army of 550 men. A few years ago Mr. Hassett bought out the coal business of the late John Kendrick, which he has since conducted, building up the largest business in this line in the town. His yards have a capacity of 2,000 tons and are taxed to their utmost. Mr. Hassett has never hesitated to meet the responsibilities of citizenship, and his services on the School District committee have been conspicuously valuable. A staunch Democrat, for the third time he has been elected by a large and flattering vote to the Court of Burgesses. He has also served on the board of relief.

Mr. Hassett is a member of the Court Windemere, Foresters of America, and his name is on the rolls of the Knights of Columbus and the Heptasophs, where he is an active worker. Mr. Hassett and his family are members of the Holy Trinity Church, of Wallingford.

Mr. Hassett was married May 18, 1880, to Miss Helen M. Hoey, one of the brightest young women of Wallingford, and a daughter of Lawrence Hoey. This union has been blessed with the birth of the following children: Thomas, Esther, Mary, Robert, Ellen, Ethel, George, Florence, Ruth, William H. and Charles. In 1889 Mr. Hassett built one of the most charming homes on South Whittlesey avenue, in Wallingford.

GEORGE THOMSON, who is now successfully engaged in the dry goods and notion business at No. 49 Sixth street, Derby, was born in Shelton, Conn., Sept. 19, 1863, and is of Scotch descent, his paternal grandfather being a lifelong resident of Scotland. The father, John Thomson, is a native of Galashiels, Scotland, and in that country he followed the trade of a woolen spinner. When a young man he came to America and located in Shelton, Conn. He followed his trade in Derby for some years, but is now living retired at that place, enjoying a well-earned rest. He married Miss Elizabeth Watson, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and was reared in that country. She died in 1897. Of the nine children born to this worthy couple our subject is the eldest. Thomas is engaged in farming in the town of Derby; John is a machinist living in the West; William is a die sinker in Plattsville, Conn.; James is a mechanic of Bridgeport, Conn.; Albert is a piano tuner of Derby; Annie is the wife of Thomas Morgan, of Waterbury; and Jessie and Grace are at home with their father.

In early childhood George Thomson removed with his parents to Mount Holly, N. J., where he was reared and educated, but at the age of sixteen years he returned to Bridgeport, Conn., where he worked for the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co. for two years. At the end of that time he came to Derby and entered the employ of the Star Pin Company, with which he remained for about four years. Having learned the molder's trade he worked in the Birmingham Iron Foundry for about eight years and also in other foundries, including one at Ansonia for three years.

Mr. Thomson married Miss Bell Ruthford, a native of Ireland, and a daughter of Frederick Ruthford, who is a shoemaker by trade and now resides in Derby, Conn. Our subject and his wife have one child, Leslie. In 1893 Mr. Thomson started his present store, and while away his wife attends to the business. With her assistance he has steadily prospered and is now the owner of two large brick store buildings and has built up an excellent trade. They are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them.

EDWARD I. ATWATER, one of the leading young business men of New Haven, is a son of William J. Atwater, for many years identified with the real estate interests of this city and a man well-known throughout the vicinity.

Edward I. Atwater was born April 27, 1864, and spent his boyhood days in New Haven, his native place, attending school, both public and private, among which institutions was the well-known Joseph Giles School, where he remained two years, and the Yale Business College. After completing his business course Mr. Atwater entered the employ of McAllister & Warren, insurance and loans, remaining with this firm for four years, when he joined his father, at a time when the latter was engaged in contracting for the construction of sewers and cellars, and gave employment to many men. Edward Atwater took charge of this branch of the business and rendered very effective service. Three years later the wholesale and retail paper, twine and stationery business was established under the firm name of W. J. Atwater & Co., of which Edward I. became manager, and he remained in that capacity for twelve years. Believing the time to be propitious for the real-estate business, Mr. Atwater entered that field in 1901, and expects to meet with well-merited success, his knowledge of this line being extensive and comprehensive. In 1901 W. J. Atwater & Co. discontinued the paper business and engaged in the building material and mason supply business, in the location occupied for more than thirty years by H. S. Clark & Co.

On Sept. 19, 1888, Mr. Atwater was married to Miss Lila Mather Brooks, of Cheshire, Conn., a daughter of Samuel H. and Mary (Mather) Brooks, of Cheshire, Conn., and Troy, N. Y., respectively. The father of Samuel H. Brooks was David Brooks, and the Mathers trace back directly to the celebrated Cotton Mather family. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Atwater, Margaret Brooks and William Irving. Politically Mr. Atwater is a strong Republican, and has been honored by his fellow townsmen with various offices of prominence, he having served for a year in the council and for two years on the board of aldermen. Socially Mr. Atwater is a member of the A. O. U. W., and of the Red Men; he is also a member of the Union League; the Young Men's Republican Club; and president (elected March, 1901, re-elected in March, 1902) of the Business Men's Association, of which he has been director for eight years; he has also served five years as a member of the Governor's Foot Guards, 2d Co. In religious matters both Mr. and Mrs. Atwater are members of the Congregational Church and earnest workers in that organization. Genial in manner, possessed in marked degree of the qualities requisite to success in both business and social life, Mr. Atwater stands high in the community and numbers his friends by legions.

JENS NIELSON, who has charge of the extensive business of Hotchkiss & Sons, at Ansonia, was born in Denmark Feb. 16, 1852, a son of Niels Nielson.

His father was a native of Denmark, and, a farmer, passed his life in that country. In religious

faith he was a Lutheran. He died in early manhood, and his wife, Maren Olsen, also a native of Denmark, died aged sixty-eight years. She was a daughter of Ole Neilson, who was born in the town of Jegindo, Denmark, and was engaged in farming there throughout his life. He died at the age of ninety-nine years, after seventy-five years of married life. His wife, Anna, reached the advanced age of one hundred years, and after she attained the age of eighty sometimes walked four miles at a time. Of their nine children three are living: Christian Olsen, Anna Marie and Marianna, all residents of Denmark. Our subject was the younger of two children, and his elder brother, Ole, is now a farmer in Oxford, Connecticut.

Jens Nielson remained in his native land until he reached the age of eighteen, receiving a common-school education, and on coming to this country he located upon a farm in Oxford. During the years spent there he learned butchering and has since been in the employ of Hotchkiss & Sons, making twenty-three years in all with that firm. For fifteen years he has acted as manager for the Ansonia branch of their business, doing all the buying and selling for their enormous establishment, where the output is sometimes 50,000 barrels per week. He is now the oldest man in active business in the town and has always been one of the most progressive. He has built two handsome houses on Cliff street, the finest residence street of the city, and in addition to the duties of his position with the firm mentioned he has always had some retail business. At one time he engaged in the candy business and for a time he carried on markets in Seymour and Naugatuck. At present he conducts a retail meat market in Ansonia known as the West Side Market, which is exceptionally well-arranged, and he employs three clerks and two wagons in connection with the business.

In 1877 Mr. Nielson married Miss Sophia Iversen, a native of Denmark. He attends the Episcopal Church, and is identified with Morning Star Lodge, F. & A. M., of Seymour, and the Danish Brotherhood at Ansonia. Politically he is a Republican, and in 1899 he was elected to the common council, to serve until 1901.

WESLEY BENNETT ALLEN, a bright and hustling young business man of New Haven, was born in North Haven Dec. 24, 1868, and is a son of Delos Allen, who was born in Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 10, 1820, and died Jan. 7, 1889.

Delos Allen was descended from one of the oldest Allen families on record, and one of his forefathers was among the earliest slaveholders in the South. Delos Allen lived in various places in Connecticut and followed an agricultural career. Esther Bennett, his wife, was born Jan. 11, 1831, and died Jan. 10, 1878. To their union were born five children: Frank E., Martha L., Merritt L., Wesley Bennett and Burton E. Merritt is an in-

spector in the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, and Frank and Burton are employes of Wesley B.

Wesley B. Allen was born in North Haven, but was reared to manhood in New Haven, where he attended the local schools. When he became old enough he was received as an employe into the factory of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, where at first he worked in the summer and still attended school during the winter season. His entire business life has been spent with this company, and he has worked himself up step by step until now he is a contractor in the box department. The details of the business are thoroughly understood by him, and as an all-round mechanic his reputation is very high.

On April 10, 1900, Mr. Allen was married to Margaret H. Jaenicke, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Franz Jaenicke. One child, Russell, born May 23, 1901, has blessed this union.

Mr. Allen is a Republican, and belongs to Harmony Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.; he is also a member of the Equitable Life Assurance of the United States, the Golden Rule Encampment and the New England Order of Protection. He attends the First Methodist Church. Personally he is a man of fine character, and has a host of friends in the community who wish him all prosperity.

JOEL RICE HOUGH. The Hough family of Wallingford is one of the oldest and most respected families of New England, the first of that name in Wallingford being Samuel Hough, who was a native of New London, Conn. By trade he was a millwright. He was a son of William Hough, and a grandson of Edward Hough, whose home was in Cheshire, England.

William Hough settled in New London, and from there came Samuel, intending to build a mill and then return, but the beauty of the surroundings and the fertility of the land caused him to remain, and in Wallingford his life ended, March 14, 1714. The first marriage of Samuel Hough was to a native of his own locality; she died in 1684, and on Aug. 18, 1685, he married Mary Bates, a daughter of John Bates, of Haddam. Three children were born of each marriage.

William Hough, the eldest son of Samuel, was born in 1680, and was a farmer of Wallingford, where he spent his entire life. The children of his two marriages were: Mary, Samuel, William and Mehitable (twins), Deborah, Ann, Joseph, Abia, Nathaniel and Simeon. Of this family, Joseph Hough was born in 1719, and lived out his ninety-two years in the town of Wallingford. On Jan. 27, 1745, he married Catherine Yale, a daughter of Capt. Theophilus and Sarah (Street) Yale, and who died Oct. 5, 1767. The children of this marriage were: Joseph, born in 1745; Mary, in 1746; Lois, in 1747; Lent, in 1751; Lois, in 1752; David, in 1754; Joel, in 1757; James, in 1762; Catherine,

who married Edmund Smith; and Sarah, who married and settled in Homer, New York.

James Hough, the grandfather of Joel Hough, of this sketch, was an extensive farmer and owned much land in North Farms, in Wallingford. He was a man who had the respect of the whole community. His family of children consisted of two sons and three daughters: James, who married Mary Rice, a daughter of Nehemiah Rice; Joel, who became the father of Joel R. and of Miss Alice L. Hough, of North Farms; Mary, who always lived at the old homestead, and died in 1880, aged eighty-two; Lucy, who married Hezekiah Root, of Meriden, and died leaving no children; Emeline, who married William Bunce, a tailor and farmer of Kensington, by whom she had four sons, William (deceased), George (a farmer in Berlin, married and has four sons), James (a successful dry-goods merchant in Middletown, has two sons and two daughters, of whom the eldest daughter married and moved West, and the younger wedded a captain in the regular army, who served with his regiment in Cuba in the Spanish-American war) and Leander (who remained on the old farm until his retirement a few years ago and he now lives in New Britain).

Joel Hough received but a common-school education, and grew up an honest, capable and progressive farmer, following that occupation through life. After buying the homestead he made many improvements and introduced into the neighborhood much fine stock, becoming one of the most successful and reliable raisers of stock in the county. As an upright and honorable man, he is remembered through Wallingford, where his influence was felt in the direction of temperance and morality. An old-line Whig, he naturally embraced the principles of the Republican party. His death occurred on his farm, in Wallingford, Oct. 1, 1886. Joel Hough was married, in Meriden, to Mary Rice, who was born March 9, 1809, daughter of Silas and Rebecca (Hubbard) Rice, who died May 21, 1875, beloved and mourned not only by her immediate family, but by a large circle of friends. Through life she displayed the traits of a beautiful Christian character, and was a consistent member of the Congregational Church. The children born of this marriage were: Lucy, who died at the age of eighteen; Cornelia, the widow of Edward C. Hall, of Meriden; Joel Rice; Susan E., who resides at Berlin; Albert P., who farms the old homestead; James, a resident of New Haven, employed in the Winchester Arms Co.; Alice L.; and Rose, at home.

Joel Rice Hough grew up on the old homestead in North Farms, and attended the district school, remaining at home until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he determined to become a soldier in defense of his country. On Aug. 6, 1862, he enlisted in Co. K, 15th Conn. V. I., under Col. Wright and Capt. Stiles, of New Haven, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Suffolk, Va. Although suffering from chills and fever, Mr. Hough



Lucy J Hough



Joel R. Hough

remained in the service until in July, 1863, when he received his honorable discharge at Newbern, N. C., after which he returned home and resumed farming on the old homestead for the following two years.

In 1866, Mr. Hough bought a tract of land in North Farms, consisting of forty acres, locally known as the Lowery farm, and since that time he has added thirty acres, and is now operating seventy acres of as fine land as can be found in the State of Connecticut. Mr. Hough conducts a successful dairy and is one of the largest stockraisers in the locality. Much hard work, energy and good management have been required to bring this estate to its present valuable condition, and all the credit is due Mr. Hough, who is conceded to be, not only one of the most worthy citizens of Wallingford, but also one of the best farmers.

In 1868, in Berlin, Conn., Joel R. Hough was married to Mary, a daughter of Edward Edwards. No children were born to this union, and she died in 1874, and was buried in Wallingford cemetery. On May 30, 1877, he married Lucy Bassett, a native of Litchfield, and to this union one child was born, Flora E., a graduate of the Meriden high school. Both Mrs. Hough and her daughter are ladies of culture and high attainments, and are leaders in the social life of Wallingford.

In public life, Mr. Hough has taken much interest, and he has been identified with much of the progress of this locality. As an ardent Republican, he was selected by the party as their standard bearer in the State Legislature, in 1895, where he most efficiently served on the committee on Agriculture. On the board of Relief he has done much for his locality, and since 1894 he has served on the board of Assessors. Socially, Mr. Hough is a member of Arthur Dutton Post, No. 36, G. A. R., of Wallingford; is a member of Wallingford Grange, of which he was Master for two years. He is financially interested in the Wallingford Creamery, and is vice-president of the Wallingford Agricultural society. The religious connection of the family is with the Congregational Church, where he is a generous and cheerful giver, to all benevolent and charitable enterprises.

Albert Pierson Hough, a brother of Joel Rice Hough, was born on the old homestead May 6, 1846. Since his father's death, he has operated the farm of 125 acres, very successfully. With him reside his sisters, ladies who are of the highest intelligence and social position. Although no office-seeker, Albert P. Hough has always supported the Republican party. For many years he has been connected with the Congregational Church, and is a man who enjoys the esteem of the community.

MISS ALICE L. HOUGH, the talented principal of the Yalesville High school, was born in the old home in North Farms. Her early education was pursued in the district schools in Wallingford, which was supplemented by private instruction, and

in 1873, she graduated from the Normal school, at New Britain. For the past twenty-five years, she has been one of the most successful educators of the county, and for a number of years has held the important position of Principal of the Yalesville High school, which is one requiring extensive learning as well as capacity for government, both of these attributes being possessed by Miss Hough, in the highest degree. Not only does she command the respect of her pupils, but also is dearly beloved by them.

RICE. The Rice family, to which Mrs. Joel Hough belonged, is one of the oldest in Connecticut. The original spelling of the name was Royce, and the founder of the family in America was Robert Royce, who came from England, and was in Stafford in 1644. In 1671 Isaac and Nehemiah Royce settled in Wallingford, and later Nathaniel, Samuel, Joseph and Robert Royce, all supposed to be sons of the (1) Robert, settled there.

(II) Deacon Samuel Royce settled in Wallingford in 1672. He married Sarah Baldwin, and for his second wife, he married, Dec. 12, 1695, Hannah Benedict, who died Jan. 12, 1761. He died May 14, 1757, in Meriden. His children were: Abigail, born Nov. 24, 1677, married Joseph Cole; Prudence was born July 26, 1680; Deborah, born Sept. 8, 1683, married Thomas Mix; Isaac was born March 10, 1688; Ebenezer was born Sept. 25, 1690; Nathaniel was born Oct. 21, 1692; John was born April 25, 1694; Mary was born Feb. 17, 1695; Jacob, born April 11, 1697, married Thankful, a daughter of Moses Beach; Hannah, born Feb. 19, 1699, married John Ives; Ezekiel married Anna Merwin; Samuel married Martha Moss, and settled in Cheshire; Abel was born Jan. 10, 1700; Benjamin, born May 23, 1705; Mehitable; and Ebenezer, who died Oct. 18, 1752, in Meriden.

(III) Benjamin Rice, son of Deacon Samuel, was born May 23, 1705, in Wallingford, was clerk in the mines, and spent his life in that locality, dying Jan. 30, 1758. To his marriage with Mindwell Royce (or Rice), a relative, on April 10, 1729, came two children, Benjamin and Solomon, the latter born Jan. 31, 1740. The mother died May 13, 1776, in her seventy-third year.

(IV) Benjamin Rice, son of Benjamin, was born April 1, 1730, and married Phebe Halsey, of Long Island. She died June 13, 1776, and he passed away in February, 1777. Their children were: Phebe, born Oct. 18, 1757, who died Nov. 25, 1757; Benjamin, born Feb. 2, 1759; Halsey, born Jan. 10, 1761, who died June 13, 1764; Isaac, born Oct. 10, 1762; Halsey (2), born Oct. 29, 1764 (died in Middletown); Elizabeth, born Oct. 10, 1766 (married Nathaniel Stevens, of Norfolk); Silas; and Levi, born Oct. 14, 1775. Benjamin Rice served as a private at the Lexington Alarm, under Capt. John Couch.

(V) Silas Rice, the father of Mrs. Hough, was born Oct. 19, 1770. He was a farmer all his life,

and in 1796 bought the farm now owned by the family of Benjamin Rice, on Murdock avenue, Meriden, and there he died in 1852; he was buried in the East cemetery. Silas Rice was a deacon in the Congregational Church and a member of the Washington Benevolent Society. In his political views he was a staunch Whig. His first marriage, Aug. 4, 1796, was to Ruth Curtis, who was born in Meriden, and was a sister of Alfred Curtis, of Meriden. The children of this union were: Almira, born May 24, 1797, married Avery Hough; Phebe, born Feb. 3, 1799, died Aug. 13, 1799. The mother died March 31, 1801. On March 8, 1803, in Meriden, Mr. Rice married Rebecca Hubbard, who was born Nov. 25, 1783, a daughter of Isaac and Jane Hubbard, and died in February, 1855. The children of this marriage were: Ruth Curtis, born Oct. 14, 1803, married, on Oct. 25, 1825, Lyman Hough. Jane, born July 1, 1805, died Feb. 13, 1824. Silas born June 29, 1807, died the same day. Mary, born March 9, 1809, married Joel Hough, of Wallingford. Silas Hubbard, born April 5, 1811, married Fanny Brooks, of Chatham county, N. C., and they had three children—Levi Woodley, born July 2, 1837; Mary Ameret, born Sept. 23, 1841; and John Willis, born March 8, 1844. Phebe Rebecca, born Sept. 9, 1812, died July 30, 1814. Henry, born Nov. 20, 1814, married Emily Lane. Joseph, born March 29, 1817, died March 30, 1817. Benjamin Halsey, born June 20, 1818, died June 25, 1898; he married Mary Ann Bradley, and, for his second wife, Mrs. Abigail C. Smith, a native of Durham, and a daughter of Asahel Harvey; she is living with her family on the farm. Emily Rebecca, born Sept. 16, 1820, married Samuel A. Tuttle, of Cheshire. Hinsdale Silliman, born April 11, 1823, first married Nancy Munson, of Southington, Conn., and second Sarah Gaylord, now a resident of Meriden, and an aunt of Dr. Gaylord of Branford. Elizabeth Jane, born Aug. 31, 1825, died April 13, 1842. Samuel Atwater, born Jan. 26, 1828, married Mary L. Wetherell, of Canaan.

HENRY FORBES (deceased) was for many years an honored and highly respected citizen of East Haven, New Haven county, and was actively identified with its agricultural interests. He was born in that town on the farm now occupied by Winchester Andrews, in 1803, a son of Isaac Forbes, Jr., and grandson of Isaac Forbes, Sr., also natives of East Haven. Throughout his active business career he engaged in agricultural pursuits and met with well-deserved success in his chosen occupation. When a small boy he accompanied his parents on the removal to the farm now occupied by John Lancey, and upon that place he spent the remainder of his life, dying there April 22, 1875. He was a Republican in politics and was quite a prominent and influential man in his community—one who commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact either in busi-

ness or social life. He married Miss Almira Forbes, who died Nov. 9, 1891, at the age of eighty-three years. To them were born two children: Willet B., whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; and Jane E., mentioned below.

On Sept. 23, 1859, Miss Jane E. Forbes was united in marriage with Daniel Bradley, who was born in East Haven, in 1829, and was reared to the occupation of farming, which he made his life work. He was a son of John Bradley. His death occurred in 1873. To Mr. and Mrs. Bradley were born three children: John H. and Daniel, both of whom died in infancy; and Eveline, who married Lewis Smith and lives with her mother in East Haven; she has one child, Raymond. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Bradley has displayed excellent business and executive ability in the management of her farm, and in 1892 she erected thereon a beautiful home, whose hospitable doors are ever opened for the reception of her many friends. She is an active member of the Congregational Church, and is held in high regard by all who know her.

GEORGE FELLOWS PETERS. In the respect that is accorded to men who have fought their way to success through unfavorable environments we find an unconscious recognition of the intrinsic worth of a character which cannot only endure so rough a test, but gain new strength through the discipline. The following history sets forth briefly the steps by which our subject, now one of the substantial agriculturists of Hamden, New Haven county overcame the disadvantages of his early life.

Mr. Peters was born in Highmarket, Lewis Co., N. Y., March 23, 1848, a son of John and Margaret (Legal) Peters, natives of Germany, who came to this country when young, sailing from Havre, and were married in the United States. In their family were six children: George F.; John, of Lewis county, N. Y.; Louise, Mrs. Christopher Warren, of New York; Jacob, of Booneville, N. Y.; James, of Burlington, Kans.; and William, of Lowville, New York. Mr. Peters was born Sept. 12, 1820, died May 2, 1885, at Locust Grove, Lewis Co., N. Y. Mrs. Peters was born March 16, 1816, and died April 11, 1877, at Locust Grove. He was a farmer, and also worked at the joiner's trade.

Our subject acquired his education in the common schools of his native State. He was twenty-one years of age on coming to Hamden, where he found employment on the farm of Perry Rockwell, and later he worked on the farm of Robert Dickerman, in the same town, spending almost six years in these places. At the end of that time he bought a milk route and engaged in the retail milk business in New Haven for sixteen years, since which time he has carried on dairy farming and sold his milk at wholesale. He is one of the most prominent and successful dairy farmers of Ham-

den, where he owns over ninety-two acres of land in different tracts. In June, 1875, Mr. Peters bought the old Johnson place, on Circular avenue, and has lived there ever since. He built the excellent home thereon—which was completed in February, 1876,—and has made about all the other improvements; the place is one of the best improved and most desirable farms of its size in the neighborhood. His holdings of farm land comprise several tracts in Hamden and some real estate in New Haven.

In Westville, Conn., Nov. 17, 1875, Mr. Peters married Miss Dency Harriet Dickerman, who was born Nov. 8, 1845, in Bethany, Conn., daughter of Lebbeus and Amanda (Doolittle) Dickerman, she being their youngest daughter and fourth child. She was almost eight years old when her parents removed to Hamden, where she has lived ever since except a few years spent in Westville, where she was residing at the time of her marriage. Mrs. Peters' grandparents were Enos and Mary (Todd) Dickerman, the former born Jan. 15, 1775, son of Enos Dickerman. The family has been identified with the history of New Haven county from the earliest period. Mr. and Mrs. Peters have one child, Henry Dickerman, born Oct. 4, 1885, who is the only representative of the Dickerman family descended from his grandfather Lebbeus Dickerman.

Mr. Peters casts his ballot with the Republican party and is now filling the office of school trustee. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his wife also belongs. For the success that he has achieved in life he deserves great credit, and his course has been such as to command the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

EMORY SABINE COGGINS, superintendent for the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., and a well-known citizen of Meriden, was born in Lubec, Washington Co., Maine, Sept. 8, 1857, the twelfth child of John and Lucinda (Guptill) Coggins. The Coggins family is of Scotch descent; but the grandfather of the subject of our sketch came from Briar Island, Canada, to Lubec, in Maine, where he located, reared his children, and remained until gathered to his fathers.

John Coggins, father of Emory, was born in Lubec, as indicated, went to school there, and there learned and followed his trade of carpenter and joiner. He married Lucinda, daughter of Robert (a farmer and fisherman of Lubec) and Ann (Small) Guptill, who bore him twelve children. These were as follows, the order being that of birth: (1) Esther Ann is now the widow of Robert Watt, a native of Nova Scotia, who died in September, 1892. Mrs. Watt bore her husband three children: Robert died in infancy; Maude Minola, who married Albert Morris, and has one child, Myra; Myra Mahlman, who married Arthur F. Glaessner, a

traveling salesman, and with whom Mrs. Watt now makes her home. (2) Lottie is the wife of George Christopher, of Eastport, Maine. (3) Ezra died young. (4) Emerson died at the age of fourteen. (5) John, now deceased, lived till manhood. (6) Daniel, a contractor for the Bradley & Hubbard Company, married Emma Reynolds. (7) Sanford, a resident of Meriden, married first, Nellie Harriman, and second, Annie Tryon. (8) Horace died young. (9) Barbara married Jared Lewis, and now resides in Meriden. (10) Chester is now a resident of New Haven. (11) Emma died the wife of Edward Lee. (12) Emory Sabine is our subject. The father of this round dozen of children came to Connecticut with his family in 1869 and took employment with the New Haven Car Co., in the city of New Haven, where he continued until his death in October, 1870. His remains were taken for interment to his native town of Lubec. In his faith he was a member of the Christian Church; and his political creed was Democratic. His widow still lives in Lubec at the ripe age of eighty-eight years, a member of the Christian Church there, a good woman, well known and highly respected.

Emory S. Coggins attended the district schools of Lubec until his twelfth year, when he went to Eastport, Maine, and began work at the trade of carpenter and joiner. After a year of this he concluded that something else would suit him better, and in 1870 he came to Meriden and went to work for the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., where he is today, but in a somewhat different capacity. Then his duties were sweeping the floors, "polishing up the handle of the big front door," and the like, for the magnificent salary of three dollars and fifty cents a week. After a year of these labors he was put at assembling or putting together kerosene chandeliers, at which he continued for six years. Thereafter he was brought into the office, and given the work of figuring the cost of goods, and more of similar character and importance. Later he was appointed assistant superintendent to Mr. C. F. Linsley, whom, in 1891, he succeeded in the position which he now holds, and fills through his ability with signal credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned, winning the respect and esteem of employers and subordinates alike.

Mr. Coggins is a member of Alfred H. Hall Council, No. 1423, Royal Arcanum; and of Myrtle Lodge, No. 4, K. of P., of which he is Past Chancellor. He is known as a general all around "good fellow." His politics are Republican, and his religion the Golden Rule.

Mr. Coggins has been twice married. His first wife, who died in 1880, was Lavinia Schleiter, a daughter of Capt. Henry L. and Adelia (Potter) Schleiter. Of this union were born twins, both of whom died in infancy. On May 17, 1882, Mr. Coggins was united in marriage with Edna Snow,

who was born in Norwich, New London county, daughter of Augustus and Hannah (Pierce) Snow. One child, Vera Irene, has blessed their home. Mrs. Coggins is a member of Susan Carrington Clark Chapter, D. A. R. She was educated in Willimantic, and acquired her musical education under Miss Black, of New London, later studying under Prof. F. H. Rolleston, and she was graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, in 1880. For some time she taught music in Willimantic, where, also, she was organist in the M. E. Church.

LETSONE TERRELL WOOSTER. One of the most influential men of the Naugatuck Valley is Letsome Terrell Wooster, whose face is familiar in business, church and educational circles throughout the State. Mr. Wooster was born in Waterbury. He is the seventh in descent from Edward Wooster, who came across the water from England in 1630 and founded the family home in the green hills of Connecticut, whence this branch of the family has not migrated for over two and one-half centuries.

The Colonial hero, a man of great courage, deep piety and abiding patriotism, uprooted himself for religion's sake from the haunts of his ancestors and, with a handful of brave compatriots of like convictions, established the first traces of Anglo-Saxon civilization along the shores of the Housatonic, the two towns which are glad to do him honor being Milford and Derby. It is not surprising that the descendants of Edward Wooster were early drawn into the Revolutionary movement and that we find them everywhere connected with the wars of that period. Thus it is that the subject of this sketch points to an ancestry of six illustrious Revolutionary commissioned officers, among them Gen. David Wooster and the great lieutenant of French and Indian war fame, Gideon Hotchkiss.

Letsome T. Wooster is likewise sixth in descent from Rev. John Bower, a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1649 who became, in 1652, the first instructor in the classics in the school which eventually grew into Yale University, and who later, in 1672, became the first minister in Derby, where he performed the multifarious duties which fell to the lot of such a Colonial dignitary until his death, in 1688.

The two and one-half centuries which have intervened since the stirring Colonial days have served but to transfer, as through a single generation, the sterling characteristics of these early heroes to their lineal descendant, Letsome Terrell Wooster. The sympathy and interest in the welfare of the community that Mr. Wooster feels and substantially shows in his many benevolences are the outcome of generations of patriotic forbears who have devoted themselves to the cause of church and State in this locality since 1630. He has been from early man-

hood closely identified with educational matters and is at the present time a trustee of Wesleyan University. His interest in the cause of religion is one of the strong traits of his character and he has always given munificently to churches throughout the Valley.

Mr. Wooster is the oldest and best known brass manufacturer in the United States. He is the founder and principal stockholder of the Seymour Manufacturing Company, a prosperous concern brought to its present degree of success by Mr. Wooster's executive ability, inventive genius and rare knowledge of metals. He is a metallurgist of admitted power, using many of his own secret formulas, notably one for German silver, which make the product from his manufactory especially in demand by concerns requiring delicacy and pliability, as well as strength and durability, in their metals. His molds for casting brass have revolutionized that feature of this great manufacturing industry, and innumerable devices of his own invention for saving time and labor have made the Seymour Manufacturing Company a model of modern methods in its unsurpassed capacity for business.

Mr. Wooster's pre-eminence in the business affairs of the Naugatuck Valley is recognized. Early in life he was prevailed upon by the president of the Waterbury Brass Company to abandon his chosen career of mechanical engineer and engage in the manufacture of brass. This was in 1852. He subsequently went to Torrington with Hon. Lyman W. Coe, and with him organized the Coe Brass Company, remaining as manager for eight years. For the last twenty years he has been associated with his brother in Seymour, and is officially connected with the following concerns in that town: The Seymour Manufacturing Company, the Seymour Electric Light Company, the H. A. Mathews Company and the Rimmon Manufacturing Company.

EDWARD A. TODD was born in New Haven, Conn., his present home, July 17, 1856, a worthy descendant of a most honorable family. His ancestral line is traced from Christopher Todd, an early settler.

Christopher Todd was born in England, and being one of the original settlers of New Haven he was, without doubt, a member of the Rev. John Davenport's company, which arrived at Boston, Mass., July 21, 1637. By occupation he was farmer, miller and baker, and after a most useful life he died April 23, 1686.

Capt. Samuel Todd, son of Christopher, was born April 20, 1645, followed his father's trade of miller, and died in 1714.

Samuel Todd, son of Capt. Samuel, was born July 1, 1672, and died in 1741. He had several sons, one of whom was Deacon Samuel Todd, of Northbury, now Plymouth.

Stephen Todd, son of Samuel, was born Dec. 4, 1702, settled in Wallingford, and died in 1772.

Jonah Todd, son of Stephen, settled in Bethany, Conn., where he had a sawmill, and died in 1803.

Charles Todd, son of Jonah, was born Aug. 28, 1752.

Albert Todd, son of Charles, was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and he was born May 2, 1783, and died July 24, 1843. He married Hannah Foote, and he settled on a farm in Northford, Conn. They reared a family of four children, namely: Charles; Alfred, the father of our subject; Lydia; and Ambrose.

Alfred Todd was born in Northford, Conn., March 22, 1814, and died March 29, 1882. He married Hannah V. Harrison, who was born in Northford, Conn., June 12, 1819, and who died on Jan. 11, 1896. Her parents were Jacob and Hannah Harrison, the former of whom was a shoemaker in Northford. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Todd came to New Haven about 1848, and there they lived until the time of their death. Mr. Todd was engaged in the butchering and pork packing industry, and was well known and highly esteemed. In politics he was a Republican, and the family belonged to the Episcopal Church.

Edward A. Todd, subject of this biography, spent his boyhood days in New Haven, and was most liberally educated, having advantages in the Cheshire Academy, and later in Gen. Russell's Military Academy in New Haven. After finishing school, Mr. Todd entered into a business life, being employed by Frank S. Andrew & Co., in the pork packing business for some three years, later becoming interested in the business of manufacturing corsets. In 1887 Mr. Todd became bookkeeper for L. C. Bates, in the produce and commission business, and in 1894 a corporation was formed under the firm style of "The L. C. Bates Co.," and our subject became a member of this firm, having previously represented it on the road. Since that time the business has grown to large proportions, and is known over a wide extent of country.

On Oct. 11, 1876, Mr. Todd was married to Miss Ida L. Oviatt, who was born in New Haven, a daughter of Henry and Louise (Hull) Oviatt, the former of whom was born in Milford, Conn., and the latter in New Haven. Their children were: Nelson F., who died young; Ida L., who is Mrs. Todd; Walter C.; and Clarence E. Walter resides in New Haven, and Clarence died in youth. Mr. Oviatt was by profession a bookkeeper, and he was a son of Curtis Oviatt, who was born in Milford, Conn., and married Tenty Carrington. On the maternal side, the grandfather of Mrs. Todd was Elam Hull, who by trade was a maker of tallow candles, and, starting out in life with limited means, by successful methods, later became wealthy and well known. After marriage our subject and wife made their home in New Haven, and their two children are, Louise Hull, and Venelia Harrison. In his political sympathies, Mr. Todd has

always been connected with the Republican party, and socially he has membership with the A. O. U. W., and the Royal Arcanum; he is also a member of the second company of Governor's Foot Guards. The family are consistent and valued members of the Episcopal Church, Mr. Todd being one of the vestrymen at Christ Church.

M. M. RUSSELL, a well-known citizen and skillful farmer of East Haven, is a native of New Haven county, born in the town of North Branford, July 26, 1841, and is the son of Samuel F. Russell, whose birth occurred in the same town, Oct. 7, 1802. The grandfather, David Russell, was also a native of North Branford; his wife, who bore the maiden name of Betsey Monroe, departed this life at the ripe old age of eighty-five years. The father of our subject was twice married, his first wife being Ann Chidsey, by whom he had one child, Annie, now the wife of Benjamin S. Woodward, of Lyons, Iowa. After her death he married her sister, Almira Chidsey, and our subject was the only child born of this union. The father was a carpenter by trade, and followed that occupation until 1852, and then engaged in farming, removing to the farm where our subject now resides in the spring of 1869. There his death occurred Jan. 7, 1888. He was a member of the Congregational Church and was held in high regard by all who knew him. Our subject's mother died Feb. 21, 1875.

During his boyhood and youth Mr. Russell, of this review, attended the Guilford Institution and Eastman's Business College, where he acquired a good practical education. He assisted his father in the labors of the farm and on the latter's death came into possession of the place, which he is still carrying on, being successfully engaged in general farming.

Mr. Russell was married, Jan. 27, 1867, to Miss Nellie Luddington, who died in December, 1879. Four children were born of that union, namely: Henry, who died in infancy; Samuel C., a resident of New Haven; Myra A., of Iowa; and Lewis, who died at the age of two years. On June 10, 1881, Mr. Russell was again married, his second union being with Mrs. E. Augusta (Hill) Averill, widow of Jarvis Averill. In his political affiliations Mr. Russell is a Republican, and in his church relations is a Congregationalist. He has a large circle of friends in East Haven, and is highly respected and esteemed wherever known.

WILLIAM GARLICK, contractor, and president of the Beaver Lake Ice Co., is one of the self-made men of Meriden and one of the leading citizens of South Meriden, where he has long been actively engaged in business. He is a native of England, born Aug. 19, 1847, in Sheffield, West Yorkshire.

William Garlick, Sr., his father, was also born

in Sheffield, and there his youth was passed. He became skilled in the art of making cutlery, and becoming convinced that he would find larger opportunities for himself and his children in America, he set sail in 1850, accompanied by his family, for these hospitable shores. After a voyage of several weeks on a sailing vessel, they landed in New York, whence they soon found their way to Meriden, which town was then establishing the fact that Americans could make a good article of cutlery. Mr. Garlick at once obtained employment in the grinding department of the Meriden Cutlery Co., and continued faithfully in this service until 1874. Having put aside some of his earnings, he was now able to embark in business for himself, and established a nursery, and also engaged in the ice business, being one of the pioneers in that line in his section. At the end of four years he sold out his ice business to his son, but continued the nursery business until the time of his death. This occurred at his home in South Meriden in 1880, and his body was laid to rest in West cemetery. In his native home he was identified with the Established Church, but worshipped with the Methodist organization in this country. After becoming a citizen of the United States he was loyal to its government and acted with the Republican party, in political contests. His widow, Harriet Davidson, who was born in Sheffield of Scotch lineage, survived him until April, 1882, and was buried beside him in West cemetery. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church, a true wife and kind mother. All of their seven children were born in Sheffield, and three died in infancy; Walter, who died in middle age, married Virginia Daly, and had two daughters, Lillian and Emma, who now reside in Baltimore, Md.; Mary is the wife of Henry W. Longden, of South Meriden; Emma married John H. Daly; and William, the subject of this sketch, is the youngest of the family.

William Garlick was only three years of age when he accompanied his parents to this country. He was reared in South Meriden and received his schooling in the district school of that section. When he was fifteen years old he entered the employ of the Meriden Cutlery Co., in the same department in which his father was engaged, and continued there until he attained his majority. He was then employed for a period of three years in the responsible position of inspector at the Aetna Cutlery Works, in New Britain, and returned thence to take a position as contractor in the shops at South Meriden, where he was formerly engaged. This connection has continued for the past thirty-one years, which fact clearly demonstrates his executive ability and integrity. In 1878 he purchased the ice business of his father, which he immediately began to extend. In his first season he put up 1,600 tons of winter's product, and his harvest now exceeds nine thousand tons, which he disposes of at both wholesale and retail. He has

one ice house in the northern part of the town, on the main line of the Consolidated Railroad, and one in the western part of the town, on the Watertown line. In 1889 he consolidated his business with the Meriden Ice Co., of which he was five years president. In 1894 he withdrew from this connection and formed the Beaver Lake Ice Co., of which he is now sole owner, and which he has ever since conducted successfully. In 1898 he joined a party on a trip to Alaska, and was gone one and one-half years, which greatly benefited his health. Being industrious and enterprising, his affairs are conducted along progressive and modern lines, and his rewards have been truly earned. They have not come to him through chance, but as the just and certain result of persistent attention to business and the exercise of wise forethought. His genial nature and pleasant manners make it a pleasure to do business with him, and he is everywhere regarded as a good citizen. In 1874 he built his present home on Hanover avenue, one of the finest in that section, where a cheerful hospitality and good cheer are ever found.

Mr. Garlick was married in 1875, at South Meriden, to Miss Nellie Stevens, who was born in South Meriden, daughter of Philander and Eunice Stevens. Mrs. Garlick is devoted to her home, husband and family, a good Christian woman and consistent member of the First Congregational Church. Of the two children in the family Arthur is employed at Hartford, and is a useful member of Meridian Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M., of Meriden; and Mabel, the daughter, was educated in the schools of South Meriden and was graduated from the Meriden High School. Miss Mabel is a lady of much intelligence and good sense, and as her father's confidential clerk, has fully demonstrated her business ability, and she is a valued member of the Congregational Church.

The social and benevolent character of Mr. Garlick is indicated by his associations. He is a steadfast member of Hancock Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., of South Meriden; of Pilgrims' Harbor Council, No. 543, Royal Arcanum, of Meriden; and the Home Club. He is also a faithful member of the Methodist Church, making the Golden Rule the test of his actions. As a Republican, he performs the duty of every good citizen, in voting for his convictions, but has never sought any political preferment. His domestic nature finds pleasure in the companionship of his family and friends, and his true worth is best known to his intimates.

JOHN T. HOLIAN, proprietor of "Holian's Inn," Derby, is one of the most genial, obliging and popular landlords, and his hotel is a favorite resort for pleasure parties of all kinds. He was born in Granville, Mass., April 3, 1857, a son of Jeremiah and Catherine (Hurlibey) Holian, both natives of Ireland, the former born in County Kerry. Our subject's paternal grandfather never came to Amer-

ica but followed farming in Ireland throughout life. After his death his wife came to the New World, and died in Granville, Mass., at the advanced age of ninety-two years. In their family were four children: Timothy, who engaged in farming in Granville until his death; John, who still carries on farming there; Jeremiah, father of our subject; and Nancy, deceased wife of James Foley. Jeremiah Holian was a farmer and wood turner by occupation. He died in Springfield, Mass., in 1897, but his wife is still living. In their family were eight children, namely: Timothy, who was a blacksmith of Granville, where he died in 1895; John T., our subject; Annie, wife of Joseph O'Neil, a wire weaver of Springfield, Mass.; Mary; William, who died in 1891; Catherine; Jeremiah, who died at the age of eight years; and Julia.

John T. Holian was reared on a farm in Granville, Mass., until seventeen years of age, and then learned the cigar maker's trade, which he followed until he was twenty-two. The following two years he was employed as a traveling salesman, and then managed the "Westfield House," at Westfield, Mass., for the same length of time. In 1881 he came to Derby, New Haven county, where he clerked in a shoe store for four years, and on resigning that position he bought the "Birmingham Hotel," which he successfully conducted, though others had failed in the enterprise. In 1891 he also embarked in the livery business, which he still carries on in connection with his hotel, owning a fine stable, well equipped with an elegant line of carriages and good trotting horses. In June, 1897, he purchased the property on Elizabeth street, which he has remodeled and to which he has given the name of "Holian's Inn." It is recognized as headquarters for parties of all kinds, such as bicycle clubs from the surrounding cities, and he also entertains the Masons, Odd Fellows and other lodges, feeding seven hundred during the reunion of the Connecticut Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. Kind-hearted and generous, he is always willing to lend a helping hand to those in distress, and his name has become a synonym for honesty, uprightness and generosity.

Mr. Holian married Miss Isabelle V. Healey, the only daughter of Capt. Healey, a native of County Clare, Ireland, who was born Dec. 24, 1832, and died Aug. 12, 1872.

James Healey, grandfather of Mrs. Holian, was a well-to-do farmer of Ireland, where he spent his entire life. The son was educated for the priesthood, but never entered the Church. At the age of twenty-one he emigrated to America and located in Derby, Conn., where he worked as a laborer until going to California during the gold excitement, and there successfully engaged in mining for some time. On his return to Derby he embarked in the grocery and liquor business, which he carried on until after the Civil war broke out. For three years he was a soldier of the Union army, and for bravery

on the field of battle was promoted to the rank of captain. After the war he engaged in the liquor business up to the time of his death. He was a supporter of the Democratic party and a devoted member of several societies, being a Knight Templar Mason and prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, Sons of Erin, Hibernians and Derby Pequots. He wedded Miss Mary Monaghan, who was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in 1832, and died May 27, 1898. She was a most estimable lady, charitable and highly respected; in fact, the Healey family is one of the most prominent in Derby. Her father was Patrick Monaghan, one of the early settlers of Derby, who died in California. Mrs. Holian is the eldest in a family of three children, the others being James T., a resident of Derby; and Thomas F., a physician of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

GEORGE I. PLATT, an enterprising and successful business man of Milford village, was born in the town of Milford Oct. 20, 1863, a son of David B. and Mary M. Camp Platt.

The Platt family has been identified with the town from an early day, and Richard Platt, our subject's grandfather, was born there, and spent many years in farming in the locality. His death occurred in West Haven, but his remains were taken back to Milford for interment. He married a Miss Allen, and they had four children, viz.: Richard, a farmer in Milford, now deceased; David B., our subject's father; James H., a business man in New Haven, who died in the spring of 1899; and Caroline, who married Richard Platt, a butcher in New Haven.

David B. Platt was born in the town of Milford in 1822, and died there Jan. 17, 1898. He was an excellent citizen, an active worker in the local Republican organization, and was frequently chosen to fill town offices. His wife, Mary M. Camp, who died Feb. 16, 1893, aged sixty-six years, was a daughter of Elias Camp, a well-known farmer of Milford. Of their six children Henry died in infancy; Ella J. married F. H. Woodruff, a farmer of Milford; Charles W. is a farmer and meat dealer in Milford; David E. is a bookkeeper in Bridgeport; George I., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; and Minnie L. married George A. Law, of New Haven.

The district schools of Milford afforded George I. Platt a practical education, and the work of the homestead trained him to habits of industry. As a young man he engaged in the milk business, continuing about ten years, and in 1895 he became interested in the ice business, which he has since carried on. In 1898 he engaged in the coal and wood business also, and for some time he has carried on teaming and contracting, in addition to his other interests. He is a Republican, and takes an active part in town affairs, and is a member of the fire depart-

ment. Specially he is connected with the I. O. O. F., and the Royal Arcanum.

On Oct. 6, 1892, Mr. Platt married Miss Alice G. Stowe, daughter of Frederick A. Stowe, a native and resident of Milford, and two children have blessed the union: Lizzie M. and Clarence I.

A. CLARK PLATT, a well-known agriculturist of the town of Milford, was born in that town Nov. 19, 1837, son of Newton Platt, and grandson of Fisk Platt.

The family has been prominent in the locality for many years, and Fisk Platt was a farmer there throughout his life. He married Sarah Newton, who was born in Milford, a daughter of Capt. Jonah Newton, and they had seven children, as follows: Newton, our subject's father; Sarah, who married Jeremiah Treat, a farmer in the town of Orange; Richard, a farmer in Milford; Catherine, deceased, who never married; Susan, who married Dr. Hull Allen, of Milford; Jonah, a farmer in Milford; and Maria, who married Samuel Miles, a carriagemaker in the South and later in Milford, where he died some years ago.

Newton Platt was born in Milford in 1792, and died in 1863. During his active years he was engaged in farming, and he took an intelligent and loyal interest in local affairs as a member of the First Congregational Church, and as a worker in the Republican party. He married Anna Clark, who was born in the town, and whose father, Abram Clark, was a respected farmer. She died in 1863, and of their nine children only six are now living: Sarah N. married Enoch Clark, a farmer in the town of Orange; Adelia C., deceased, married John L. Merwin, of Orange; Charlotte, deceased, married David N. Clark, of Milford; Susan married William B. Smith, a farmer in Milford, both now deceased; Henry N., a retired farmer, resides in New Haven; Jonah C., a carpenter, is living in retirement in Derby; George F. is a dentist in Chambersburg, Pa.; A. Clark, our subject, was the next in order of birth; Lenora married David N. Clark, mentioned above.

A. Clark Platt has spent his entire life in Milford, and from early manhood his attention has been given to general farming. His farm, which contains about 160 acres, is situated three and a half miles northwest of Milford village, and under his able management is one of the best homesteads in his neighborhood. On Dec. 22, 1863, he married Miss Mary Gilbert, daughter of Agar Gilbert, a carpenter in Derby. Four children have brightened their home: Emma L., now the wife of Fred D. Clark, a farmer, seed grower and cattle dealer in Milford; Lottie G., who married Herbert B. Clark, a farmer and seed grower in Orange; Annie C., wife of Fred M. Clark a farmer and seed grower in Orange; and Miss Bertha M., at home. The family is prominently identified with the First Congregational Church, and Mr. Platt is also an influential

member of the local Republican organization. At present he is a selectman, and he has served many years as assessor, and for nine years as school visitor, and at one time was a member of the board of relief.

ANDREW HAFNER. Many of the most prominent and influential citizens of Derby are of foreign birth, but have become true and loyal American citizens who take a deep interest in public affairs and do all within their power to advance the welfare of their adopted country. A worthy representative of this class is Andrew Hafner, who was born in Cassel, Germany, June 16, 1870, a son of S. August and Regina E. (Rothamel) Hafner, also natives of that place. The grandfather, Andrew Hafner, was a traveling merchant of Germany and never came to America. The father followed the same business in his native land until 1883, when he emigrated to the United States, and after about a month spent in Derby, Conn., proceeded to California, since which time nothing has been heard of him. In his family were seven children: Andrew, our subject; Minnie, now the wife of Alfred Matterfis, of New York; Carrie, wife of Frank Kabish, of Derby; Louise, unmarried; and three who died in infancy.

Andrew Hafner spent the first thirteen years of his life in Germany and attended the schools of his native land. On coming with the family to Derby, Conn., he entered the employ of Dickerman & Bassett, bolt manufacturers, with whom he remained about nine months, and then was employed by other concerns for some time. He spent two years with A. H. & C. B. Alling, hosiery manufacturers, and in February, 1887, entered the employ of the Sterling Company, manufacturers of pianos and organs, with which he has since been connected.

Mr. Hafner is a member of the German singing society, and of the Lutheran Church, to which his ancestors also belonged. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and in 1896 was elected alderman from the First ward of Derby. So creditably and satisfactorily did he fill the office that he was re-elected in 1898, and is the present incumbent.

FREDERICK C. GOLDSTEIN, M. D., an able and talented physician of Ansonia, has won deserved prominence in professional circles by his successful treatment of disease. He was born May 22, 1869, in Ansonia, and is a descendant of an old and honored German family which is still numerous represented in the Fatherland.

Frederick Goldstein, our subject's father, was born in Germany, and came to America in early manhood, locating first in Connecticut, and finding employment with the Goodyear Rubber Co., as an expert turner. He worked in Naugatuck for a time and then went south, but there he had the misfortune to get "stranded." On returning to Connecticut he spent some time in Birmingham and



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Waterbury, being employed in different branches of the plating business, and then went to Ansonia to take a position with Holland & Sons. After a time he engaged in the grocery business on Main street, and on retiring he again took up his former work as a turner. Deciding to engage in the nickel plating and buffing business on his own account, he formed a partnership with a son-in-law, who afterward purchased his interest, Mr. Goldstein removing to Shelton to take charge of the dipping and plating rooms in the Cheeseman factory. At present he is connected with the japanning department of the Schneller factory. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and socially of the German Order Harugari, while politically he is identified with the Republican party. His wife, Sophia (Hildebrandt) was born in his native town. They have had six children, of whom five are living, viz.: Minnie, wife of Carle Schenck, of Ansonia; William and Sarah, residents of Ansonia; Frederick C., our subject; and Carl, also residing in Ansonia.

The Doctor's education was begun in the common schools of Ansonia, and his professional education was secured in the Medical Department of Yale College and at Berlin, Germany, where he spent a year taking special courses. Since his return he has been continuously engaged in general practice in Ansonia, and he is also medical examiner for a number of insurance companies. He and his wife are prominent socially, and both are active workers in the Episcopal Church, having been in the choir for a number of years. The Doctor is also connected with George Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., at New Haven, the Knights of the Golden Cross, the order of Heptasophis, and with the State and County Medical Societies.

In November, 1897, Dr. Goldstein married Miss Martha L. Johnson, and they have one son, Frederick E. Mrs. Goldstein graduated in 1892 from the normal school at Westfield, and prior to her marriage taught successfully in Massachusetts, and was employed two years in the schools of Ansonia. She is descended from good Colonial stock, and her ancestors in the paternal line were early settlers at Ellington, Conn., but removed to Hadley, Mass. Stephen Johnson, Mrs. Goldstein's great-grandfather, born at Hadley, followed farming there throughout his life, and a house which he built on his homestead in 1792 is still kept in good repair. Her grandfather, Stephen Johnson (2), and father, Elliot Johnson, were both born in this house, which stands in that part of Hadley now known as Hockanum. Elliot Johnson is a prominent citizen, having held various official positions in the town, and he and his wife are leading members of the Congregational Church. They have three children, Martha L., George and Jennie. The mother, whose maiden name was Harriet E. Allen, was born in Hadley, the daughter of George Allen, a native of Enfield, Conn., who settled at Hadley in early manhood, and became a well-known citizen. Mrs.

Goldstein's grandmother, Theodocia Smith, attained the advanced age of eighty years, and reared a large family of children.

CHARLES ELLIOTT PICKETT was born in Seymour, Conn., Sept. 3, 1871, a son of Charles Howard Pickett, who was born at Danbury, Conn., April 8, 1844. Warner Pickett, the grandfather of Charles E., was a resident of Naugatuck, and his father, Mason Pickett, married Eunice, a daughter of Reuben Warner, and a descendant of Eben Warner, who was born in Scotland.

Warner Pickett married Mary Jane Taylor, who was born in Bristol, Conn., lived the most of his life in Naugatuck, where he taught school, and in his later years was engaged in the manufacture of knives.

Charles Howard Pickett was reared in Naugatuck, and in early manhood settled at Seymour, where he was long engaged in tool making. His wife, Annie Eliza Culver, a daughter of Aretus and Betsy (Reed) (Bailey) Culver, was a granddaughter of Rhoda Yale, and a great-granddaughter of Eli Yale. He died in Seymour Aug. 29, 1901, and his widow, Mrs. Pickett, is still living in Seymour. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard Pickett were the parents of three children: Harold Warner, born Sept. 6, 1869, is a bookkeeper in the New Haven Copper Co., of Seymour; Charles Elliott; and Sarah Burton, born Sept. 3, 1876.

Charles Elliott Pickett spent his early school days at home, and was thoroughly prepared for the legal profession, in which he has already become prominent. In 1894 he was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was connected with the Philomathean Society; and in 1896 from the Law Department of Yale, where he was associated with the Book and Gavel fraternity. On finishing his school he went into the law office of Watrous & Townsend, where he soon displayed such intimate acquaintance with legal procedure and the forms of law that he was appointed assistant clerk of the United States Circuit and District Courts in 1898. His friends anticipate for him a brilliant career before the Bar if no untoward events interfere.

Mr. Pickett was married in Trinity Church, New Haven, Dec. 11, 1900, to Henriette G., the daughter of Edward F. Mansfield, of New Haven, Conn. A daughter, Dorothy Mansfield Pickett, born Dec. 6, 1901, at New Haven, has blessed this union.

PAUL B. KENNEDY, M. D., is one of the bright, progressive young physicians of Derby, before whom lies a future full of promise. He is of Irish descent, both his father, John, and his grandfather, Bernard, having been born in County Westmeath, Ireland. Bernard Kennedy brought his family to America when his son John was a boy of but five or six years. He settled on a farm in Southington, Conn., where he passed the remainder of his life.

John Kennedy grew up in that town, and learned the trade of a die sinker. He married Miss Catherine McAlemy, who was also a native of Ireland. After marriage he removed to Plainville, Hartford county, where he worked at his trade, which he still follows. He is the father of ten children, all endowed with intelligence of a high order and whose education either has been, or is being, carefully cared for by their parents. Dr. Kennedy is the eldest; the second son, John, is studying for the Catholic priesthood; Sylvester, the next in order of birth is acquiring the profession of a mechanical engineer; and Edward, the fourth son, is a machinist. None of these young men are married. The younger children—William, Peter, Mary, Catherine, Margaret and Josephine—are still attending school. Both John Kennedy and his wife, as well as their children, are devout members of the Catholic Church.

Dr. Paul B. Kennedy was born in Plainville Oct. 28, 1871. He attended school there while a child, and in 1881 was sent by his parents to Derby, where he completed his common-school education. For two years he was a clerk in the post office, and spent three years in the works of the Birmingham Brass Co. For a year he was a bookkeeper in the store of D. H. Kelly, but his inclination was toward a professional career, and the trend of his mind led him to choose the practice of medicine as his life work. He began his studies by reading at home, and in 1893 entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, graduating in 1896. After taking a supplementary course in the New York Post-Graduate College he went to Bridgeport, where he remained from December, 1897, until May, 1898. In that month he removed to Derby, where he has since been engaged in practice. He is an enthusiast in his profession and a close student, keeping fully abreast of the rapid advance constantly going forward in medical science. He is of a generous, kindly disposition and urbane manners, and is deservedly popular and highly respected. He is a member of Indian Well Court, Foresters of America, and of St. Aloysius Catholic T. A. B. Society. In politics he is a Democrat.

FRANK ELBERT SANDS, treasurer of the Journal Publishing Co., was born in New Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., July 17, 1863, a son of Jesse and Mary Melvina (Turner) Sands, the former a native of England.

During his early years Frank E. Sands attended school in Danbury, Conn., later pursuing his studies in New Fairfield. In 1879 he went to New Haven, where his father had engaged in business. After preparation under private tutors, he entered the Scientific Department of Yale University, and was graduated therefrom as a civil engineer in the class of 1885, with degree of Ph. B. While waiting for the consummation of plans by certain capitalists through which he was to take up the practice of

his profession, he was for a time engaged in the wholesale produce business, later entering newspaper work. In 1886, his attention having been attracted to Meriden, he became one of the four men who formed The Journal Publishing Co., established the Meriden *Daily Journal*, and founded the present extensive publishing business of that very successful corporation. Mr. Sands has since held the office of treasurer, as well as that of business manager, of the *Daily Journal*, and the other periodical publications of the company.

On April 26, 1888, Mr. Sands married Alice Louise Brasee, daughter of Judge John Schofield Brasee, of Lancaster, Ohio, the compiler of Ohio's code of laws, and one of the most eminent jurists of that State. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sands: Anna Brasee, born Dec. 10, 1889; and Trafford Turner, who died in infancy.

In maternal lines, Mr. Sands is connected with the WAKEMAN family, whose history is very interesting. John Wakeman, the emigrant ancestor, was born about 1598-99, at Bewdley, Worcestershire, England, and baptized there March 29, 1601, a son of Francis and Anne (Goode) Wakeman. On Jan. 28, 1628-29, he was married at Bewdley, England, to Elizabeth Hopkins, daughter of William and Helen (Vickaris) Hopkins, who were married Oct. 30, 1609. Elizabeth was baptized Oct. 7, 1610, in Ribbesford Church, England, and she died in 1658, at New Haven, Conn. John Wakeman died in 1661, at Hartford, Conn. He emigrated to New Haven, Conn., in 1640-41, living there until within a few months of his death. He held many important offices, among them that of deputy to General Court from 1641 to 1661, and he was the first treasurer of New Haven Colony, serving until his death. He was active in religious affairs, and served as deacon of the First Church. Of his four children, all born and baptized in Bewdley, England, one died there while young, but the other three accompanied the parents to New England. They were as follows: (1) John, baptized July 25, 1630, died Jan. 19, 1636. (2) Helena, baptized Dec. 23, 1632, married Oct. 29, 1650, Lieut. Col. John Talcott, of Hartford, Conn., and died June 22, 1674. On Nov. 9, 1676, Lieut. Col. Talcott married Mary Cook, daughter of Rev. John Cook, of New Haven, and he died July 23, 1688. (3) Samuel, baptized June 7, 1635, died at Fairfield, Conn., March 8, 1692. (4) Elizabeth, baptized Sept. 16, 1638, married Samuel Kitchell, of Newark, N. J. (born in 1633, died April 20, 1690), March 11, 1656-57.

Rev. Samuel Wakeman, son of John, the emigrant, was educated at Harvard College, which he left in 1655. He settled at Fairfield, Conn., where on Sept. 30, 1665, he was ordained, becoming the second pastor in that town. His death occurred there March 8, 1692. On Oct. 29, 1656, he married Hannah Goodyear, daughter of Gov. Stephen Goodyear, of New Haven. Their eight children were: Samuel, born Oct. 12, 1657, died in 1691;

John, born in 1659, died Feb. 15, 1709; Ebenezer, born in 1668, died in 1690; Joseph, born in 1670, died Dec. 5, 1726; Jabez, born in 1678, died Oct. 8, 1704; Mary, who married Michael Clugstone; Ann, who married Abraham Howell, a major of a regiment in Suffolk county, L. I., in 1700; and Elizabeth, wife of Albert Denny. After the death of Rev. Wakeman, his widow married Nathaniel Burr, and she died in 1721.

Capt. John Wakeman, son of Rev. Samuel, born in 1659, was a prominent man in the Colony of Connecticut, and was appointed deputy to the General Court from Fairfield, serving twenty-three sessions—1690-1706. He was appointed commissioner in 1695, 1696 and 1697, also justice of Fairfield in 1698, and many times thereafter. In May, 1697, he was appointed lieutenant, and in May, 1704 and 1705, was appointed captain. On April 24, 1687, he married Martha Hubbell, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Hubbell. Martha Wakeman died June 5, 1710, and her husband died Feb. 5, 1709, leaving an estate of 1,000 pounds. Their children, all born in Fairfield, were: Helena, born Aug. 24, 1689, died Feb. 12, 1710-11; Ann, born March 24, 1692; Samuel, born Feb. 24, 1693, died Oct. 19, 1771; Elizabeth, born June 1, 1695, died in 1737; Martha, born Sept. 24, 1700, married Irael Chauncey, son of Rev. Charles Chauncey, Feb. 2, 1720-1; Stephen, born Oct. 15, 1702, died in 1761-2; and John, born Aug. 27, 1705, died in 1789-90.

Stephen Wakeman, son of Capt. John Wakeman, was married in Fairfield, Conn., April 28, 1727, to Rebecca Morehouse, a daughter of Daniel Morehouse. She was baptized Feb. 24, 1712, and died in 1762. Stephen Wakeman died in 1801. Their children, all born in Fairfield, were: Sarah, born March 15, 1728, died June 11, 1728; David, baptized Jan. 11, 1730, died in 1813-14; Daniel, born April 6, 1732; Eunice, born Jan. 31, 1735, died Jan. 29, 1765, married Nathan Hill, July 3, 1735, the latter born Oct. 9, 1731, a son of John and Esther (Bradley) Hill; Squier, born June 29, 1738; Stephen, born Nov. 19, 1740, died May 7, 1744; James, born March 19, 1743, died about April 1768; Stephen (2), born Oct. 23, 1745, died about April, 1768; Sarah, born Jan. 26, 1748, died April 26, 1779, married, Nov. 11, 1772, John Alvord (he was born July 11, 1750, and died July 3, 1845); and Noah, born Nov. 28, 1751, died Nov. 5, 1777.

David Wakeman, son of Stephen Wakeman, was born in Fairfield, and until 1757-58, he remained in his native town, and then removed to New Fairfield, and there settled on land inherited from his father and grandfather. On May 9, 1775, he enlisted in the Colonial army, in Capt. Beardsley's company, of New Fairfield, Conn., under Major Tafford of the 5th regiment. He was discharged in October, 1775, after a term of service chiefly along the upper Hudson. When he and John Hendrick returned from the war, they first stopped at the

home of the latter, but finding no one there, went across lots to the Wakeman homestead. There they found a pleasant party, Mrs. Hendrick helping Mrs. Wakeman spin yarn, and the young people in the field with Jeremiah Wakeman harvesting buckwheat. Prior to enlisting in the spring, David had prepared a number of his fields for corn, but Jeremiah, knowing it would be impossible to cultivate so much land in that cereal, placed part of it in buckwheat. Although David did not literally leave his plow in the furrow to answer to the call of duty, he left his fields unplanted and his farm neglected. During the bitter struggle which followed, the two families (Wakeman and Hendrick) helped each other, the girls working in the fields as well as the boys, while the men were away on the field of battle. On Feb. 17, 1754, in Fairfield, David Wakeman married Mary E. Jennings, a daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Coley) Jennings, of Fairfield, Conn. The children born of this union were: Twins born in Fairfield in April, 1756, of whom Jeremiah died in New Fairfield in the spring of 1801; Mary, baptized Sept. 5, 1762, married David Gilbert, of Ridgefield, Conn.; Sarah, born about 1774, in New Fairfield, married in 1793, Thomas Ludington, of Dutchess Co., N. Y.; David; Eunice, born about 1778, married John Treadwell, of Danbury, Conn. David Wakeman, the father, died in 1813-14.

Jeremiah Wakeman, son of David Wakeman, served in the Revolutionary war as a private in Capt. Hickox's company, Third Regiment, Conn. Light Horse, under Major Starr, enlisting at Danbury, Aug. 20, 1780, and was honorably discharged Jan. 1, 1781. His regiment was one of the four organized in May, 1776, from the twenty-four troops of Light Horse then in existence. When his father, David Wakeman, returned from service, he was too exhausted to assist in gathering the crops, and at first was not willing that the young man should enter the service, fearing the effect of the hardships upon him. Still, when he realized the need for good, brave men, he consented, and lived to see Jeremiah become a gallant soldier, and give longer service to his country than he himself had been able to give. In 1781-83 Jeremiah married Phoebe Hendrick, daughter of John Hendrick, of New Fairfield, Conn., formerly of Fairfield. Phoebe was born Nov. 14, 1754, and died April 3, 1836, in Ridgefield, Conn. After her husband's death she married, in 1820, Nehemiah Keeler, of Ridgefield. The children of Jeremiah Wakeman were: Eunice married Aaron Platt, of Weston, Conn., March 27, 1810; Martha, born in 1793, married in the fall of 1811, Hezekiah Wellman, of New Fairfield, Conn., and died Feb. 22, 1819 (he was born March 26, 1780, and died Sept. 15, 1865); Mary died June 13, 1813.

Martha (Wakeman) Wellman had a daughter, Phoebe, born June 17, 1817, who married in March, 1834, in New Fairfield, Napoleon Bonaparte

Turner, of Ridgebury and Danbury, Conn., and died Feb. 20, 1843. Mr. Turner was born June 1, 1816, and died Sept. 26, 1852.

Phoebe (Wellman) Turner became the mother of the following children: Fannie Augusta, born Aug. 16, 1836, died July, 1864, married Elbert C. Howes, of Brewster, N. Y.; Mary Melvina, born Sept. 13, 1839, died March 21, 1865, married on Nov. 21, 1860, Jesse Sands, of New York city, now of Meriden, and they had two children, Clara Louise, and Frank Elbert.

Frank Elbert Sands is one of the leading young men of Meriden, and takes a deep and public-spirited interest in all measures calculated to prove of benefit to the community. Broad-minded, cultured, thoroughly conversant with all the details of his chosen calling, he exerts a substantial influence through the medium of his well conducted and enterprising periodical.

REV. JOHN TYLER AND MRS. MARIETTE R. PETTEE, who are now passing the evening of life in Meriden, where they have long resided and been prominent in the various activities of citizenship, are among that city's refined and cultured people, and have a host of warm friends and admirers. They are descended from a sturdy New England ancestry.

Born Sept. 5, 1822, in the town of Sharon, Norfolk Co., Mass., John Tyler Pettee is the son of Tyler and Esther M. (Hewes) Pettee, the former a son of Hezekiah and Chloe (Ware) Pettee, of Foxboro, Mass., and the latter a daughter of John Hewes, of Foxboro, and Esther Mann, of Wrentham, Mass.; both belonged to families of intelligence and worth in their respective communities. John T. Pettee attended the district school of the locality of his early youth; Rice's Academy, Newton; and the Holliston and Lowell high schools. In the summer of 1839 he came to Meriden, Conn., and immediately entered the Wesleyan University, at Middletown, where he was graduated in 1843, later receiving therefrom the degree of A. M. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for a quarter of a century was in the itinerancy of that denomination in the eastern part of Massachusetts, preaching in the towns of Winchendon, Templeton, Millbury, Leicester, Walpole, Framingham, Hopkinton, Dorchester and Boston. Following this, in 1866, began another epoch in his life. Settling in Meriden in that year, he was engaged for the next seven years in teaching, serving also as a "spare hand" in the ministry, and some years preaching as often as the regular pastors. In 1892 Mr. and Mrs. Pettee gave five thousand dollars for a parsonage for the First Methodist Church of Meriden, on condition that the debt of twenty thousand dollars resting upon the church property be cleared off, and this was accomplished.

During the last decade and a half Mr. Pettee has given much of his time to scientific matters.

Since its organization, in 1880, he has been an active member of the Meriden Scientific Association, the secretary of its astronomical section, its vice-president, and for several years its president. Several of his annual addresses have been published, and met with great favor. He is also a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and an associate member of the Victoria Institute, or Philosophical Society, of Great Britain. His interest in astronomy has led him to making telescopes, and the citizens of Meriden will not soon forget the 6th of December, 1882, when two thousand of them assembled on his lawn to witness the transit of Venus. Mr. Pettee had mounted that day seven reflecting telescopes, all of his own construction, each of which gave as good a view as was obtained at any of the colleges, and gave the citizens of Meriden such an opportunity to witness that great phenomenon as was enjoyed by no other city in the country.

In his political views Mr. Pettee is a Democrat, having left the Republican party in the Greeley campaign of 1872. In 1876 he was elected judge of probate, and served one term. For twenty-five or more years he was a member of the Meriden school board, and for seven years was principal of the Corner, Center and West district schools. For a decade and more he was acting school visitor or superintendent. He is an enthusiastic and earnest Odd Fellow and a Free and Accepted Mason. When he vacated the chair of Prelate in St. Elmo Commandery, which he held for twenty-one years, the Sir Knights gathered at his hearth and presented him with an elegant and costly "jewel." When the Grand Commandery of Connecticut celebrated its Centennial Anniversary, July 10, 1889, Mr. Pettee was honored with the office of "Centennial Poet," and his poem was published in the history of that great anniversary. In the last twenty-five years Mr. Pettee has appeared in such occasional exercises perhaps oftener than any man in the State.

On Oct. 26, 1843, Rev. Pettee was married to Mariette Roxanna, daughter of Hon. Jonathan Y. and Roxanna (Yale) Clark, of Pittsfield, Mass., and to them was born a daughter, Emily Parker Pettee, who is now deceased.

Mrs. Pettee was born Nov. 22, 1826, in Pittsfield, Mass., and comes of a distinguished ancestry. Her father was one of the leading men of Pittsfield and one of the most active politicians in Berkshire county. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention which revised the Constitution of Massachusetts in 1820, and his house was always the headquarters of the leading members of his party. Mr. Clark's parents were Jaleel and Esther (Law) Clark, the latter a lineal descendant of Jonathan Law, who from 1742 to 1751 was governor of Connecticut. Jaleel Clark, of Lanesboro, and his eldest son participated in the battle of Bennington, and Mrs. Clark was accustomed to tell, in after years, with what emotions she heard the guns of that bat-

tle at Lanesboro, where, with her younger sons, she was gathering the wheat harvest, a duty which devolved upon many a mother during the Revolution.

On her mother's side Mrs. Pettee is a descendant in the eighth generation from Thomas Yale, who came to New Haven in 1637 with his mother and step-father, Theophilus Eaton, who soon became governor of the Colony of Connecticut. Thomas Yale was born in about 1616 in England or Wales, son of David Yale and Ann Morton, David descending from an ancient family of Wales. David Yale died in 1617, and in 1618 his widow married Theophilus Eaton, an opulent merchant of London, and with him and her children (by Mr. Yale) and a company came to America in the ship "Hector," arriving at Boston in 1637, and at New Haven, then Quinnipiac, in 1638. Thomas Yale settled as a merchant in New Haven. As early as 1660 he located on lands he purchased in North Haven. He was one of the principal men in the Colony, was a signer of the Plantation Covenant of New Haven, and filled with honor many offices of public trust. He married in 1645 Mary, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Turner, of New Haven, formerly of Lynn, Mass. She died in 1704, and Mr. Yale in 1683. From this Thomas Yale, the settler, Mrs. Pettee's line is through Thomas (2), Theophilus, Samuel, Street, Samuel (2), and Roxanna Yale.

(II) Thomas Yale (2), son of Thomas the settler, born about 1647 in New Haven, married (first) in 1667 Rebecca, daughter of William Gibbards. Mr. Yale removed in 1670 to Wallingford, as one of the first planters of the town, and was one of the most active and energetic men among them. He was a justice of the peace, surveyor of land, captain of trainband, etc., and assisted in the formation of the church there. His death occurred in 1736. His first wife, who was the mother of all his children, was born in New Haven in 1650, and died in Wallingford.

(III) Theophilus Yale, son of Thomas (2), born in 1675, married Sarah, daughter of Rev. Samuel and Anna Street, of Wallingford. Mr. Yale served as a magistrate from about 1724 to the time of his death, in 1760. His widow died in 1785.

(IV) Samuel Yale, son of Theophilus, born in 1711, married in 1736 Susannah Abernethy, of Wallingford. Mr. Yale was a farmer in what is now Yalesville. He died in 1754, leaving a large estate, and his wife Susannah died May 30, 1770.

(V) Street Yale, son of Samuel, of whom little is known, lived in Wallingford. The names of his children, with dates of birth, etc., and that Mary, his widow, died in Balston, N. Y., are all that the records reveal.

(IV) Samuel Yale (2), son of Street, born Aug. 18, 1763, in Wallingford, resided in Meriden. He married (first) Eunice Paine, of the same town, and (second) Mehitabel Rice, of Wallingford. Mr. Yale is said to have been the first manufacturer in the town of Meriden. In 1791 he commenced the

manufacture of cut nails, and in 1794 the manufacture of pewter buttons. He was successful, and accumulated a handsome estate. He died Sept. 18, 1810, and his wife Eunice Aug. 18, 1804. Mrs. Mehitabel Yale died Sept. 17, 1808.

(VII) Roxanna Yale, daughter of Samuel (2), born to the first marriage, married Jonathan Y. Clark, and removed to Pittsfield, Mass. Mrs. Clark died Sept. 6, 1828, aged forty-one years.

Mrs. Mariette R. Pettee came to Meriden when she was but fourteen years old, attended school at Post's Academy, and Oct. 26, 1843, married Rev. John T. Pettee, who had just graduated from the Wesleyan University. With him she shared the ups and downs of ministerial life till 1866, when, finding the east winds of the Massachusetts coast too bracing for her, Mr. Pettee brought her back to Meriden. Since her return to Meriden Mrs. Pettee has been recognized as a woman of exceptional executive and constructive ability, and in consequence has often been called upon to organize and preside. She assisted in organizing the first Eastern Star Chapter, and presided over it for three years. In 1873 she was appointed by Gov. Ingersoll to the State Board of Charities, an office which she held until family cares and failing health forced her to resign. When L. C. Curtis founded the Curtis Home, at his request she was appointed president of its first Board of Managers; she may also be said to have organized the board, as Mr. Curtis took no step without consulting her. She was also chosen first president of the Political Equality Club, though she did not accept the office. She does not expect so much from female suffrage as many women, but claims it as a right and exercises it when possible.

Mrs. Pettee is a prominent Methodist, exceedingly liberal, and is one of the few survivors of the first Methodist class formed in the "Old Bethel," in this city. Although making no pretensions as a speaker, Mrs. Pettee has within the past dozen years spoken as often, and on occasions as important, as any woman in Meriden; and on more than one occasion has taken the place of professional speakers who failed to keep their engagements with Meriden audiences.

H. WALES LINES, a leading business man of Meriden, carries in his veins the blood of several Revolutionary sires, and partakes of the sturdy character which has made New England pre-eminent in the business, the social and the political world. He was born June 3, 1838, in Naugatuck, Conn., a son of Henry Willys and Harriet (Bunnell) Lines. The father was a son of Calvin and Sallie (Booth) Lines. The descent is traced from Elder Brewster, of the "Mayflower" Colony, and Rev. Thomas Hooker, founder of the Connecticut Colony. Among other conspicuous forebears of Mr. Lines may be mentioned: John Hopkins, of Hartford; Capt. Nathaniel White, one of the first settlers of Middletown, Conn.; John Coit, one of the first

settlers of New London, Conn.: Hon. Benjamin Penn, of Milford, deputy governor of Connecticut; Rev. Timothy Stevens, first Congregational minister in Glastonbury, Conn.; and Capt. Samuel Newton, who commanded a company in King Philip's war.

Walter Booth, father of Mr. Lines' paternal grandmother, was a soldier from Woodbridge, Conn., in the Revolution, in the Fifth Battalion, Wadsworth Brigade, Col. Douglass' Regiment, Capt. Peck's Company. He was present at the battles of Long Island, White Plains and Kip's Bay. Later he was in Col. Samuel B. Webb's Regiment, and participated in the battles of Rhode Island, and Springfield, N. J. His two terms of service covered a period of six years.

Another great-grandfather of Mr. Lines, ancestor of Harriet Bunnell, was Enos Bunnell, of Cheshire, Conn., who enlisted in 1775 in the First Regiment, Col. David Wooster, Ninth Company, Capt. James Arnold, and was present at the capture of St. John's and the siege of Montreal. In 1776 he was in Capt. Stephen R. Bradley's Company. In July, 1779, he responded to the alarm to assist in driving the British from New Haven.

Elisha Stevens, also a great-grandfather of Mr. Lines, enlisted from Glastonbury, Conn., in Col. Erastus Wolcott's Regiment, Capt. Jonathan Hale's Company, serving during the siege of Boston, 1776; the next year found him in a regiment of artificers commanded by Col. Jeduthan Baldwin, Capt. Clark's Company, and he subsequently wintered at Valley Forge and participated in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Camden, siege of Yorktown and surrender of Cornwallis, his service covering a period of seven years. He was one of seven brothers all of whom were in the military service of their country.

Lieut. Samuel Newton, of Woodbridge, Conn., a great-great-grandfather of Mr. Lines, was a member in 1776 of the Tenth Company, or train-band, Second Regiment of Connecticut, and served at the battle of Long Island; the next year he was attached to Capt. Samuel Camp's Company, Col. Noadiah Hooker's Regiment.

H. Wales Lines was graduated from the Naugatuck high school, after which he mastered the trade of mason. He became a resident of Meriden in 1862, and has ever since been a factor in the material and moral development of the town. On May 23, 1864, he associated with himself Charles Perkins, under the firm name of Perkins & Lines, to contract for all kinds of building work, and to deal in all kinds of building materials. This arrangement continued harmoniously and successfully until 1878, when Mr. Perkins withdrew from the firm, and was succeeded by Henry E. Fairchild. For ten years the firm was known as H. Wales Lines & Co., and in 1888 it was incorporated as The H. Wales Lines Company, younger men coming in who had grown up with the business. The present officers are H. Wales Lines, president and treasurer; Henry E.

Fairchild, vice-president; Lewis A. Miller, secretary. For years this has been one of the most favorably known contracting and building establishments in New England, widely known, and doing its most extensive business, outside of its home city. From the beginning it has dealt both wholesale and retail, in building materials and supplies, and is now the largest in this line in the State. The home plant is commodious and equipped with every facility for convenience and the rapid dispatch of business. Nine-tenths of the factories of Meriden have been erected by this concern, including the extensive plants of the Meriden Britannia Co., the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., and the Edward Miller Co. Its handiwork may also be found in great profusion among the churches, schools, business blocks and fine residences of the city. Some of these are the residence of Hon. Charles Parker, First Congregational church, Meriden high school, Y. M. C. A. building, State School for Boys, and "Winthrop Hotel." Outside of Meriden some of the more important structures erected by this company are: Wallingford—factories of the H. L. Judd Co.; New Haven—Snake & Book Society building, Yale College; Branford—St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, and factory additions of the Malleable Iron Fittings Co.; Shelton—Silk mills of A. & S. Blumenthal; Willimantic—State Normal School; Hartford—Steadman block; New Britain—Russell & Erwin Co.'s factory additions; Torrington—library building, Excelsior Needle Co.'s factory and portion of the works of the Coe Brass Manufacturing Co.; Naugatuck—First Congregational church, Salem school, residence of J. H. Whittemore, and factories of the United States Rubber Co.; Bridgeport—factory additions of Union Metallic Cartridge Co.; Stamford—factory additions of the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co.; Middletown—State Industrial School; New Rochelle, N. Y.—residence of C. Oliver Islin; Princeton University—Whig & Clio Halls; Garwood, N. J.—factories of the Aeolian Co.; Hackensack, N. J.—Centenary Collegiate Institute; Bedford, N. Y.—Montefiore Home for Chronic Invalids; Mt. Hermon, Mass.—Overton Hall, Moody's School.

Since 1891 Mr. Lines has been president of the New England Brown Stone Co., and a director of the C. F. Monroe Co. He is a director of the Meriden Savings Bank, treasurer of the New Haven Investment Co., director of the H. Chapin's Sons Co., of New Hartford, and president of The Pacific Real Estate Co., of Meriden. His political affiliations have been with the Republican party, and it is natural that his conspicuous business ability and integrity lead his fellow citizens to select him in the administration of public affairs. He served two terms as a member of the board of school visitors of Meriden, and in 1872 was elected a member of the lower branch of the State Legislature. For the years 1878-79 he was a member of the State Senate, and served in that body as chairman of the committee

on Cities and Boroughs, Contested Elections and Capitol Buildings, Furniture and Grounds. He served as mayor of the city of Meriden for three consecutive terms, 1877 to 1879, and during his administration a complete revision of the city charter was made, also a thorough reformation in the methods of conducting the various departments, and in the system of keeping accounts. At the third election he received two-thirds of all the votes cast, and was unanimously nominated for the fourth term, but declined to accept the office further. In 1888 Mr. Lines was the candidate of his party for member of Congress, but it was a Democratic year, and, though he ran largely ahead of his ticket, he shared the defeat of the party. On Nov. 5, 1901, he was elected delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1902, to revise the constitution of Connecticut. In all that pertains to the welfare of his community Mr. Lines has taken a zealous interest. Every plan for advancing the material development and progress of the city finds in him a ready helper, and to many of its important improvements he has contributed valuable assistance.

In June, 1861, Mr. Lines was married to Sarah C., daughter of Rev. Washington Munger, a Baptist clergyman of Waterford, Conn. Mrs. Lines is a Daughter of the American Revolution, connected with Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter, of Meriden, of which she has been several years vice-regent. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lines has been blessed with four daughters, all of whom are married and settled in or near their native State. The first, Harriet, is the wife of Robert L. Peck, of Berlin; Sarah is Mrs. Frank L. Hamilton, of Meriden; Clara, wife of Roger B. deBussy, resides in Winchester, Mass.; Ellie, Mrs. Frank M. Chapin, is residing in New Hartford. One son, Henry Washington, died in infancy. Mr. Lines is a member of the Connecticut Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and has been several years a member of its board of managers, and is president of the local branch (Capt. John Couch) of the same organization. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is president of the Pacific Real Estate Co., which owns the Odd Fellows Temple in Meriden. He belongs to Pilgrim Harbor Council, of the Royal Arcanum, and Wilson Lodge, Knights of Honor. He is a thirty-third-degree Mason, and is a Past Master of Meridian Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M., of Meriden; Past Commander and present Treasurer of St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut; and for the past sixteen years has been Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U. S. A. He is president of the board of visitors of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, which maintains a Masonic Home at Wallingford, and enjoys the distinction of belonging to the Royal Order of Scotland in America, which is limited to three hundred and fifty members.

HON. HENRY CHARLES GRIGGS, who died at his home in Waterbury, April 17, 1886, after a period of more than a quarter of a century of an active and useful life, was born Dec. 18, 1834, in Tolland, Connecticut.

Charles Griggs, of Tolland and Windsor, Conn., father of our subject, was in the seventh generation from Thomas Griggs, who came to Boston in 1635, and whose great-grandson Ichabod Griggs, settled in 1744 in Tolland, where he was a man of prominence for many years, being chosen the moderator of the "first town meeting touching the difficulties between the colonies and England," held Sept. 5, 1774. Ichabod Griggs was a deacon in the Church, and was representative from the town to the General Court, from 1773 to 1788. Two of his sons (one the ancestor of Charles Griggs) served in the army of the Revolution.

Frances Catherine (Drake) Griggs, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of Francis and Lucy (Wolcott) Drake, he in the sixth generation from John Drake, his first American ancestor, who came to Boston in 1630, and finally to Windsor, Conn., in 1639. The line of Francis Drake's descent is through John Drake (2), Capt. Joseph Drake, Thomas Drake and Amasa Drake.

Lucy (Wolcott) Drake, the grandmother of our subject, was a daughter of Dr. Simon Wolcott, who was in the fifth generation from his first American ancestor, Henry Wolcott, who came to Boston from Tolland, Somersetshire, England, in 1630, and removed to Windsor, Conn., in 1635. The line of Dr. Simon Wolcott's descent was through Simon Wolcott, Gov. Roger Wolcott (a major general at the capture of Louisburg in 1745, and the fifth colonial governor—from 1750 to 1754—of Connecticut) and Dr. Alexander Wolcott.

Henry Charles Griggs came to Waterbury with his parents in 1845, and for a time attended the public schools and academy. He then clerked in the store of Elisha Turner. At twenty years of age he held a responsible position in the Waterbury Hook & Eye Co., and for several years following 1861 he was connected with the Waterbury Button Co. In 1864 Mr. John E. Smith and Mr. Griggs, as partners, established the business which eventually became the Smith & Griggs Co. Some time after the foundation of the firm of Smith & Griggs (in 1864) the firm of Holmes, Griggs & Smith, in New York City, bought out the Smith & Griggs business in Waterbury, and also a brass mill in New York. Their management also covered a mill operated at Hopeville, Conn. In 1869 the firm of Holmes, Griggs & Smith was dissolved, and from it two new companies were organized, one the Holmes & Griggs Manufacturing Co., of New York, and the other the Smith & Griggs Manufacturing Co., of Waterbury. Of the latter Mr. Griggs was chosen secretary and treasurer, a position he retained until 1873. Later on he also established a button factory in Waterbury. He became a large land owner, and in 1884

built the business block on Bank street, which bears his name. Mr. Griggs held a number of offices of trust and responsibility, among them those of road commissioner, water commissioner, alderman, while at one time he was nominee of his party for mayor. He represented the town in the Legislature in 1882 and 1886. He was president of the Dime Savings Bank, a director in the Waterbury National Bank, an incorporator of the Waterbury Hospital, and a trustee in the Riverside Cemetery Association.

The writer of Mr. Griggs' obituary notice, which appeared in the *Waterbury American*, referred to his life as follows:

With the late John E. Smith he formed the Smith & Griggs Manufacturing Company, of Waterbury, and later engaged in business alone, which he conducted up to the time of his death, yet still retained his other interests, keeping up a close connection with their management. He had for many years been prominently identified with the manufacturing interests of Waterbury, and his judgment in regard to the business of the concerns in which he was interested was held in high estimation. He was considerate, candid and liberal in his views, and wise in their application. His manner was such as to command universal respect, and it may be said that no one in his community better deserved the esteem in which he was held by all with whom he was associated. He had in charge several important trusts, and fully justified the confidence of those for whom he acted. His unquestionable integrity, coupled with his intelligence and good business methods, gave him an influence to be used with great discretion and always to good results to matters of both public and private concerns. No one was better fitted to conciliate opposing aims, to lead to the adoption of what could command general co-operation.

Mr. Griggs had been called to several positions in public life, in connection with local affairs in city and town, and had twice been the representative of the town in the General Assembly, in which capacity he showed himself to be a most useful and prudent legislator. He was a director in the Waterbury Buckle Co., the Smith & Griggs Manufacturing Company, the American Mills Company, was president of the Dime Savings Bank, a director in the Waterbury National Bank, an incorporator of the proposed hospital and a trustee of the Riverside Cemetery Association, and in them all his advice and character were held in much respect.

At the time of his death, the *Waterbury American* said editorially:

The sudden death of Henry C. Griggs has cast a shadow over the whole community. Mr. Griggs was a man who commanded the universal respect of the people of the city. By his sterling qualities he had earned an enviable reputation, and the vacancy occasioned by his death will not be easily filled. He had been largely identified for more than a quarter of a century with all interests which have tended to promote the welfare and prosperity of Waterbury. He was an officer in many of the private and public institutions of a business, social and philanthropic nature, has twice represented the town in the legislature, besides holding many private trusts, and in all these varied positions has shown remarkably well-balanced mind and sound judgment. His quiet and unobtrusive manner had won for him a large circle of friends, who feel his taking away to be a personal loss.

On Oct. 9, 1862, Mr. Griggs was married to Mary Bassett, daughter of Jared Foote, a lineal descendant of Nathaniel Foote, who came from England, and was one of the early settlers of Wethers-

field, Conn. The following are the surviving children of Mr. Griggs: Charles J., Wilfred E., Robert F. and David C.

JOSEPH TUTTLE BENHAM. In the death of Joseph Tuttle Benham, which occurred Sept. 6, 1899, at his home, No. 85 Bristol street, the city of New Haven lost one of its substantial citizens and business men, one who commanded the respect of his fellow citizens.

Born June 9, 1850, in the town of Hamden, New Haven Co., Conn., son of Sackett G. and Mary Ann (Tuttle) Benham, Mr. Benham was descended from early and prominent New England ancestry. The forerunner and progenitor of many of the Connecticut Benhams was John Benham, who, Savage says, came probably in the ship "Mary and John," in 1630. For a time he stopped in Dorchester, Mass., and removed to New Haven in 1640. His name appears on a list of the planters of New Haven in 1643. From this emigrant ancestor the Benhams of Hamden descended.

On his mother's side our subject was in the seventh generation from William Tuttle, who, with his wife Elizabeth, and three children, John, Ann and Thomas, sailed from London, England, in the ship "Planter," to Boston, in 1635. Mr. Tuttle was listed as a husbandman, and became one of the Colony to settle Quinnipiac, or New Haven, in 1638. His name is of record in 1639. The death of William Tuttle occurred in 1673, and his wife Elizabeth passed away in 1684. From this William Tuttle our subject's line of descent is through Nathaniel, Ephraim, Caleb, Amasa and Mary A. (Tuttle) Benham.

Nathaniel Tuttle, son of William, born about 1652 in New Haven, married in 1682 Sarah Howe, and probably lived for some time in Wallingford, but later removed to Woodbury, where he united with the church in 1695.

Ephraim Tuttle, son of Nathaniel, born in 1684, married in 1707 Dinah, daughter of John Wheeler, of Stratford, one of the signers of the town of Woodbury. Mr. Tuttle probably resided in Wallingford prior to settling in Woodbury, and united with the church in Woodbury in 1718; his death occurred in 1753.

Caleb Tuttle, son of Ephraim, born in 1721, married Mary Terrill, who died in 1814. Mr. Tuttle died in 1790.

Amasa Tuttle, son of Caleb, born in 1765, married Sybil Wooster, and removed from Woodbury to Derby, thence to Hamden, where he died in 1841, his wife surviving two years.

Mary A. Tuttle, daughter of Amasa, born Oct. 8, 1806, married Sackett G. Benham, who was one of the leading members of the Methodist Church in Hamden, and there held many local offices, always winning the esteem of those with whom he came in contact.

Joseph Tuttle Benham, our subject proper, at-



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tended the public schools of Hamden, and also those of New Haven, the family having moved to that city in 1861. After his school days were over he was, for some years, engaged as clerk in various business houses in New Haven. When twenty-one years of age, in 1871, he began a business career on his own account, retailing, in a small way, hay, grain and feed, at No. 27 Broadway, and, by his energy, careful attention to business and good management, he developed his trade to large proportions and prospered. At the time of his death his trade was almost entirely wholesale, although he also continued a retail department.

As stated above, Mr. Benham's success was attained by careful business methods and industry, and to these qualities should be added that of strict integrity. A good financier, he invested his accumulations judiciously. During his twenty-eight years of business life he held the full confidence of his fellow citizens. He was courteous, kind and generous, which traits of character made for him hosts of friends.

Mr. Benham's political affiliations were with the Republican party, the principles of which he firmly adhered to and strongly advocated. Through one term he served the city as alderman from the Ninth ward, but declined a re-nomination. Mr. Benham was a member of the Union League Club; Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M.; Phoenix Lodge, A. O. U. W.; the Red Men; and the Royal Arcanum. In November, 1888, he was elected a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

On April 7, 1874, Mr. Benham married Miss Lizzie Thompson, a daughter of Capt. W. B. and Louise B. (Cobb) Thompson, of Nantucket, Mass., where she was born. One child of this marriage, Elliott T., died in infancy, and the relatives who still survive Mr. Benham are his widow and one son, Ralph Thompson, born July 27, 1885; a brother, Gilbert S. Benham, postmaster of Hamden; and three sisters, Mrs. Antoinette B. Hubbell and Mrs. S. D. Miller, both of New Haven; and Mrs. Charles H. Jorey, of Seymour, Conn. Another sister, Mrs. W. H. Cox, died several years ago.

CAPT. EDWIN CLINTON DOW, a distinguished member of the legal profession, now associate judge of the New Haven City Court, is a veteran of the Civil war, and comes of good old Revolutionary stock.

Capt. Dow was born Aug. 22, 1835, in Paris, Maine, a son of the Rev. Huse Dow, a noted clergyman of the Methodist Church, and his wife Zilpha (Drake), both representatives of old New England families. Paris is historic as the birthplace of Maine's greatest statesman, the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, the vice-president of the United States during the first administration of President Lincoln; in Paris was also born William Deering, whose name is known far and wide as the head of the Deering Harvester Company, of Chicago. On his

father's side Capt. Dow is descended from Jonathan Dow, an early settler of Exeter, New Hampshire.

Benajah Dow, the Captain's grandfather, was born July 25, 1770, in Exeter, where he married Joanna Mitchell, who was born April 5, 1777. They moved to Woodstock and there died, he in 1852, and she in 1859. Of their seven children Huse Dow was born in January, 1801. He married Zilpha Drake, who was born March 6, 1805, a daughter of Alpheus and Sybil (Fairbanks) Drake, Oct. 9, 1824. Mr. Dow became an eloquent and successful minister in the Methodist Church, and died May 25, 1842, in Jay, Maine, his widow surviving until April 28, 1888, when she passed away at Gray, Maine. To this couple were born children as follows: (1) Lorenzo, born in 1825, married for his first wife Elizabeth Penfield, of Middletown, Conn., and for his second wife Sabrina, the daughter of Rev. James Smith, of Fayette, Maine. He went west and became the first mayor of Topeka, Kansas, playing a prominent part in the stormy politics of the days before the war in that State, and was chosen as one of the judges of the Supreme Court under the Leavenworth Constitution. Later he was a resident of the city of New York, where he died in 1900. (2) William M., born in 1827 (died at Gray, Maine, Feb. 24, 1902), was married in 1854 to Mehitabel T. Libby, of Gray, Maine. (3) Simon, born in 1829, is a resident of Malta Bend, Mo. (4) Edwin Clinton.

On his mother's side Capt. Dow is a descendant in the eighth generation from Thomas Drake, who was born in Colyton, Devonshire, England, about 1635, was a son of William, and a follower of his relative, John Drake, of Taunton, Mass., and Windsor, Conn., to New England about 1653. Settling in Weymouth, Mass., he took an active part in King Philip's war. His first wife, Jane, was a daughter of Thomas Holbrook, of Weymouth. Mr. Drake died in 1691.

From this emigrant ancestor, Thomas Drake, Capt. Dow's line of descent is as follows: John, Joseph, John (2), Ebenezer, Alpheus and Zilpha (Drake) Dow.

John Drake, the son of Thomas, born in 1659, married Sarah King, daughter of Samuel King, of Weymouth, in 1687. They settled in Easton, where he died in 1717, and she in 1727.

Joseph Drake, son of John, born in Easton, married Mercy, a daughter of Samuel Smith, of Taunton, and was a soldier in the French and Indian War, marching to the relief of Fort William Henry, in 1757, in a company under command of Capt. Ebenezer Dean. He died in 1780, and his wife in 1759.

John Drake (2), son of Joseph Drake, was born in 1723, and was married in 1750 to Hannah, a daughter of William Hayward. Mr. Drake died in 1759, and she in 1756.

Ebenezer Drake, son of John (2), was born in 1754, in Easton, and was married to his first wife,

Susannah Leavitt, in 1772, and to his second wife, Martha Gurney, of Bridgewater, in 1782. Mr. Drake settled in the town of Hebron, Maine, and served throughout the Revolutionary war, and his service in a number of organizations is a matter of record. At different times he was in Capt. John Porter's Company; Capt. Josiah Hayden's Company, of Col. John Thomas' regiment; and Col. John Porter's Light Infantry, in which he enlisted in 1777 for three years. Mr. Drake was at Valley Forge, and at the famous crossing of the Delaware river, in which he crossed in the same boat with Gen. Washington. He died at Sumner, Maine, in 1829.

Alpheus Drake, son of Ebenezer, was born in Portland, Maine, Oct. 22, 1782, and was married in 1804 to Sybil, daughter of Joseph and Sybil (Grover) Fairbanks. Mr. Drake died in Portland in 1854, and his widow passed away in Winthrop.

Edwin Clinton Dow received a common-school education at Middletown, Conn., where he attended Daniel H. Chase's Military school. After leaving there he went to Oxford, Conn., where he was first employed as a mechanic. On the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted, May 23, 1861, in Company F, 4th Conn. V. I., which later became Company F, 1st Conn. Heavy Artillery. He was mustered into service as first lieutenant of the company. The regiment was early commanded by Levi Woodhouse, who was succeeded by Robert O. Tyler, of Hartford, who became a brigadier general, and still later a major-general. Under his thorough discipline and even hand, the regiment became a model one, and its record throughout the war in the Army of the East is most creditable. The regiment, either as a whole or in part, was present and participated in the following important events: the siege of Yorktown; the battles of Hanover Court House, Gaines' Mills, Chickahominy, Golden Hill, Malvern Hill; the siege of Fredericksburg, in 1862, and the battles before that city the following spring and early summer; Kelly's Ford, Orange Court House; siege of Petersburg and Richmond; Fort Fisher, N. C.; and the closing scenes of the great war. Gen. Barry, chief of artillery, paid a high compliment to the command in placing it in point of "intelligence and the requirements and services of this special arm as unrivalled in the armies of the United States." Lieut. Dow was made captain of his company Nov. 6, 1861, and throughout his long period of service, closing Oct. 26, 1864, bore an honorable part in the fortunes of his regiment. Returning after his discharge from the service, he took up the duties of civil life at New Haven, where he has since proved himself one of the honored and useful citizens of that important center of the political, social and business activities of the State. Studying law under the instruction of E. P. Arvine, of New Haven, he was admitted to the Bar in that city March 17, 1878. From April, 1887, to September, 1892, Capt. Dow was assistant city attorney; from September, 1892,

to April, 1893, was city attorney, and for years has ably and efficiently served the city as associate judge of the city court. He has served two terms in the city council. His religious affiliations are with the First Methodist Church of New Haven. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, affiliating with New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T., and he is also a member of the I. O. O. F. As an active Republican, he belongs to the Young Men's Republican League, and the Union League Club, of which latter he has been vice-president.

Judge Dow was married Jan. 13, 1857, to Miss Hester D., daughter of Zirah and Abigail (Downs) Barnes, and to them were born the following children: (1) Edwin Z., who has been for many years in charge of a department in the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., married Grace French, and is the father of three children, William (of New Haven), Arthur, and Gardner. (2) Harry B. is general traffic manager of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co.; he married Alice Chatfield. (3) Mae B. married Elbert E. Munsell, agent of the Central States Dispatch Co., at New Haven, and they have one child, Dorothy W.

Captain Dow belongs to Admiral Foote Post, No. 17, G. A. R., where he has filled all the local offices; for two terms he was Judge Advocate in the State organization. A just and upright judge, an honorable man, on whose name there is no stain, he is a genial and popular gentleman, and both as a citizen and as a man is highly regarded in New Haven.

HENRY M. STATES, of New Haven, Conn., well known in railroad circles, is a native of Connecticut, born in Stonington, April 8, 1848, a son of Benjamin F. States, and a brother of James N. States, mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

Henry M. States passed his early years in his native town, and acquired his literary training in the public and private schools. When he took up life's burden for himself, he went to New York City, and there entered the employ of the Continental Fire Insurance Co., with whom he remained about five years. For several years he was engaged in traveling through the South, and he then returned to New York where he was connected with the street cleaning department in the capacity of foreman. This was followed by three years as special agent for the Pullman Palace Car Co., with headquarters at Jersey City. The railroad service possesses a fascination that to many is almost irresistible and after Mr. States had severed his connection with the Pullman Company, he passed several years on the road in various positions, serving as conductor, baggage man, etc., until four years since, when he located in New Haven, and entered the offices of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road.

In June, 1870, Mr. States was united in marriage with Mrs. Fannie L. Ober, of Brooklyn, a daughter of John Huff, of New York. This union

has been blessed with one child. In his political faith Mr. States is a Democrat, and for two years served most acceptably as a member of the board of public works. His religious connection is with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

FREDERICK AARON HIGBY, foreman of the castor department of Foster, Merriam & Co., Meriden, was born Nov. 23, 1833, in Turin, Lewis Co., N. Y., and is a descendant of Edward Higby, the first of the name in Connecticut.

(I) Edward Higby, Higbie or Highbee, was at New London as early as 1648, and sold his house there the next year. He was an innkeeper at Middletown, Conn., in 1674, and soon thereafter went to Jamaica, Long Island. He was probably at Huntington, Long Island, in 1683, and resided there as late as 1701. His wife, Lydia, joined the Church in Middletown, Conn., in 1674, coming from First Church at Hartford, and was dismissed on Oct. 14, 1677, with six children, to join the Church at Jamaica, Long Island.

(II) John Higby, born about 1656, died in 1688. He married Rebecca Treadwell, of Fairfield, Connecticut.

(III) Edward Higby, baptized at Middletown, Conn., Aug. 24, 1684, married Nov. 29, 1706, Rebecca Wheeler, of Stratfield (now Bridgeport), Conn. Mr. Higby and his wife united with the Middletown Church April 26, 1713, and he was dismissed Dec. 19, 1773, to form a new Church at Westfield, Conn., where he died Nov. 21, 1775, in the ninety-second year of his age. His wife died Oct. 22, 1771. From this branch of the Higby or Higby family, Frederick A. Higby is descended.

Daniel Higby, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Westfield, Middlesex Co., Conn., born at the foot of Higby Mountain. His father, Daniel Higby, Sr., removed from Westfield to Constableville, Lewis Co., N. Y., with his family, and became a farmer and landowner there, and continued to reside and was buried there. Daniel Higby, Jr., went with his parents to Constableville, where he followed farming and became a landed proprietor. He married Margaret Cone, who was a native of Middlesex County, Conn., and both died and were buried at Constableville, N. Y. They were the parents of ten children: Daniel, the eldest, died in Constableville; Sarah married Enoch Daniels, a farmer of that place; Aaron; John, died in Michigan; Asahel and William died in Constableville; Olive married Philetus Hough; Silas died in Oneida Co., N. Y.; Sophronia died young; and Lucy was the wife of William Snyder, of Constableville.

Aaron Higby, son of Daniel and Margaret (Cone) Higby, was born in Constableville, where he grew to manhood on the farm. Before he was twenty years old he came to Meriden and worked for Frederick White in the manufacture of coffee mills. He subsequently spent a short time in Wal-

lingford. On June 1, 1829, he married Julia Bradley, of East Haven, a sister of the late Mrs. Edmund Parker, of Meriden. In response to the wish of his parents, he returned to his native place to care for them in their declining years, and to till the home farm. Here he remained nine years, and after the death of his parents returned to Meriden. About 1840, he settled on a farm formerly owned by Gen. Walter Booth, on North Colony street, including the present site of the State School for Boys, and here tilled a large tract for several years. He subsequently purchased the Liberty Perkins place, on Ann street, now the property of his daughter, Mrs. John C. Knight. He continued for many years to work in the coffee mill department of the Charles Parker Company. He passed away Jan. 13, 1880, at the ripe age of seventy-eight years, and was interred in East Cemetery. He was a Democrat in early life, but espoused the principles of the Republican party when the Civil war began, and ever after continued that affiliation. Of quiet nature and strictly temperate habits, he was an honored member of the Methodist Church. He was a charter member of Hancock Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., of Meriden. His wife survived him until Dec. 3, 1891, dying in the eighty-third year of her age, and was interred in East Cemetery. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a true Christian, and a devoted wife and mother. Eight children blessed the union of Aaron and Julia Higby, as follows: (1) Grace Ann, born March 23, 1830, married Edward Benham, of Cheshire. (2) Caroline, born Nov. 25, 1831, died Feb. 10, 1867; she married James Williams, and had one child, Frederick, who died in childhood. (3) Frederick Aaron is the subject of this notice. (4) Jasper L., born June 10, 1836, married (first) Celia Hull of North Haven, and (second) Gertrude Buckley. He died at the home of Mrs. Knight, in Meriden, Aug. 11, 1901, and was buried in East Cemetery; he left a son, Howard E., a resident of Pittsburg, Penn. (5) Julia, born Nov. 10, 1837, died in 1840. (6) Julia (2), born July 15, 1840, married, Dec. 3, 1867, John C. Knight, whose biography appears in this volume. (7) Louisa, born Jan. 24, 1844, died the same year. (8) Geneva, born Sept. 15, 1847, died Oct. 8, 1849.

During the gold excitement of 1849, Mr. Higby made the trip to California, with several of his acquaintances, including Capt. Woodruff, N. F. Griswold and Charles Coe. Of all his companions, only N. F. Griswold, of Meriden, is now living. They went on a schooner, via Cape Horn, and returned by steamer at the end of three years.

Frederick Aaron Higby was but seven years old when he came to Meriden with his parents, and here attended the district schools. Among his teachers were a Miss Betsey Foster, and the venerable Charles Hinsdale Collins, the well-known grocer of Meriden. At an early age, Mr. Higby struck out to do something for himself, and was employed on the farm of Ashbel Griswold during the summer,

attending school again in the winter. When sixteen years old he went to work in the coffee mill department of the Charles Parker Co., receiving as compensation six dollars per month and board, making his home for a time in Mr. Parker's family, and he remained in the shop until he attained his majority. In 1854 he entered the service of Foster, Merriam & Co., and has continued this connection almost half a century, with the exception of three years spent in defense of the Union. For a number of years he has been foreman of the coster department of that well-known establishment, and through strict attention to business, has won the respect and confidence of his employers, and the esteem of those under his direction.

On Aug. 11, 1862, Mr. Higby enlisted in Meriden in Co. F, 15th Conn. V. L. under Capt. A. L. Harvey and Col. Dexter R. Wright. He continued in the service until the close of the war, and was in the Ninth Army Corps, under Gen. Burnside. Receiving a furlough of thirty days he came home, and at the close of his furlough, was detailed in the commissary department at New Haven, having charge of the local department under Capt. Hart, of New York, who was Commissary General at New Haven.

Mr. Higby's first marriage occurred in Meriden May 6, 1856, the bride being Miss Mary Ann, daughter of the late John Sutliff, mention of whom is made elsewhere. She was born March 23, 1832, and died Feb. 22, 1859, leaving two children: Ida M., born July 12, 1857, and William F., Dec. 8, 1860, now a resident of Meriden. Mr. Higby was married (second) Oct. 2, 1866, at Ansonia, Conn., to Martha M. Joy, who was born at Newmarket, N. H., a daughter of Eben and Mehitabel (Doe) Joy, of that place. Three children came to this union: (1) Harry, born Oct. 19, 1871, died in 1893. (2) Edward Joy, born Sept. 17, 1873, is manager of the F. Hallock hardware store at Derby, Conn.; he married Louisa Peck, of Ansonia. (3) Mary Caroline, the third, is the wife of William R. Bannister, of Meriden, and has two children, Grace Esther and Rowland Higby. Mr. Higby is an active member of Merriam Post, No. 8, G. A. R., of Meriden, of which he is Past Commander, and of Pilgrims' Harbor Council, No. 543, Royal Arcanum. Mrs. Higby is active in the work of the Womans Relief Corps, being identified with the local corps, in which she has served as president and chaplain. The family attend the Congregational Church. Mr. Higby endeavors to live up to the requirements of the golden rule, and is regarded as a good citizen by those privileged to know him. Attached to his home, family and friends, he does not seek the honors or emoluments of official station, but acts the part of a true patriot by voting for his convictions, usually acting with the Republican party.

Timothy M. Joy, grandfather of Mrs. Higby, was born July 16, 1789, at Durham, N. H., and after a life passed in agricultural pursuits, died there

June 18, 1813, from exposure while serving in the war of 1812. On Sept. 13, 1807, at Lee, N. H., Mr. Joy was married by Rev. John Osborn, to Miss Mary French, who was born at Stratham, Vt., Feb. 13, 1790, and died at New Market, N. H., Feb. 18, 1867. Their children were: Alfred T., born in Durham, Sept. 5, 1808; Mary S., born at Middleton, N. H., Jan. 22, 1810, married William Badger, Jan. 18, 1827; and Eben J., born at New Market, Nov. 30, 1812. Timothy M. Joy was a descendant in the sixth generation from Thomas Joy, who came from England in 1757, and settled at Boston; he was an architect, and built the first town house there.

Eben J. Joy, son of Timothy, passed his life in his native town, and followed tanning and farming. On Feb. 28, 1833, he married Mehitabel M. Doe, who was born at Durham, Sept. 13, 1813, and now resides in New Market. Three of the twelve children born of this union, died in infancy. The others were: Sarah M., born Sept. 20, 1836, married Charles A. Dearborn, of New Market, in 1860; William W., born March 20, 1838, died June 3, 1900; Mary L., born Feb. 27, 1840, married in 1858, D. K. Foster, of New Market, and died February, 1868; Martha M., born April 12, 1842, married Frederick A. Higby; Timothy M., born May 5, 1846; Ida E., born July 18, 1848, married in 1879, Henry H. Murray, of Burlington, Kans.; George E., born Dec. 15, 1850; Edward H., born March 1, 1853; Charles F., born Jan. 26, 1856.

JOHN ROBERT STREAT TODD, one of Wolcott's prosperous fruit growers and farmers, was born March 7, 1846, on the Todd homestead in that town, and is a representative of an old and highly esteemed family of New Haven county. The first to locate here was Christopher Todd, son of William, of Pontefract, Yorkshire, England. He married Grace Middlebrook, a daughter of Michael Middlebrook, of Hold Mills, same county, and later came to America, becoming one of the first settlers of Davenport, in the New Haven Colony, in 1637. He owned a large tract of land, and was engaged in farming, milling and baking. His children were John, Samuel, Mercy, Grace, Michael and Nancy.

Samuel Todd, son of Christopher, was born in New Haven in 1645, and succeeded his father in business. On Nov. 26, 1668, he wedded Mary Bradley, a daughter of William Bradley, and died in 1714. In his family were eleven children: Samuel, Joseph, Mary, Sarah, Joseph, Hannah, Jonah, Daniel, Abigail, Mercy and James.

Samuel Todd (2), born July 1, 1672, was a farmer and land owner of North Haven, and served as deacon of the church. He died in December, 1741. In September, 1698, he married Susannah Tuttle, and for his second wife he married Esther Maltby. His children were Lydia, wife of Rev. Benjamin Doolittle, of Northfield, Mass.; Caleb; Stephen, also a resident of Northfield; Mehitabel; Christopher; Samuel, the first pastor in the North



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parish of Waterbury, Conn.: Susannah, wife of Rev. Caleb Humiston; and Elizabeth, wife of Deacon Samuel Sackett.

Caleb Todd, son of Samuel (2), was born Feb. 2, 1700, and became a farmer and land owner in North Haven, where he died July 5, 1737. On Dec. 15, 1725, he wedded Mary Ives, a daughter of Samuel Ives, and to them were born three children: Phebe, wife of David Blakeslee; Hezekiah; and Bethia, wife of Mathew Gilbert.

Hezekiah Todd, son of Caleb, was born May 2, 1728, was reared on a farm in North Haven, and lived there all his life. He was married in North Haven, Jan. 17, 1753, to Lydia Frost, a daughter of Ebenezer Frost. Their children were Caleb; Hezekiah; Bethuel; Lydia, wife of Joel Sackett, of North Haven; Moses; Oliver; Joel; and Phebe, who married Parker Bates, and died in Southington.

Hezekiah Todd (2) was born Nov. 5, 1755, moved from North Haven to Cheshire in 1783, and passed the remainder of his life on a farm near Judd's Hill, in Wolcott. The place has always been kept in the family, and is now owned and occupied by Edwin A. Todd, his great-grandson. Hezekiah Todd (2) died there May 18, 1836. In January, 1783, he married Mercy Holt, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Blakeslee) Holt. She died Sept. 12, 1819. Children were born to them as follows: Hannah, born April 13, 1784, married Freeman Upson; Jerry was born Dec. 3, 1785; Lydia, born Dec. 7, 1789, married Joseph Holt, of Waterbury, and died in Wisconsin; Streat, the grandfather of our subject, was next in the order of birth; Mercy Melinda, born June 11, 1794, died unmarried Jan. 22, 1822; Lucina, born March 7, 1796, was married May 2, 1822, to Samuel J. Holmes, of Waterbury; and Polly Ann, born May 12, 1800, was married, in December, 1824, to Timothy Porter, of Waterbury.

Streat Todd was born Aug. 27, 1792, in Cheshire, and followed farming and butchering, furnishing Waterbury with meat almost entirely for fourteen years, doing the butchering on his farm in Wolcott, and carrying the meat to Waterbury every day to supply customers. In 1836 he left the business to his son Ransom, who continued it until his death, in 1857. Streat Todd was a self-educated as well as a self-made man, was industrious, upright and honorable, and a consistent member of the Congregational Church. He died Oct. 25, 1860, on the farm in Cheshire now owned and occupied by Edwin A. Todd, and was laid to rest in the family burying ground at Woodtick. On Feb. 16, 1815, he married Ruth W. Welton, a native of Wolcott, who died April 2, 1879, in Waterbury, aged eighty-six. In their family were the following children: Ransom S. born Jan. 18, 1816; Jenette, born Aug. 17, 1817, who married Harry Thomas, and died May 19, 1836; Robert C., born April 21, 1820; Edwin, born Jan. 30, 1823; James, born Oct. 18, 1825; William S. and Willis H.

twins, who were born Jan. 19, 1828, the former dying Dec. 12, 1833, the latter Nov. 9, 1871; Franklin, who was born Nov. 24, 1832, married Adaline Thomas, and removed to Ohio, now living in York, Medina county; Eveline, who was born July 29, 1834, and is the widow of Nelson Morris, of Waterbury; Jane; and William S., born May 20, 1838, now of Waterbury, who was married Nov. 28, 1862, to Emogene Miner.

Robert C. Todd was born April 21, 1820, and obtained a good practical education in the district schools of Wolcott. He followed farming upon the place now occupied by the subject of this sketch, and at one time owned 300 acres of land. Politically he was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He died Oct. 19, 1895, and was buried in the Woodtick cemetery. On April 2, 1843, he married Miss Louisa Barnes, of Cheshire, who found a pleasant home with our subject, and died June 30, 1901, at the ripe old age of seventy-eight years. Five children were born to them, namely: Ellen E., born April 2, 1844, died June 11, 1865; John R. S., our subject, is next in the order of birth; Emily J., born Feb. 26, 1848, died Oct. 14, 1856; James Augustine, born Oct. 29, 1851, is mentioned more fully below; and Edwin A., born Jan. 21, 1854, is a resident of Cheshire.

James A. Todd received a district-school education and was reared upon the home farm. At the age of seventeen years he started out in life for himself, finding employment in the silverware factory of Rogers Brothers, as an assistant in the office, where he remained two years, and later was a traveling salesman for the same firm for twelve years. He then went to Newburyport, Mass., and became connected with the solid silver works of the Towle Manufacturing Co., as secretary. In 1888 he removed to Chicago, Ill., to take charge of their business in that city, where he still remains. He is now vice-president of the company. He has been twice married, his first wife being Lucella Upson, daughter of Lucian Upson, and his second Hannah Leek Holley, of New York.

The early education of John R. S. Todd, which was obtained in the district schools, was supplemented by a course at a business college, and for a time he successfully engaged in teaching school during the winter months, while he aided in the work of the farm during the summer season. He has always remained on the old homestead, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has planted a fine peach orchard, being extensively engaged in fruit growing, also follows dairying and general farming, and is interested in stock raising.

On Nov. 19, 1889, Mr. Todd was united in marriage with Miss Edith Williams, a lady of culture and refinement, who was graduated from the New Haven high school, and for a time successfully engaged in teaching school in Wolcott. They have two children: Ruth Irene, born Nov. 10, 1890; and

Oscar Barnum, born Aug. 3, 1892. Mrs. Todd is a native of Bethel, Fairfield Co., Conn., a daughter of Jerome B. and Mary (Barnum) Williams, natives of Bethel and Easton, respectively. Mr. Todd is a member of the Agricultural Society and a charter member of Mad River Grange, to which his wife also belongs. He has been quite prominently identified with local politics; has filled the office of selectman for fifteen years; and has also served as assessor, tax collector and justice of the peace. His public service has been most exemplary, and his private life has been marked by the utmost fidelity to duty. He is therefore numbered among the most valued and highly esteemed citizens of his native town.

EDWIN A. TODD. Prominent among the successful farmers and fruit growers of New Haven county may be named Edwin A. Todd, whose home is in Cheshire, and who, by his enterprise and energy in the direction of his chosen industry, has given to his work a significance and beauty of which few deemed it capable.

A native of New Haven county, Mr. Todd was born in Wolcott, Jan. 21, 1854, and on the paternal side is of English descent, being a grandson of Streat and Ruth W. (Welton) Todd. His father, Robert C. Todd, was born in April, 1820, in Wolcott, where he continued to make his home until he came with his father to Cheshire, where he followed farming for a time. After his marriage he returned to Wolcott, where his death occurred Oct. 19, 1895. In 1843, in Cheshire, he married Miss Louisa Barnes, a native of that town, and a daughter of John and Roxana (Peck) Barnes, who were also born in Cheshire. Mrs. Todd died June 30, 1901, in Wolcott, aged seventy-eight years. She was the mother of five children: Ellen E., who died at the age of twenty-one years; John R. S., a resident of Wolcott; Emily, who died at the age of eight years; James A., a resident of La Grange and business man of Chicago, Ill.; and Edwin A.

Edwin A. Todd grew to manhood on the home farm and acquired his literary education in the schools of Wolcott. On laying aside his textbooks and starting out in life for himself he engaged in farming, and in 1885 located upon the old homestead in Cheshire, where Hezekiah Todd, his great-grandfather, settled over a century ago, making it his home until his death. Mr. Todd has made many improvements upon the place, which comprises 150 acres of land, and now gives special attention to fruit culture, having a fine plum and peach orchard from which he derives a good income. His handsome and commodious residence was erected in 1896.

On March 5, 1889, in Cheshire, Mr. Todd was united in marriage with Miss Jennie B. Hotchkiss, a native of that town, and a daughter of Henry and Rosetta (Beecher) Hotchkiss, the former of whom was born in Naugatuck, Conn., and died in Chesh-

ire, May 8, 1893. The mother was born Sept. 1, 1816, in Litchfield, Conn., and died May 13, 1897, in Naugatuck. Mr. Todd and his wife have one child, Louise Beecher. In his political views Mr. Todd is independent, and supports the men whom he believes best qualified to fill public offices, regardless of party lines. He is a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, as is also his wife, and of the Grange in Cheshire. He has always the good of the community at heart, and is justly regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of his town.

ISRAEL A. KELSEY, capitalist, financier and promoter, who died Sept. 4, 1900, was one of the most enterprising and successful business men in New Haven county, if not in the State of Connecticut, his name in connection with the development of mines, electric street railroads and other enterprises of magnitude being "familiar as household words."

Mr. Kelsey was a native of Connecticut, and a son of George R. and Virginia (Wright) Kelsey, and was born May 6, 1859, in West Haven, New Haven county, near the elegant home still occupied by his family. He received his earlier education at the common schools of the district, subsequently attended for a time Gen. Russell's military school, in New Haven city. During his vacations he clerked on a steamboat, and at the age of sixteen years accompanied by his father, he made a trip to Jacksonville, Fla., as manager of his father's steamboat "Pastime," commanded by Capt. Robert Eldridge, of Fair Haven. His father sent this boat originally to St. Augustine, used it one winter in the passenger service, and the next year took a government contract for carrying the mail. When Israel A. went to Florida the "Pastime" was running on the St. John river from Jacksonville past Palatka, and as far up the river as Enterprise. The father took his son to the Ambler Bank, in Jacksonville, and said to the president: "This is my son Israel A. Kelsey; he isn't of age, but he has the management of the steamboat on St. John's river. Whenever he wants any money or any financial assistance let him have it, and I will be responsible." The official assented readily, and young Kelsey was thus launched upon a business career which was uniformly successful to the close of his life. His training had been thorough and practical, having been carried on in the school of actual experience, and its value was amply proved. Father and son corresponded daily. Shortly after the latter's location in Jacksonville, Capt. Eldridge returned to Fair Haven sick with consumption, leaving our subject in entire charge of affairs. His father built and sent down other boats, the "Georgia," "G. R. Kelsey," and "Spitfire," which ran on the St. John and its tributaries, and the son was manager of the line, having the supervision of no less than seven boats; he became the owner of stock in this line. During his four years' experience in Florida, as captain of the "Pastime,"

general manager of the business, keeping all the accounts and seeing to the carrying of the mails, he developed rare business ability, seldom equaled by one of his age.

In 1880, having sold the "Pastime" and the "Georgia," Mr. Kelsey returned North and settled in West Haven, where he embarked in the manufacture of suspenders, soon afterward, however, selling out and engaging for a time in the making of shot and shell cartridges, first in New Haven, and later in West Haven. In 1883 when the American Buckle & Cartridge Co. was established, he became president and treasurer of the corporation. In 1885 he was elected secretary of the New Haven & West Haven Horse Railway Co., to which position he gave considerable attention. In 1889, after the death of his father, he was elected president of the company, and continued as such until it was sold to a Boston syndicate, when A. C. Pond became president, and Mr. Kelsey vice-president. In 1892 he became general manager of the Winchester Avenue Road, of which he was a large stockholder until a few weeks before his decease, and with which the New Haven & West Haven Electric Railway was consolidated. He was made vice-president, secretary and treasurer thereof, and these incumbencies he filled with the utmost satisfaction to all concerned until 1898, when he resigned the offices of secretary and treasurer, and continued in that of vice-president until July, 1899. Under the management the West Haven railroad receipts increased from \$5,000 to \$27,000 per annum. Mr. Kelsey was a pioneer in the successful use of electricity as a motive power for street cars, and a prominent promoter of electric street railways. During the last ten years of his life he acquired and equipped in Connecticut, putting in electricity, the Middletown Electric road (of which he was president), extending it to the limits of Portland; the Portland street road; the Enfield & Long Meadow & West Shore road to Woodmont, via Savin Rock; the Corning street road; the New London street road (which he bought but retained only a few months); and the Ohio Central Traction road (of which he was president). At the time of his death he was a director of a road in Bangor, Maine; one in Danbury, Conn.; the Milford, Holliston & Framingham Street Railroad Co.; the Middletown Street Railroad Co.; the Enfield & Long Meadow Tramway Co.; the Puerto-Principe Tramway Co.; and the Puerto-Principe Electric Co. While connected with the New Haven road he had it double tracked, from end to end, and, taken all in all, it may be truthfully said of him that he built and superintended more street railroads than any other man in the United States. In addition, Mr. Kelsey was one of the organizers and treasurer of the Bingham & Eastern Copper Mining Co., at No. 42 Church street, New Haven, where he had his office; was a stockholder in the West Haven Buckle Co.; president of the West Haven Water Co.; and vice-presi-

dent and a director of the New Haven Evening Leader Co. He was also a large stockholder in various other enterprises. In real estate he dealt extensively, and owned considerable. He developed much of West Haven, and built as many as twenty houses there, his own residence being one of the largest and handsomest in the village. On March 20, 1892, Mr. Kelsey was elected a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He was endowed with wonderful executive ability, was progressive and enterprising, a close student of public affairs, broad-minded on all questions, and had the highest reputation for strict honesty and sterling integrity. His influence was always exerted for good.

In politics Mr. Kelsey was a Republican, and served on the town and State committees, as chairman of the former, and as a delegate to several conventions. He held various offices of responsibility and trust, such as Burgess several years. In 1893 he represented Orange in the State Legislature, and was chairman of the Finance committee and also of the Library committee; he introduced and carried several measures in the interest of his town, including a system of concrete sidewalks all over the village of West Haven, thereby making it one of the finest of its size in the State, which measure was put through by him in the face of great opposition, the "fight" lasting some six months. Fraternally Mr. Kelsey was a member of the F. & A. M., Annawan Lodge, No. 115; of the R. A. M., Franklin Chapter; Harmony Council; and of the Commandery—all of New Haven; and of Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine, Bridgeport. He was a charter member of Samoset Club, of which he was vice-president, having declined the presidency. While in Florida he was a member of the 1st Florida Light Artillery.

On Nov. 11, 1879, in Palatka, Fla., Israel A. Kelsey married Miss Elizabeth Lyle Fairbrother, who was born in New York, eldest child of Albert C. Fairbrother, who for some years was in business at Mystic, Conn. Three children were born to this union: George R. and Alberta (twins), and Virginia W. The family home is at No. 124 Center street, West Haven.

Mr. Kelsey had hosts of friends, among whom he was highly popular, always affable and polite, and ever ready to assist any enterprise tending to the public convenience or welfare. An enthusiastic yachtsman, he was the owner of a fine yacht, and, withal, he was a royal entertainer and a generous-hearted man.

SEYMOUR GILBERT LINSLEY, one of the popular citizens of Branford, is a capable and energetic business man, with every indication of a rosy future. He was born in Branford, Nov. 10, 1865, a son of Gilbert and Maria (Hill) Linsley.

Malachi Linsley, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Branford. He made his home at what was known as Double Beach, and was engaged in

farming all his life. His children were as follows: William; Franklin; Ellen, who became the wife of John Bradley; Gilbert; Charles; Mariette, who married C. O. Russell; Edgar; and George.

Gilbert Linsley, the father of Seymour G., was reared to manhood in Branford, and in early life became a farmer. From 1865 to 1874 he held the position of a sleeping car conductor on the N. Y., N. H. & H. K. R., between New York and Boston. In 1876 he took charge of a hotel at Branford, and for sixteen years was the popular and successful landlord of the Linsley House. He died Jan. 23, 1893, at the age of sixty-two years, mourned by a host of friends, and greatly missed by the traveling public. His wife was Maria Hill, a daughter of Philip and Anna (Cross) Hill, the former a tailor of Westbrook. Their children were as follows: Russell L.; Seymour G. and Dora (twins) of whom the latter married Daniel E. Linsley; Ellen M., who married Thomas Matczynski; Sarah E., wife of Sedgwick Allen; and Malachi H.

Seymour Gilbert Linsley was reared in Branford, where he attended the public schools, and for twelve years assisted his father in the hotel business. For some three and a half years he had the entire management of the hotel, and in 1896 became the proprietor of a cafe and buffet, in which he still continues.

On May 16, 1893, Mr. Linsley was married to Margaret, a daughter of Daniel and Ellen Gorman, of Ansonia, Conn., and one son, Herbert Seymour, has blessed their union. In his religious connections Mr. Linsley belongs to the Episcopal Church. Socially he is a member of Totoket Lodge, No. 22, Foresters of America, at Branford, and Lodge No. 25, B. P. O. of E. at New Haven. In politics he is a Democrat.

SHERWOOD S. THOMPSON, whose standing in the social and commercial world of New Haven is without a blemish, is one of the progressive and honorable business men of the city whom all good citizens are delighted to honor.

The name of Thompson has been handed down in the annals of New England from the time of Anthony Thompson, who emigrated from England, and settled in New Haven in 1639. He signed the Colony Constitution the same year, and took the oath of allegiance in 1644. He was mentioned in the first and second divisions of land, and as having an estate of £150. Four persons were mentioned in his family, himself and three children. Nothing is known of his first wife. After his death, which occurred in the latter part of March, 1648, his second wife, Katherine, married Nicholas Camp, of Milford, Conn. Anthony Thompson in his will mentions his sons John and Anthony and his daughter Bridgett, by his first wife, his two younger daughters, and his brothers John and William. His son Ebenezer was born after his death.

(I) John Thompson, a mariner, son of the

emigrant, was born about 1632 in England. He and his wife Ellen had the following children: John, Joseph, Mary, Samuel and Sarah L.

(III) Joseph Thompson, son of John, was born April 8, 1664, and died Dec. 14, 1711. He married Elizabeth Smith, and they had the following children: Anna, Joseph, Stephen, Jonathan and Ebenezer.

(IV) Joseph Thompson, son of Joseph, was born March 5, 1703, and died July 5, 1745. He married Hannah Smith, and their children were: Mabel, Esther, Jeduthan and Mary.

(V) Jeduthan Thompson, son of Joseph, was killed by the British where the Webster school now stands, at the corner of York and George streets. ["Connecticut Men in the Revolution."] He married Thankful Beardsley, and became the father of Thankful, Eunice and Joseph.

(VI) Joseph Thompson, son of Jeduthan, died July 23, 1836. He married Mary Ann Sharp, and they had the following children: Fanny, Cynthia, Louisa, Jeduthan (father of our subject), Charles, George, Lucinda, Joseph and Jane.

(VII) Jeduthan Thompson was born Feb. 8, 1809, and died Dec. 19, 1850. He married Amanda C. Hockin, who was born in New Haven in 1814, and died Jan. 24, 1889. She was a daughter of Charles and Clarinda Hockin, and granddaughter of Joseph Hockin, who came from Massachusetts. Joseph Hockin and his son Charles were merchants on Broadway, in New Haven. To Jeduthan and Amanda C. Thompson were born four children, as follows: Elias, Horace, Susie and Sherwood Stratton.

(VIII) Sherwood Stratton Thompson was born in New Haven Nov. 14, 1844, and attended the Webster school. He was only six years of age when his father died, and was obliged to go to work at the age of fifteen, when he entered the dry-goods store of S. L. Smith, as clerk; he slept on the counter nights. Here he continued for a period of about two years, when the Civil war broke out, and at the age of seventeen, in 1862, he enlisted in Company A, 27th C. V. During his service he was promoted to corporal. When his term of enlistment expired, at the end of nine months, he returned to New Haven and engaged in the baking business with S. S. Twitchell, under the firm name of Twitchell & Thompson, on York street, where he is now located. It was an old business, established in 1829. Upon the death of Mr. Twitchell, in 1874, Mr. Thompson assumed entire control, under the firm name of S. S. Thompson & Co., which is the style of the firm to-day; Mr. Thompson is sole owner. The business has grown until it is now the finest bakery in New England. He has built a large brick factory, well equipped with all modern machinery, and does a wholesale business exclusively.

For his first wife Mr. Thompson married Mary J. Blair, by whom he had one daughter, Nellie B.,



Sherwood S. Thompson



E. Louise Thompson.

who married Henry L. Pardee, of New Haven. On Dec. 24, 1878, he married Ellen Louise Sanford, who was born in Newtown, Conn., Jan. 22, 1850, daughter of Capt. Julius and Mary Elizabeth (Parsons) Sanford. Mr. Sanford was born Aug. 27, 1819, and died Nov. 1, 1879. His father, Josiah, traced his line back through Samuel (4), Samuel (3), Samuel (2), and Samuel (1), to Thomas Sanford, the settler. Mary Elizabeth Parsons traced her line back through her father, Moses Parsons, of Newtown, William, Nathaniel and Phillip (2), to Phillip Parsons. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood S. Thompson have one son, Paul Sanford, born Sept. 10, 1882. Politically Mr. Thompson is a Republican, and he has always taken a live interest in his city, politically, socially and religiously. He served as councilman, two years; alderman and acting mayor; park commissioner, two years; member of the board of education, one year; and is now police commissioner. He is a member of Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R.; the Army and Navy Club; Union League; Young Men's Republican Club; New Haven Colony Historical Society; Sons of the American Revolution; Waltonian Club; Chamber of Commerce; and is a member of the Founders and Patriots Association. Fraternally he has been identified with Harmony Lodge, I. O. O. F., since Jan. 2, 1867; Hiram Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., since Nov. 22, 1866; Franklin Chapter, R. A. M., since Nov. 7, 1871; Harmony Council, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery, Knights Templar, since Dec. 15, 1871; the Mystic Shrine, since December, 1899; and Israel Putnam Lodge, A. O. U. W., since March 8, 1888. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian, and he is a vestryman of Trinity Church.

The following appeared in the *New Haven Leader* of April 29, 1893, under the caption "A Gifted Soprano:"

"Mrs. Thompson has long been a favorite with all who appreciate the worth of the human voice. Even those whose musical talents are almost wholly undeveloped have never failed to be charmed with the singing of Mrs. Thompson. She has long been a favorite with the New Haven public and audiences in other cities, where the highest praise has been accorded her. Mrs. Thompson is a daughter of Capt. Julius Sanford, of Newtown, Conn., and was born in New Haven, Conn. She began singing almost before she could talk, and at the age of nine years began singing in the historical Trinity Church of Newtown, continuing to delight all who heard her, during which time her mother played the church organ. When Mrs. Thompson was sixteen years old her father returned from the war; he found his health impaired, and he determined to sell his little house in Newtown and moved to New Haven; hence Mrs. Thompson, then Miss Sanford, became a resident of the city. She had resided in the city but a little while when her remarkable ability and splendid voice attracted the attention of the leading musical people. In July, 1867, at the

age of seventeen, she became a member of the Center Church choir. It was then thought that her voice was too weak for church work and only good for concerts, and she was sent as a substitute to the old Third Church, and was so successful that she received more encouragement.

"In April, 1868, she became a soprano singer in the quartet choir in Trinity Church at Bridgeport. She remained there two years, and then returned to the Center Church, as soloist, receiving a very much larger salary than had ever been paid her at Bridgeport. Her voice had grown much stronger, and she was considered by far the best soprano singer in the State. She made her debut in concert music in old Music Hall, April 8, 1869. She received most extravagant applause and merited it. It was during June of 1869 that the Peace Jubilee was given in Boston. There was a chorus of 160 voices from New Haven, and the morning the singers departed a concert was given at which Mrs. Thompson sang the 'Inflammatus,' which was thought to be one of the most remarkable performances of the period, for her success was complete, and she was then only nineteen years of age. She sang in the second Peace Jubilee in 1872, in Boston, being a member of the 'Bouquet of Artists.' During several of the following years she sang frequently, two or three times a week in concerts in different cities, besides teaching a large class of pupils. As a teacher she was always successful. She remained in Center Church until 1874. She then accepted a position in the College Street Congregational Church for two years, returning to Center Church at the end of that time at a salary of one thousand dollars. She sang solo parts in the following oratorios given by the New Haven Oratorio Society: "The Prodigal Son," "The Woman of Samaria," "Naaman" and "Elijah."

"In 1885 she sang with success in Congress Park, Saratoga, the large and critical audiences there according her applause and attentions that were of the most flattering character—singers and artists of world-wide reputation complimented her highly on the excellence of her performances and the rich, delightful quality of her voice. In 1891 she became soprano in the Church of the Redeemer; in 1892 she sang 'Elijah' at the State Musical Convention at Hartford. New Haven has long been proud of Mrs. Thompson, and that pride is entirely justifiable. She is not only a charming lady, but she has talent that renders her capable of entertaining the most critical audiences that the world can produce." Since that time Mrs. Thompson has been ten years at the Church of the Redeemer. Upon her resignation, the society's committee of that church presented her with a most beautiful book of resolutions and thanks.

HON. JACOB DANIEL WALTER, of Cheshire, who is now serving on his second four-years' term as county commissioner of New Haven county,

and who for years has been prominent in the local councils of his party—the Republican—is one of the substantial men and leading citizens of the community in which he lives.

Commissioner Walter was born Feb. 21, 1856, in the town of Hamden, Conn., a son of John Jacob and Julia M. (Ford) Walter, and a descendant from ancestors of the Colonial period of the State's history. The Ford family of Hamden sprang from the old family of that name in Devonshire, England, where it was prominent at the time, and before, New England began to be settled. The Devonshire family was connected with the Drakes, of Ashe, who engaged actively in the emigration to the New England colonies. Sir Henry Ford, born about 1620, the only son of John and Catherine (Drake) Ford (he of Bagtor, and she a daughter of George Drake, of Sprattsbays, a lieutenant-colonel under his kinsman Sir John Drake, of Ashe), was twice principal Secretary of State to Charles II in Ireland. Timothy Ford, from the Devonshire Fords, appeared at Charlestown in 1637, removed to New Haven, Conn., in 1639, where his death occurred in 1684, and his widow, whose Christian and maiden names were unknown, says Savage, died in 1681. Of their four children, two were sons, Samuel and Matthew, from one of whom came the Hamden Fords.

Jacob D. Walter received his education in the public schools of New Haven, Conn., and in similar schools in the State of New York. He began his business career as a clerk in a store in Port Jervis, N. Y., and later engaged in general merchandising for himself in Cheshire, Conn. He was thus occupied for several years, and then engaged in farming, which has since been his chief occupation, and in which he has been successful. Mr. Walter has managed his own business affairs in such a manner that his fellow citizens have a number of times called him to positions of trust, responsibility and honor in the public affairs of the town and county. He served one year as town assessor and was for eight years a member of the Republican town committee. In 1894 he was elected a member of the State Legislature for that session, from the town of Cheshire, and served in that body on the committee on Roads and Bridges. He was elected a county commissioner for New Haven county in 1895, for a term of four years, and re-elected for a second term in 1899, and is now serving as chairman of the board. In 1901 he was chosen first selectman. All of the duties of these important trusts he has performed to the satisfaction of his constituents, and with credit to himself. He is a member of the Union League Club, of the Young Men's Republican Club of New Haven, of the Masonic Fraternity, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

On Oct. 24, 1883, Mr. Walter was married to Miss Abbie L. Atwater, of Cheshire, a descendant of one of the first planters of the Colony of New Haven. One daughter, Nellie B., was born of this

union. Mr. Walter is a member of the First Congregational Church of Cheshire, and for the last six years has been chairman of the Society's committee, the First Ecclesiastical Society of Cheshire.

MAJOR BENJAMIN E. BROWN, city controller and late city auditor, New Haven, is one of the well-known military men of Connecticut, and a man whose fidelity to official trusts and responsibility has won for him the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Born in 1845, in Somersetshire, England, Benjamin E. Brown was brought to this country by his parents when eight years of age, and nine years later, when but seventeen, fired by the stirring scenes of the times, he enlisted, in the summer of 1862, as a drummer boy in Company E, 27th Conn. V. I., and was mustered into the United States service with his company not long thereafter. He bore an honorable part in the regiment's history in the Civil war, participating in its several great battles and otherwise sharing its fortunes in camp and on the march.

The term of service of the 27th Regiment, though not an extended one, was active and thrilling. For a short period the regiment was in a division under Gen. Abercrombie, of the Army for the defense of Washington, but later it was a part of the Second Brigade, First Division (under Gen. Hancock), Second Army Corps, and formed a part of the Right Grand Division of the Army of the Potomac under Gen. Sumner. At the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862, that portion of the regiment not detached for picket duty along the Rappahannock, was in line of battle on the open plain between the city and Mary's Heights, where they were exposed to a terrible fire from the enemy's batteries, and when night set in, one-third of the regiment engaged lay dead or wounded on the field or in the hospital. In the change that soon after took place, when Hooker succeeded Burnside, the 27th Connecticut was transferred to the Fourth Brigade under Col. John K. Brooke, and after coming out of winter quarters in April, 1863, moved forward and was active in preliminary movements toward Chancellorsville. From the beginning of the second day's fight there on May 1st, till midday of the 3d, the men had little time for sleeping or eating. The regiment, which, on Sunday morning, occupied the entrenchments which it had thrown up the previous Friday evening and which at the time of occupation formed a part of the picket line of the army, held an important position, and subjected to terrible fire, soon found themselves surrounded and captured. Companies D and F of the 27th Connecticut, however, escaped the fate of the remainder of the regiment, having been previously detached for other duty. The 27th continued to remain a part of the Army of the Potomac until the battle of Gettysburg was fought and won. It reached Gettysburg July 2d, moved forward to take the line of

battle, and was stationed some mile and a half south of Cemetery Hill in the line occupied by the Second Corps, and was hurried forward to the support of the Third corps, which in the afternoon, having marched toward the Emmitsburg road, was engaged. The 27th regiment, with others of the Fourth Brigade entered the wheatfield as the broken and disordered columns of the Third corps were slowly retiring to the rear, closely followed by the enemy. They moved toward the advancing foe which was now within close range, and the men became exposed to a sweeping fire, in which Lieut. Col. Merwin fell mortally wounded while leading the command with all his accustomed bravery. The line passed forward forcing the enemy from the wheatfield and into the woods beyond. The 27th went into action with seventy-five men, all that could be mustered for duty after an active service of not quite nine months, and at dark, eleven had been killed and twenty-seven wounded. The position of the 27th on July 3d was in the main line and a few yards to the left of the point attacked by the Confederates in the last charge made by them in that great battle. From Gettysburg the 27th moved to Falling Waters, a short distance from Williamsport, arriving in time to participate in the closing scenes of that engagement. Thence it went to Harper's Ferry, and from there, home, and was mustered out July 27, 1863.

On his return home after the expiration of his term of service, Mr. Brown, in 1866, joined the New Haven Grays, Company F, Second Regiment, and continued in it for seven and a half years, serving as a private, corporal, sergeant and captain, receiving command Jan. 9, 1889. He was the commanding officer of the company for four and a half years during which period the company was recruited from forty-five members to its full maximum strength of sixty-eight, with men on the waiting list for active membership. Capt. Brown was one of the re-organizers of the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard, and is now the commanding officer of that organization. Under his administration this old-time company, organized in 1775, has from forty-five members (when he was elected to its command) reached its maximum strength of 118, with fifty applicants on the waiting list, its membership being composed of old soldiers of the War of the Rebellion and of the National Guard.

Major Brown has served in former years two terms as councilman and one term as alderman and during the four years of service in the two bodies was, on important committees and was largely instrumental in securing for the city the present iron bridge at the steamboat landing, known as Tomlinson Bridge, and replacing the former dilapidated wooden structure. In January, 1895, he was elected city auditor, holding office for two years, and was re-elected for a second term by a large majority, when by virtue of a change of charter he became controller of the city.

Major Brown was married to Irene E. Hall, who was born in Guilford, a daughter of James H. Hall. They have one child, Harriet B., who is now living in New Haven. Major Brown was one of the first members of the Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., and is a prominent Mason, having risen to the Knight Templar degree. The Major is also connected with several other organizations, being a member of the Odd Fellows, the A. O. U. W., and the Heptasophs as well as the Young Men's League.

WASHINGTON MORTIMER ROWLAND, who for many years has been prominently identified with the oyster growing industry in New Haven, and who is one of the city's substantial and esteemed citizens, was born at Patchogue, Long Island, Jan. 9, 1848.

John Rowland, the father of Washington M. Rowland, was also born in Patchogue, this having been the family home for several generations. John Rowland has been a sea-faring man, and is still actively interested in the oyster business in his locality. He married Adeline Mott, a native of the same place, daughter of Martin Mott, who, at the time of his death, was one of the largest wholesale oyster dealers on Long Island. Both parents still reside in the old Long Island home. They had a family of five children, two of whom died in infancy, the survivors being: Washington M., of this sketch; Retta, who married Fremont Hammond, of Patchogue, L. I.; and Fannie, who is unmarried. In politics, John Rowland has affiliated with the Democratic party, and at one time he had charge of one of the Government houses at Patchogue, now known as Life Saving Stations. All of the maternal ancestors of our subject's family have been connected with the Methodist Church.

Washington M. Rowland remained in his native place until twenty years of age, with the exception of the time spent at Northville Seminary, Long Island, his instruction there succeeding his common school course in Patchogue. Growing up surrounded by sea-faring people, he naturally imbibed a love for the water, and after leaving school, engaged for a time in the coasting trade, subsequently buying shares in a schooner, and managing it for one year. Shortly after the close of the Civil war, Mr. Rowland came to New Haven and became interested in the oyster growing business. With the exception of two years' residence in Norwalk, Conn., where he was also interested in the oyster trade, Mr. Rowland engaged in the oyster planting and growing business until Sept. 10, 1900, continuously from his first location in this city. His knowledge of the business, and his honest and upright methods of dealing with the public, combined to bring him great success, and Mr. Rowland is now regarded as one of the substantial men of New Haven. His ownership of city property is large, and his efforts have been directed to the improvement of the localities in which it is situated. He has just com-

pleted one of the most beautiful homes on Howard avenue, which has been fitted with all modern improvements, making it a comfortable residence and one of the most attractive structures in that vicinity.

In 1868 Mr. Rowland was married to Arletta S. Fordham, born on Long Island, daughter of Capt. Samuel Fordham, a sea-faring man, and a family of four children have come to our subject and wife: Addie, who married Rolin Palmer, of New Haven; Jessie; Hazel, who died aged four years; and Charles, who died in infancy. In politics, Mr. Rowland supports the Republican party, and is a member of the Young Men's Republican Club, and the Union League Club. He is well known and enjoys a wide acquaintance with the trade as well as with the general public. Since retiring from activity, he has been engaged in looking after his property, and in enjoying the ease won by long years of close attention to business.

PATRICK HOLOHAN, well and favorably known in real-estate circles in New Haven county, is a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, born June 1, 1837, and has been a resident of Waterbury about half a century.

Maurice Holohan, his father, passed all his life in Ireland, where in his younger days he was clerk in a bank, and later followed farming. His wife also died in Ireland. They had a family of seven children: Francis, Joseph, John, Bridget T., Ann, Patrick and Elizabeth. The two last named reside in Waterbury, and are the only survivors.

Patrick Holohan, at the age of twelve years, came to America, first making his home in Paterson, N. J., from there coming to Waterbury about fifty years ago. For a time he worked as a laborer, but in 1865 he engaged in the grocery business, and carried on same some twenty-six years, amassing a comfortable competence by care and diligence, in conjunction with strict temperance in his habits. After retiring from the grocery, he put up some business blocks on South Main street, and he now occupies his time chiefly in looking after his rents, and conducting a real-estate business.

In 1867 Mr. Holohan married Catherine Galvin, who was born in Waterbury, Conn., a daughter of John Galvin, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and six children were born to this union, as follows: John F., Mary A., Thomas J., Elizabeth G., Theresa L. and Joseph. Of these, Mary A. married C. A. Jackson, of Waterbury; Thomas J. died when twenty-two years of age; Elizabeth and Theresa are single; and Joseph died in infancy.

John F. Holohan, the eldest son, graduated from the Waterbury high school, class of 1885, and then entered the law office of Gillette & Webster, where he remained four years, at the end of which time he was appointed court messenger, an incumbency he held three years, resigning to enter Yale Law School in 1889, where he graduated with the class of 1892. After graduation he found clerical work

in the office of D. F. Webster; but this lasted for one year only, as in July, 1893, he was appointed prosecuting agent, which office he held until October, 1895, when he formed a partnership with H. J. Durant, for the practice of law. At the end of a year Mr. Durant retired, and Mr. Holohan has since conducted the business alone, his office being on South Main street. In politics he is a Democrat. Socially he is a member of the B. P. O. Elks.

Patrick Holohan, our subject, is also a Democrat, has served as councilman many terms, and during the year 1898-99 was an alderman. In 1898 he was appointed, by the Republican party, a member of the board of public safety, which is a fair indication of his popularity, irrespective of party lines. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic, belonging to Immaculate Conception Parish, of Waterbury.

JAMES RUSSELL SLOANE, bookkeeper and confidential clerk for the Charles Parker Co., Meriden, is one of that city's most respected residents. He was born in Thompsonville, Hartford Co., Conn., Jan. 1, 1847.

John Sloane, grandfather of James R., was a native of Scotland, born in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, which is noted for its carpet and woolen manufacturers. Here he grew to manhood and learned the trade of carpet weaver, which he followed in his native home. He there married Mary Lamie, and they had five children, viz: William, who for many years was the head of the well known firm of W. & J. Sloane, carpet dealers, New York; John, who was the junior member of W. & J. Sloane, and whose sons now conduct the business in New York; James, who was a rug manufacturer in West Farms, N. Y.; Andrew, father of James R.; and Margaret, who married Thomas Watson, and died in Oakland, Cal. After his sons came to America, John Sloane, with his wife and the remainder of his family, came to the New World, locating at Thompsonville, where he found employment in the Thompsonville Carpet Works. He spent the remainder of his life in that town, and died at a ripe age; his remains were interred in Thompsonville cemetery, as were also those of his loving and devoted wife. They were both faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and good Christian people, honest and upright in all their dealings.

Andrew Sloane was born in Kilmarnock, the home of his father, and there obtained a plain but useful education. He began life by working in a factory at an early age, learning the carpet business, as did also his brothers. After his older brothers came to America and met with some success, he, too, wishing to better his condition and to gain a wider experience, resolved to try his fortune in the Western World. He landed in New York after a voyage of seven weeks in a sailing vessel, and after remaining but a short time in that city came to Thompsonville, where he found employment at his



Patrick Holohan



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trade as a weaver in the employ of Orrin Thompson & Co., now the Hartford Carpet Co., working at Brussels carpet making. He also worked for a short time in Rahway, N. J., but returned to Thompsonville. Through his strict attention to business, and his painstaking efforts, he was soon promoted to the position of foreman of the ingrain department, which he held to within ten years of his death, when he resigned. He passed the remaining years of his life in retirement, dying at the ripe old age of eighty-two years, and his remains were buried in the family lot in Thompsonville cemetery. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, a good Christian man, devoted to his wife and family, and temperate in all his habits. In politics he was a Republican, but never sought office or honors.

In New York City Andrew Sloane married Hannah Robinson, who was a member of an old and respected family of Danbury, Conn., and eleven children blessed this union: William, who is postmaster at Conway, N. H.; George, who is a mechanic, residing at Auburn, N. Y.; John, a bookkeeper, in Hartford; Miss Mary; James Russell; Frederick D., with the H. Wales Lines Co., Meriden; Edgar C., foreman with the Charles Parker Co., in Meriden; Joseph H., who resides in Hartford; Ellen (better known as Nellie), who married Frederick Parsons, and resides in Thompsonville; Hattie; and Annie, who died in infancy.

James Russell Sloane received but a district-school education, attending in the town of Enfield. Being imbued with that noble trait for which the Scotch are noted, self-reliance, he started out to make his own way at a very early age, and when but twelve years old was working as a farmer boy in Enfield. This work was not congenial to him, and he soon gave it up for something more advantageous. He started in the early sixties, as a newsboy on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, at which work he spent a year, when he left home and came to Yalesville to enter the employ of Garry I. Mix, working one year in the press department. From there he went to Edward Miller & Co., engaging at the same kind of work, and commanding at the age of fifteen years twelve dollars per week. He spent one year with the latter firm, and then accepted a position in the spectacle works of Charles Parker, where he spent nine months.

Fired with the patriotic desire to defend his country, Mr. Sloane enlisted in 1863 in Company C, 1st Conn. Heavy Artillery, under Col. Henry L. Abbott, and Capt. Henry H. Pierce, of Hartford, and remained in the service until the close of the war. He participated in all of Grant's last campaign. He was mustered out and discharged from the service Sept. 25, 1865, at Hartford. Desiring to improve his education, he attended a business college for six months, and soon fitted himself for bookkeeping. For two and a half years he was bookkeeper in a grocery store in Hartford, after which he accepted a position with Smith, Northam

& Robinson, grain dealers of Hartford, as entry clerk, where he worked eighteen months. He next entered the employ of J. D. Burnham & Co., wholesale tobacco dealers, in Hartford, as bookkeeper, and faithfully performed the duties of that position for twelve years. Having saved some money he returned to the home of his birth, and embarked in the grocery business, conducting same for some years, but as it did not prove a financial success he gave it up in 1881, and came to Meriden, where he accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Meriden Malleable Iron Co., where he spent three years. In 1890 he secured his present position, that of head bookkeeper and confidential clerk with the Charles Parker Co., filling same with credit to himself, and meriting the high esteem of his employers. He is a modest man, genial in his manner, and honest and exact in his dealings.

In 1869 Mr. Sloane was married, in Hartford, to Sarah Hills, daughter of David and Salome (Strickland) Hills; the former is now deceased, while the latter makes her home with Mr. Sloane, who is caring for her during old age. Mrs. Sloane died March 11, 1899, at her home on Main street, Meriden, and was laid to rest in Walnut Grove Cemetery. She attended the Universalist Church. Six children were born to them: (1) Eva H., born in Hartford, was educated in the Thompsonville and Meriden schools, graduating from the latter, and is now engaged in teaching in the Franklin street school, Meriden. (2) Lillian E. married B. E. Carpenter, and has two children, Bessie and Russell. (3) Amy B., married to and divorced from Samuel B. Maguire, is residing at home with her daughter, Edith Maguire. (4) Charles H., who is with the Charles Parker Co., married Bessie Kerr, and has one child, Muriel. (5) Mabel married James Noble, and has one child, Dorothy. (6) Edna H. is a student at the High school. Mr. Sloane is a Republican, and represented the Fourth Ward in the city council for four years; has been an alderman two years; and was chairman of the Police committee of the board of aldermen. He is no politician, but is a staunch supporter of his party. In religious views he is broad minded and liberal. Fraternally he belongs to Meriden Post, No. 8, G. A. R., of Meriden; he was one of the organizers and is past commander of Nathaniel Lyon Post, Hartford. He also belongs to Charter Oak Lodge, I. O. O. F., Hartford, is a past noble grand and a member of the Grand Lodge; and he is a member of Silver City Lodge, No. 3, A. O. U. W., Meriden, in which he has passed all the chairs, and is now grand receiver of the State. Mr. Sloane is deservedly popular, and few men can point to records as stainless as his.

FREDERICK HEMINGWAY WALDRON has become widely known in New Haven in various connections, and his activity in Masonic circles has brought him into prominence all over the State.

Mr. Waldron traces his ancestry back to about

1100, to Baron Rudolph Von Waldron, who won his coat of arms fighting against the Turks on the plains of Palestine, and in 1156 Richard, son of Rudolph, won his coat of arms for valiant services in the field under Henry II, who was the first Plantagenet on the throne of England, and who united the Norman and Saxon races. Copies of these coats of arms have been handed down through the several generations to the present time, and copies are in Mr. Waldron's possession.

Mr. Waldron comes from sturdy Dutch stock, and in this country traces his ancestry back to about 1646. The first of whom we have record, Baron Resolve Waldron, son of Count Johannis Von Waldron, was born in 1610, in Amsterdam, Holland. He was well educated in Latin, French and English, and was an extensive traveler in Europe and South America, spending some time in Brazil. He returned to his native land in 1645, became acquainted with Lady Tanka Neigle, daughter of Baron Von Neigle, whom he married March 10, 1646. Baron Resolve Waldron joined the staff of Governor Peter Stuyvesant in May, 1647, and he continued to serve the Dutch Government during Stuyvesant's administration until James, Duke of York, sent four ships of war here during a time of peace, 1664, and robbed the Dutch of all their possessions in America. The Baron acted as ambassador to all the petty English Courts in New England, Virginia and Baltimore. He obtained the first grant from Gov. Stuyvesant for New Harlem in 1645, and established the first ferry and erected the first Dutch Church in that town. He also built for himself a stone mansion on East River (called by the Dutch "Helengat," or Roaring Water, and by the Indians "Sevandican," or Mad Water, while the Indian name for the land, or Bowery, was called "Rrhawainus," or Crooked Land). This Bowery or Plantation was about a mile along the water, and here the Baron lived a number of years, or until his sons grew up and married, and then as chief magistrate he removed to near King's bridge. The old stone mansion at Horn Hook was erected in 1660, and was kept in good repair until 1870—two hundred and ten years. The old Baron departed this life about 1706, when he was ninety-six years of age, and he was buried in "God's acre" beside the little church on the banks of the Harlem river.

William Waldron, the eldest son of the Baron, was born in old Amsterdam, Holland, Feb. 1, 1647, and was brought to New Amsterdam (now New York City) in his nurse's arms when three months old. This William married Engelse Stautenburgh, Feb. 10, 1671, daughter of Peter Stautenburgh, Burgomaster of New Amsterdam. They had seven children, among whom was Peter, the next in line of descent.

Peter Waldron, son of William, was born June 25, 1675, in Harlem, New York. He married Frynty Vandenburg, Sept. 9, 1696, and they had ten children, among whom was Cornelias Waldron.

Cornelias Waldron, son of Peter, was born Nov. 18, 1705. He married Jennette Van Ness, Sept. 26, 1732, and was killed by a Hessian, May 11, 1756, leaving six children.

Garret Waldron, son of Cornelias, was born June 4, 1738. He married Catherine Vandenburg, Nov. 2, 1761. They had four children, among whom was Gilbert Waldron, grandfather of the gentleman whose name introduces these lines.

Gilbert Waldron, son of Garret, was born Feb. 11, 1778, and died May 6, 1830, at Honesdale, Pa., where he had large contracts on the Delaware and Hudson canal, then in process of construction. He married, in 1802, Margaret Grawberger, who was born May 6, 1782, and died in the autumn of 1848. They moved in 1811 to Jonesburg, N. Y., and about 1820 to Fort Edward, thence to Milford, Pa., and finally to Honesdale. They left ten children, among whom was Abram G., father of Frederick H.

Abram G. Waldron, son of Gilbert, was born Jan. 8, 1803, in Batavia, N. Y. He was an accountant by profession. He resided in Buffalo, N. Y., from 1838 to 1848, when he came to Connecticut, locating in Bridgeport, but in a short time removed to New Haven, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1872, at the age of seventy. He was actively engaged in his chosen line up to the time of his death, keeping books for the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co. Mr. Waldron was an Odd Fellow and a Mason, holding membership in the Lodge, Chapter and Council, and was buried with Masonic honors. On April 11, 1836, Abram G. Waldron married Jennette Remer, who was born in Derby, Conn., June 11, 1815, and who died in New Haven in 1853. Four children blessed this union, of whom our subject is the eldest; Henry and Samuel are residents of Providence, R. I.; and Frances is a widow, living in Kansas. The mother attended St. Thomas Church, of which Mr. Waldron was a member at one time, but had previously united with St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and finally became a member of the Third Methodist Episcopal Church, retaining his membership at the time of his death.

Through his mother Frederick H. Waldron is descended from several families long held in the highest esteem in this State. Henry Whitney was born in England in 1620, came to America and was associated with others in buying lands in Southold, L. I., in 1649. He afterward settled in Huntington, L. I., where he was selectman, and about 1665 he came to Norwalk, Conn., where he died about 1673.

John Whitney, son of Henry, was probably born before his father had gone to Southold, as he was full age before Jan. 20, 1665-66. He settled with his father in Norwalk, following his business of millwright and miller, and succeeding him in the possession of the mill and homestead. He there married March 17, 1674-75, Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Richard Smith.

Josiah Whitney, son of John, born at Norwalk,

Conn. (date unknown), married Oct. 20, 1729, at Norwalk, Eunice Hanford, daughter of Elezur Hanford and his wife Hannah. They lived in Norwalk, where he died early in 1750.

Henry Whitney, son of Josiah, was married in 1761, at Derby, to Eunice Clark, daughter of William and Hannah Clark, of Derby, where she was born April 15, 1746. They settled in Derby. An obituary notice of him quaintly says: "He was the founder of King Hiram Lodge, No. 12, in Derby (was its first treasurer, 1783). He squared his life by the rules of Masonry, and, directed by the invariable compass of rectitude, he entered the harbor of rest. His Masonic brethren honored his interment with the sprig of evergreen, emblem of that eternal life, the donation of the Grand Architect who will hail with the voice of brotherly love every free and well accepted Mason unto the Grand Lodge above." He was for many years an active and useful inhabitant of the town, and he died much lamented and respected by his relations and acquaintances. He was a member and a communicant of the Episcopal Church, and was buried according to the rites and ceremonies of that church. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and held the rank of captain.

William Clark, father of Eunice (Clark) Whitney, is said (see Clark's Descendants of R. Hull, p. 5.) to have gone from Lyme to Derby in 1733, and to have been a descendant of Thomas Clark, who is thought to have been mate of the "Mayflower" in 1620. Hannah, wife of William Clark, died in 1801, aged ninety-one, leaving descendants to the number of 333. Eliza, daughter of William and Hannah, married Joseph Hull, of Derby, in 1749, and became the mother of Gen. William Hull, and grandmother of Commodore Isaac Hull.

Josiah Whitney, son of Henry, was born in Derby, in 1764, and became a master mariner. In 1784 he married, in Derby, Hannah Riggs, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Rachel (Chatfield) Riggs, of Derby, where she was born March 6, 1767. He dwelt in Derby, and was a member of the Congregational Church in that place. He was commander of a vessel in the South American trade and was cast away in 1794, dying in Demerara in August of that year, in consequence of his sufferings and exposure in the shipwreck. His widow joined the Congregational Church in Derby, Nov. 13, 1808.

Hannah (Whitney) Remer, daughter of Josiah Whitney, was born at Derby, Conn., June 20, 1785. On Aug. 20, 1805, she was married at Derby to Abram Remer, who was born at Carlisle, Pa., June 7, 1783, son of Lewis Remer (a Revolutionary soldier, who served in Capt. Jacob Ten Eyck's Company, First Battalion, Somerset County, New Jersey, Militia) and Rebecca (Runion) Remer. They dwelt in Derby, where he carried on a large business, employing many men in the manufacture of shoes, till May, 1827, when he removed to Seneca Falls, N. Y., and after ten years to Montezuma, N. Y., where he kept a tavern and grocery for more than

twenty years. They then dwelt with their son, Samuel Whitney Remer, at Davenport, Iowa, for three years, and with their daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Downs, at Downey Station, Iowa, till 1863, when he returned to Bridgeport. She died there Sept. 30, 1864, and he passed away in New York City March 20, 1866. Both were buried in Mountain Grove cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Jennette (Remer) Waldron, daughter of Hannah (Whitney) Remer, was born in Derby, Conn., June 11, 1815, and died Aug. 23, 1853. On April 11, 1836, she married Abram G. Waldron, and, as is stated above, four children blessed this union.

Frederick H. Waldron was born in Buffalo, N. Y., March 14, 1840, and was a boy when brought by his parents to Bridgeport, Conn., and after two years moved to New Haven, Conn., where practically all of his life has been passed. During his early boyhood he attended the public schools of the city, later being a student at a boarding school in Oxford and at Wheeler's Academy, in Norwalk. At the age of seventeen he went to Davenport, Iowa, and until 1859 was in the employ of the Mississippi & Missouri Railway Co., being in the shops with his uncle, Samuel W. Remer, who was the superintendent of motive power. On his return to New Haven he was in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., for a year prior to his enlistment in Co. F, 4th Conn. V. I. This regiment was afterward changed to the 1st Conn. Artillery. Mr. Waldron served three full years with his regiment, and was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of service as Corporal of artillery. He participated in a number of hard fought battles, among which was the siege of Yorktown (the heaviest siege of the war), Hanover Court House, Old Church, Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, Golden Farms, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, and Butler's campaign about Petersburg, where for eleven months this regiment fought in the trenches and where its services were most conspicuous and honorable, exposed to constant artillery and musket fire. One of the 13-inch mortars used before Petersburg by this regiment is to be placed on a monument to be erected in the Capitol grounds at Hartford in Sept., 1902. This regiment was the first to volunteer for three years, and was attached to several different army corps.

After his return from the service, Mr. Waldron followed the trade of carpenter and pattern maker until 1870, when he was appointed clerk of the board of Public Works. He continued to hold office by appointment for three-year terms until 1892, regardless of the political complexion of the board, and the length of time of his service is sufficient testimony of its quality. Since his retirement from public office Mr. Waldron had devoted much time to Masonic work, and a record of his career in the fraternity, on account of his activity and zeal for the institution, is extremely interesting.

Mr. Waldron was made a Master Mason in

Wooster Lodge, No. 79, of New Haven, while home on a furlough from the army, March 13, 1863; a Royal Arch Mason and Royal and Select Master in Washington, D. C., in April, 1864, afterward affiliating with the Chapter and Council in New Haven; was made a Knight Templar in New Haven Commandery, No. 2, in 1869, and in all of these bodies he still holds an active membership. He was worshipful Master of his lodge during 1871 and 1872, regularly passed through the chairs of Harmony Council, R. & S. M., serving as Thrice Illustrious Master for two years, 1871-72. During 1871-72 he was on the committee for the erection of the new Masonic Temple in New Haven, and on its erection and completion he conferred the first degrees in the building, in the presence of a large assembly of Masons. Passing through the several chairs, he was elected Eminent Commander of New Haven Commandery, and served two years, 1881-82. He has been actively connected with all the Grand bodies of the State, passing through the several chairs, serving as Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council during 1875; Grand Master of Masons in 1883; Grand Commander of Knights Templar during 1886; and Trustee for the Grand Chapter for a number of years. He is a charter member of all the bodies of the A. & A. S. R. in New Haven, and has been elected as presiding officer of all the bodies of the Rite in the city, and he has served as Second Lieutenant Commander of Lafayette Consistory, and for a long term of years served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Council of Deliberation for Connecticut. He received the thirty-third degree of this Rite in Sept., 1883, and is an honorary member of the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, and also a member of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States. He organized the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association of New Haven, and was its Secretary for twenty-three years, dispensing to the widows and orphans of Masons during that time over \$1,400,000, and leaving the association in a prosperous condition.

Mr. Waldron has also been a zealous and earnest member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he is Past Commander of Admiral Foote Post, No. 17, to which with others he rendered special service in financial lines. He consented to serve the Post officially in 1881. The Post at this time, so to speak, was below par, with a membership of but 104, and an indebtedness of over \$1,400; under the new regime within two years the Post numbered over 500 members, with over \$2,550 in the Treasury, and in 1887 the Post numbered over 900, with over \$12,000. Mr. Waldron was appointed an aid on the staff of the Commander-in-chief in 1882.

Mr. Waldron still maintains an active interest in all the bodies of which he is a member, and in whatever position he is placed he never ceases to labor for the interests of others, nor fails to show his love and devotion for his friends, and, as has

been said by another, "He is courteous in manner, quick in preception, voice well-modulated, delivery graceful, and in general is gifted with those talents which constitute a successful presiding officer." In his household hospitality is a marked feature, and those who know him best can testify to his liberality, courtesy and attention to his guests. He discharges well the duties of domestic life, and is faithful to the trust which rests on the husband and father. He is one who is noble minded, generous to a fault, genial and kindhearted, earnest in his convictions, and never hesitating to express opinions freely; his intimacies are not hastily formed, but when once made are never sundered, following well the motto on the Coat of Arms: *Nec Beneficii—Nec injuriæ—Immemor.*

On Sept. 20, 1871, Mr. Waldron married Miss Alice Bottomley, who was born in Bridgeport, Conn., March 9, 1847, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Platt) Bottomley, who were from Delph, England. She was baptized in September, 1874, by Rev. Thomas W. Coit, D. D., at St. John's Episcopal Church, and she died in New Haven Jan. 7, 1898, a faithful member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Waldron, viz: George R., born Dec. 2, 1874, is an accountant; he married Phoebe Rice, now deceased, and had one child, Phoebe May. Alice May was born May 1, 1878, Charles W. was born Nov. 25, 1881. Fred H., Jr., was born Aug. 10, 1883. Harry P. was born March 29, 1885.

HORACE D. JOHNSON, one of the thrifty and substantial residents of Hamden, is one of the prominent citizens of that town, where he is extensively and successfully engaged in the dairy and general trucking business. Mr. Johnson comes from one of the very oldest families of New Haven county, one whose members have been prominent and influential, and in types of citizenship wherein patriotism and public spirit have never been lacking. His great-grandfather, Hezekiah Johnson, took a prominent part in the Revolutionary war. Another ancestor, William Johnson, was one of the original proprietors of Wallingford. Through marriage the family is connected with many of the old and prominent families. The Johnson family in Hamden dates back to about 1809, when Hezekiah Johnson, grandfather of our subject, removed from Wallingford and settled on what is now the northeast corner of Circular and Gilbert avenues, in Hamden.

The family in America descends from Thomas Johnson, of New Haven, our subject being a representative of the eighth generation, his line being from Thomas through William, Jacob, Capt. Abner, Capt. Hezekiah, Hezekiah and Alfonso. Thomas Johnson, of New Haven, came from Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire, England, 1638. He was drowned in New Haven harbor in 1640, and left four sons, Thomas, Daniel, Jeremiah and William.



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His widow Helena, married Arthur Bostwick, of Stratford, Connecticut.

(II) William Johnson was deputy from New Haven to the General Assembly several times. He was one of the original proprietors of Wallingford, founded in 1670. He was married, in December, 1664, to Sarah Hall, daughter of John and Jane Hall. Sarah Hall was baptized Aug. 19, 1646, by Rev. Mr. Davenport.

(III) Jacob Johnson, born Sept. 25, 1674, in Wallingford, died there July 17, 1749. He was a prominent man in that town, and was deputy from Wallingford to the General Assembly in 1736. He was married Dec. 14, 1693, to Abigail Hitchcock, who was born April 10, 1674, a daughter of John and Abigail (Merriman) Hitchcock.

(IV) Capt. Abner Johnson, born in August, 1702, in Wallingford, passed his entire life there, and died there Sept. 28, 1754. In November, 1749, he was chosen deputy of the first train band of Wallingford. On Dec. 14, 1726, he married Charity Dayton, a daughter of Israel Dayton.

(V) Capt. Hezekiah Johnson, born March 12, 1732, in Wallingford, died Feb. 21, 1810, in Hamden, where he and his wife were living with their son Hezekiah. Capt. Hezekiah Johnson married, in November, 1758, Ruth Merriman, born Nov. 1, 1741, daughter of Caleb and great-granddaughter of Lieut. Nathaniel Merriman, one of the original proprietors of Wallingford. Capt. Hezekiah Johnson was at one time in life a man of considerable wealth for his day, and he was a citizen of influence in Wallingford. His fortune became reduced during the latter years of his life. He took a prominent part in the Revolutionary war, his name appearing in the list of men who marched from the Connecticut towns for the relief of Boston, at the Lexington alarm, April, 1775. He enlisted from Wallingford, in Capt. Nathaniel Johnson's Company, Col. Douglass' regiment. He was among the troops sent from Connecticut, in June, 1776, to reinforce Washington's army at New York, saw service in that city and on the Brooklyn front, being at the right of the line of works during the battle of Long Island, Aug. 29, 1776. He was in the retreat to New York, and took part in the battle of White Plains. During his service he was under Washington; under Gen. Gates; was at Saratoga; and at the surrender of Burgoyne. He was captain of the troops that went from Wallingford, to the relief of New London in 1781, and was in the engagement at that place. Capt. Hezekiah Johnson's children: Caleb, George, Belcher, Lucinda, Ruth, Diantha, Sophia and Hezekiah. Of the sons who lived to adult age, Caleb graduated from Yale in 1785, became a Congregational clergyman, went South and was a prominent divine in his church. Belcher settled at Salisbury, New York.

Hezekiah Johnson, grandfather of our subject, was born Dec. 25, 1780, in Wallingford. About 1809 he settled in Hamden, on what is now the

northeast corner of Gilbert and Circular avenues. He was a farmer and brick maker, and was one of the pioneer brick makers of that part of the town. He was a successful man, and accumulated a very handsome competence for those days. He was a prominent member of the Congregational Church, and took an active part in its work. He was the leader of the choir for a number of years, having been a musician of ability, both vocal and instrumental. In his family were a number of musicians, nearly every member being able to play one or more musical instruments. While not a public man he took an interest in affairs of the town, and held various minor offices. Politically he was once a Democrat, later a Whig. He first married Elizabeth Tuttle, of Bethany, who was the mother of his children. Her death occurred Jan. 27, 1845. He later married Roxana Judd, by which union there were no children. His children were as follows: (1) Edwin H., born Jan. 15, 1810, died May 5, 1874, unmarried. As the result of an attack of scarlet fever, in childhood, he was left an invalid. (2) Charles E., born July 25, 1811, was a contractor and builder. He went South where he died. (3) Sylvanus, born Nov. 12, 1813, was a pioneer of Iowa City, Iowa, whither he went when the town consisted of but two log cabins. He bought land which later became very valuable, and on which considerable of that city is built. He was a brick manufacturer, became quite wealthy and now lives retired. He married Emily Bradley, of Hamden. (4) Sylvester, born July 17, 1816, died April 7, 1836. (5) Elizabeth died in infancy. (6) Alfonso, born Feb. 6, 1821, is mentioned below. (7) Lorenzo A., born May 22, 1823, died April 18, 1851, unmarried. He located at Chester, Ill., when a young man, and practiced his profession, that of attorney. (8) Norris M., born June 23, 1825, is mentioned elsewhere. (9) Frances E., born June 18, 1828, is the widow of Hon. Ezra Stiles, of North Haven, where she now lives.

Alfonso Johnson, the father of our subject, was born Feb. 6, 1821, on the farm where his father settled. He had such opportunities as the schools of his town afforded, was reared on the farm, and under his father received good training to agricultural pursuits. For some years he carried on the business of brick making, in which he was successful. Later he took up the business of a market gardener, on an extensive scale, and success attended his efforts in that line also. He was systematic in his management, and invariably secured the best results. A hard worker, full of energy and activity, he always set an example to those working with him. He was of the progressive type of farmers, and was classed with the intelligent agriculturists of his day. Somewhat retiring in his disposition, he never hesitated about advocating a good, or opposing a bad cause. He took the interest of a good citizen in the town. In politics he supported the best men, no matter which party they be-

longed to, especially when he had personal knowledge of the candidates or issue, but in State and National matters his sympathy was more often with the Democratic party. He held office in his town, but was by no means an office seeker. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. About 1860 Mr. Johnson built the brick dwelling, where our subject now resides, and there made his home ever afterward. He left a good name and a very comfortable competence. His death occurred Nov. 22, 1883, and he was buried on Hamden Plains cemetery, by the side of his wife, who preceded him to the grave some years. There is an elegant shaft on the family lot.

Mr. Johnson married Charlotte M. Beecher, who was born Dec. 3, 1830, and died April 15, 1874. Their children were as follows: Minnie is now Mrs. Henry B. Harrison, of New Haven. Elton A., born May 29, 1859, died Dec. 1, 1881. Horace D. was born June 8, 1861. Frances A., born Sept. 21, 1869, married, April 18, 1890, A. E. Hayward, and lives in Hamden; she is a member of Mary Clapp Wooster Chapter, Daughters American Revolution.

Horace D. Johnson was born in the same house where he lives, June 8, 1861. He was reared as all farmer boys of his time, and received a good common-school education. When quite young he showed natural business tact, taking much more than a boy's interest in his father's business of which he early acquired practical knowledge. When little more than past his teens he went into business for himself, first on a tract of twenty acres, that his father gave him, and engaging as a market gardener, he met with marked success, the beginning of an unusually successful career in various lines. He followed market gardening a few years, and then added the business of retailing milk. For some years previous to his father's death, he had taken a prominent part in the business of his father's farm as well, so when the father died he had additional responsibilities. Although a young man he proved his ability to successfully handle the business which fell upon him. Soon afterward he went into the dairy business as a producer, and he has continued in that line ever since, with more than ordinary success, being one of the best-known men in this business, supplying New Haven consumers. He has twenty cows.

Of late years Mr. Johnson has branched out into other lines, prominent among which is the cutting and marketing of timber, consisting of cord wood, ties, piles, etc. This line he carries on extensively, marketing as many as fifteen hundred cords of wood alone, in a season, to say nothing of the other timber he handles. In this branch of his business he employs a number of men, and from fifteen to twenty teams are required in his operations. He owns large tracts of timber land, in adjoining towns, cutting his timber from these tracts. His business also includes contracting and trucking, which he has found profitable, and he formerly did

considerable grading. Mr. Johnson still carries on these various lines, in addition to dairying, on an extensive and remunerative scale, and his management gives evidence of much more than ordinary business ability and energy. Like his father he is systematic in all his transactions. His property holdings have increased from time to time, as the demands of his business required, until now he owns over 300 acres of land in Hamden, Bethany and Woodbridge, and real estate in New Haven as well.

In affairs involving the welfare of his town, Mr. Johnson takes an active and prominent part. A staunch and influential member of the Republican party, he is also one of its advisers and counselors in Hamden. He was elected selectman in 1893, and served until 1899, except for two years. In 1898 he was elected first selectman. His service in this incumbency was marked by the same business-like discharge of his duties that characterizes his management of his private enterprises. He has shown great interest and gives his valuable support to all movements of benefit to his town, and he has as vigorously opposed those having any other object. In town affairs his opposition or support is keenly felt. Socially he is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and the I. O. O. F., affiliating with Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M., of Hamden; Pulaski Chapter, of Fair Haven; New Haven Commandery, K. T.; and Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Bridgeport. In the I. O. O. F. he is a member of Montowese Lodge, and Golden Rule Encampment. He also holds membership in Crusade Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle; and is a charter member of Hamden Grange. He is eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

Mr. Johnson has won his success by thrift, not by denying himself, takes considerable pleasure in life, and indulging in such luxuries as his tastes incline him to. He has shown in a substantial way his willingness to help a friend or the needy, but he never parades such acts of kindness or generosity. In all his undertakings, though he has steadily prospered, his methods have been such as to uphold the honorable name he bears. Mr. Johnson is not married.

JOHN GOODRICH NORTH (deceased) was born in Berlin, Conn., Feb. 22, 1823, and died March 9, 1892, at Milford, Connecticut.

The history of the North family in America begins with John North, who was born in England in 1615, and sailed from London in April, 1635, on the "Susan and Ellen," E. Payne, master, in company with Sir Richard Saltonstall, Rev. Peter Bulkley, and ninety others [see Gov. Thomas Welles, p. 10]. There is no record that he previously resided in Hartford, like most of the first settlers of Farmington. His land in Farmington was entered to him in 1653, during which year he had a daughter

baptized there. He and his sons John and Samuel were among the eighty-four proprietors among whom the unoccupied lands of the ancient town were divided in 1672. John North died in 1691. In the "Lists of names of persons of quality emigrating from England to America 1600-1700" his name is given, aged twenty. He married Hannah Bird, of Farmington, and his first child, John, was born in 1641.

Thomas North, fifth son of John, was born in Farmington, about 1649, and died in 1712. He married Hannah Newell, who was born 1658. He was a soldier in the Indian wars, had a soldier's grant of land, and was one of the pioneers in the settlement of Worthington, now Avon, living on the east of the river, near Marshall's tavern, under the mountain, and north of the Hartford and Albany turnpike.

Thomas North (2), son of Thomas, married Martha Royce in December, 1698, and died in 1725. Martha (Royce) North was born in 1679.

Isaac North, of Wethersfield and Berlin, son of Thomas (2), was born in 1702, and died in 1788. He married Mary Woodford, who was born in 1709. He was the first enrolled member and the first deacon of what is now the Second Congregational Church, Berlin, Conn. This church was organized Feb. 9, 1775. Mary Woodford North, wife of Isaac, joined the same church Feb. 22, 1775. Isaac served as Second lieutenant of Capt. Wells' company, Brig. Gen. Wolcott's Brigade, Militia, April 10-22, 1777, in the Revolutionary war.

Jedediah North, also of Wethersfield and Berlin, was born in 1734, and died Dec. 16, 1816. In 1757 he married Sarah Wilcox, who was born in 1739, and died Oct. 5, 1775.

David North, son of Jedediah, was born in 1761, and lived in Berlin. In 1781 he married Salome Wilcox, and died in 1831. His wife, who was born in 1761, died March 15, 1807.

Lemuel North, of Berlin, father of John Goodrich North, was born May 6, 1786, and was a typical New Englander of his day. He was one of twelve children. When he was a little boy his father moved to Meredith, N. Y., where he built a house and cleared up land. They had to send two miles to get flour, and to have meal ground. Lemuel, then a boy about eight years old, was sent with the grist, on horseback, a bag with corn on one side, and rye on the other. He was afraid, for the road was through the woods. At night they went upstairs to sleep, pulling the ladder by which they climbed up, after them, for fear of wolves. "Aunt Lucy," Lemuel's sister, said she often drove the wolves away from the door. Lemuel returned to Berlin to live with his grandfather, Jedediah North. He had no opportunity for education. At the death of the grandfather, the property was divided among the children; each one had a strip of land running up over the hill, "the Ledge," as they used to call it. Lemuel bought up all the shares and owned the

whole farm, besides buying more of the Dunhams. He carried on an industry (besides caring for his farm) now entirely superseded. He had a small tin-shop near his house, where he put in the little tubes in the whale-oil lamps then in general use, and also made small tin boxes, and other things of the kind. Such shops as his, scattered up and down the hills and valleys of Connecticut, especially near water-courses, and numerous small industries like his, made Connecticut the "land of Yankee notions." Such work is now done by steam power or electricity in great manufacturing centers. Lemuel North was a very industrious man. The clip-clip of his tinsmith's hammer was heard "the last thing at night, sometimes till one o'clock, and the first thing in the morning." His daughter says, "When he got one day's work done, he began on the next day's, to see how it was going." He was a kindly man, very fond of all children, and always carried peppermints in his pockets to give to them. He married Rebecca Goodrich, who was born June 26, 1783, and died July 5, 1857. He died Aug. 25, 1845.

John Goodrich North, son of Lemuel, grew up on his father's farm, with only such educational advantages as the district school furnished, and little if any of those after he was fourteen. But he showed his Goodrich characteristics in that he made the most of what little opportunity he had. He had a fine mind, and a retentive memory. A lawyer who knew him in his later life said he would have made a fine lawyer, for he had remarkable power to seize upon the salient points of a subject, and most excellent powers of reasoning. His active life did not give him much time for reading, but he was always interested in Connecticut history and tradition, and he kept himself well informed on the events of the day. At the age of eighteen he went to New Haven, Conn., entering Durand & Mygatt's dry-goods store as clerk, and before he was twenty-five was partner. He was always very quick in his motions, and was called by his fellow clerks, "Step-and-fetch-it." In 1843 he entered the insurance business, in which he was very successful, and in which he continued until his death, and he was regarded as one of the best posted and most successful men in that line in his section of his State. He was agent for the Aetna Life of Hartford for forty-two years, and for the Connecticut Mutual for forty-five years. In 1865 was formed the firm of North & Blakeslee, which was dissolved in 1874. In 1878 he took his son John into partnership, under the title of John G. & John C. North.

Mr. North was closely identified with the philanthropic and religious life of New Haven. In his younger days he was very active in Sunday-school and temperance work throughout the State of Connecticut, being a prominent officer in the Sons of Temperance. For many years he was superintendent of Mission Sunday-schools, notably that of "Scattergood," which did a unique and successful work for neglected street children. He was

a friend of, and welcome visitor at the New Haven Orphan Asylum. Children everywhere delighted to have him address them. He gave the colored people of New Haven, as trustees of their church, valuable assistance and counsel. He was active in the Abolition movement before the Civil war, and most patriotic in all the trying events of that time. During the last years of his life he was lay chaplain at the New Haven jail, where he helped many men to a better life. He was made trial justice in Milford, and waged a vigorous war against vice in every form. Mr. North was an officer in the Governor's Horse Guards. In politics he was a Whig and Republican.

Mr. North was married May 31, 1843, to Elizabeth Dickinson, who was born in New Haven, Dec. 8, 1821, a daughter of Raphael Dickinson (who was born Feb. 6, 1781, and died Feb. 26, 1837) and his wife, Nancy McNeil (who was born June 4, 1783, and died Feb. 9, 1833). Mrs. Nancy (McNeil) Dickinson was a daughter of William McNeil, who graduated from Yale and became a civil engineer, but spent his later years as a sailor and sea captain. To Mr. and Mrs. John G. North were born five children: Mary Goodrich, John Curtis, Sarah Elizabeth, Edward Collins and Cornelia Chatterton. Of these, John C. is in the insurance business in New Haven; he married Jessie Brinkerhoff, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Edward C. is in the same line in Boston; he married Marion Tilton. Sarah E. married Stanley P. Warren, M. D., a graduate of Yale, and they now live in Portland, Maine. Mary G. married Rev. Erastus Blakeslee, a graduate of Yale, and lives in Brookline, Mass.; Rev. Mr. Blakeslee was a soldier in the Civil war, colonel of the 1st Connecticut Cavalry, and brevet brigadier general of volunteers. Cornelia C. married Prof. Samuel T. Dutton, of Columbia University, who at one time was superintendent of schools in New Haven and in Brookline. In religion all the family have long been associated with the Congregational Church.

In 1887 Mr. North moved to Milford, Conn., where he had a beautiful home, which was a great delight to him, for he was always fond of the beautiful in nature. He died very suddenly from apoplexy at his home, March 9, 1892. Mr. North was never so happy as when doing a kindness, or helping some one out of difficulty. This spirit was shown most abundantly in his own home. His children grew up in an atmosphere of generous love. He used often to say, "I want to give my children a happy childhood." Their memories of him and their early home will always be most precious to them. It was always a place to which they were most cordially welcomed after they had left it for homes of their own. In all their trials he was most ready to listen with sympathetic ear, and, if possible, with ready aid. The home was also one of Christian nurture. As one who knew him well in his home wrote at the time of his death, "What a home for

those children to go out from, an inspiration for their homes and lives, stronger than precept. A blessing on children and children's children must certainly rest and follow them all their lives."

The Dickinson Family, to which Mrs. John G. North belongs, has an authentic history that runs back in England to a period beyond 1475. Thomas Dickinson, who was a native of Abingdon, England, went about 1670, to Ayrshire, Scotland, where he had three sons, Thomas, Josiah and Moses.

Moses Dickinson, born in Ayrshire, came to Boston, from which point he went to Deerfield, Mass., about 1690.

David Ebenezer Dickinson, son of Moses, married Sarah Winslow, the great-granddaughter of Gov. Winslow.

Oliver Dickinson, son of David Ebenezer, grew to manhood, and married Mary Parmalee.

Oliver Dickinson, son of Oliver, was born July 10, 1757, in Litchfield, Conn., and died March 23, 1847. On June 11, 1778, he married Anna Landon. He served in the Revolutionary army, in which he made a noble record as a gallant soldier and a patriotic citizen. He was in the army from 1776 to 1781.

Raphael Dickinson, second son of Oliver, was born Feb. 6, 1781, and died Feb. 26, 1837. He married Nancy McNeil Feb. 25, 1805, and their daughter Elizabeth was married to John G. North, as noted above. He was a master builder, and did excellent work. In 1808, he climbed to the top of Trinity church, and blackened the crown on the weather-vane, which had just been re-gilded, in opposition to the wishes of American citizens who thought the crown no longer appropriate, since we were no longer under English rule.

Leonard A. Dickinson, a son of Raphael, and a brother of Mrs. Elizabeth North, became one of the noted citizens of New Haven. In 1861 he enlisted in the 12th Conn. V. I., and the same year was made captain of Company C, of that regiment. He served throughout the war, and returning to Hartford was made local agent of the Aetna Fire Insurance Company, in which capacity he served thirty-two years. For three years he was quartermaster on the staff of Gov. Jewell, and for four years he was postmaster at Hartford. Fraternally he was active in Masonry; in the Grand Army he was past commander of the Department of Connecticut, and treasurer of the Soldiers Home at Noroton, Connecticut.

Leonard A. Dickinson died Jan. 27, 1901, and his funeral services were very largely attended, by the public generally as well as by the Grand Army of the Republic and the insurance agencies with which he had been so long and intimately associated. Seldom has a man passed into the Great Beyond whose loss has been so deeply and generally felt. Of high character, unimpeachable integrity and a winning personality, he had a host of friends

who knew him as a man of honor and of business ability beyond the average, whose useful life and many virtues shed honor upon the State.

The McNEIL Family, of which the mother of Mrs. North was a member, has a history in Connecticut that begins with the purchase of land by Archibald McNeil at Branford, about 1735. At the same time he married Mary, a daughter of Samuel Russell, and the widow of Benjamin Fenn. He died about 1753, leaving three sons, John, Samuel and Archibald.

Archibald McNeil was born Sept. 20, 1736, at Branford, and May 2, 1758, married Sarah Clark, of Derby. They had a son, William, born May 13, 1759, in New Haven, who was graduated from Yale in 1777. He was a gunner on the privateer "Marquis De Lafayette" from Jan. 30, 1782, to Aug. 13, 1783. On Sept. 25, 1779, he married Huldah Augar in New Haven, and they had six children: William, John, Henry, Maria, Nancy and Abraham Archibald. Of these, Nancy married Raphael Dickinson, as noted above.

HICKOX. The Hickox family of Durham, Conn., where lived for generations the ancestors of William A. Hickox, a substantial citizen and business man of Meriden, where for years he has been superintendent of the advertising department of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., is one of the old Colonial families of Connecticut.

Mr. Hickox is a descendant in the eighth generation from William Hickok Hickoks, or Hickox, an early settler and original proprietor of Farmington, Conn., his lineage being through Sergeant Samuel, Joseph, Joseph (2), Joseph (3), Daniel and Charles Hickox.

(II) Sergeant Samuel Hickox, son of William of Farmington, was early in that town, his name appearing on the list of proprietors of the town in 1672. He was one of the original thirty, and is believed to have been one of the first company of men that went to Waterbury. He early laid out five acres of land along the stream named for him, "Hickox Brook." His wife was Hannah, and, according to an inventory taken Feb. 28, 1694-95, his children were: Samuel, aged twenty-six; Hannah, twenty-four; William, twenty-two; Thomas, twenty; Joseph, seventeen; Mary, fourteen; Elizabeth, twelve; Stephen, eleven; Benjamin, nine; Mercy, six; and Ebenezer, two. Sergeant Hickox held a number of town offices and was one of the leading men of the settlement.

(III) Joseph Hickox, son of Sergeant Samuel, born in 1678, married Feb. 8, 1699, or 1700, Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Gaylord, Sr. He was accepted as a bachelor proprietor of Waterbury in 1699, was chimney viewer in 1701 and 1703. He removed, after the births of two of his children, Joseph and Hannah, at Waterbury, with the Gaylords to Durham, Conn. He was a carpenter by occupation, was one of the original proprietors of

Durham in 1708, and on the organization of the town government in 1706, he became the first town clerk. He died in 1725.

(IV) Joseph Hickox (2), son of Joseph, born in Waterbury, about 1701, married about 1722, Sarah (surname not given), and among their children were: Jerusha, baptized in 1723; Elizabeth, baptized in 1725; Joseph, baptized in 1729; Sarah, baptized in 1731; James, baptized in 1733; and Hannah, baptized in 1738.

(V) Joseph Hickox (3), son of Joseph (2), baptized in Durham, April 6, 1729, married Dec. 8, 1748, Martha Wilcox, and their children were: Martha, baptized May 27, 1750; James, baptized in 1751; William, baptized Aug. 21, 1753; Rhoda, baptized in September, 1755; Joseph, baptized July 15, 1757; Darius, baptized March 11, 1759; Reuben, baptized Dec. 28, 1760; Catherine, baptized July 19, 1763; Giles, baptized April 28, 1765; Daniel, baptized July 10, 1768; Rachel, baptized July 13, 1768; and Asa, baptized April 1, 1773. It is a family tradition that Joseph Hickox (3) made fire arms for service in the Revolution, and that he himself was out in the service, and that some of the guns were among those deposited in the Athenaeum at Hartford.

(VI) Daniel Hickox, son of Joseph (3), baptized July 10, 1768, married Jerusha Camp, and Joy, Charles, Leander, Sophronia and Charlotte, among their children were: Henry, Daniel, Reuben, Daniel Hickox was a farmer of Durham. A Capt. Daniel Hickock was in command of a company of Connecticut Militia, Horse Travel, 16th regiment, under Col. Nehemiah Beardsley, that went on an expedition to Fairfield and Danbury July 9, 1779, and his name is on the pay-roll for services in the main army at, or near, Peekskill. A James and Dr. Nathaniel Hickock were members of Capt. Samuel Camp's Company, Horse Travel, Col. Cook's regiment, called for the relief of New Haven and Fairfield July 5 and 8, 1779. Silas Hickox's name appears on the pay roll of Capt. Bull's Company of Light Horse, under Maj. Sheldon, when it was ordered to New York in July, 1776.

(VII) Charles Hickox, son of Daniel, born in Durham, in 1800, married in 1842, Hannah, daughter of James Fowler, of North Guilford, Conn.—a sketch of whose family appears elsewhere—and four children were born to them, namely: John, who died in infancy; Anna H., who is now the widow of the late Albert M. Cooley, of Middlefield, Conn.; Charles A., who married Sarah, daughter of Charles Warner and is a resident of Hartford; and William A., of Meriden. Charles Hickox, the father of this family, was by occupation in his early life, a shoe-maker and farmer, working at the bench through the winter season. Later in life he followed painting in connection with farming. He was well informed and held a number of public trusts in his town, among them the office of justice of the peace. He was for years a member of the M. E. Church

and its choirmaster. He was a useful citizen, and commanded the respect and esteem of the community. His political affiliations were with the Republican party. He died in Durham, Oct. 28, 1890, and his wife passed away Oct. 5, 1891. She, too, was identified with the M. E. Church at Durham.

(VIII) WILLIAM A. HICKOX, son of Charles, born Jan. 14, 1855, married in Durham, Conn., June 23, 1881, Sarah Louise Newton, and their only child, Frederick Arthur, born Feb. 25, 1882, died in Durham Sept. 4, 1883.

Mr. Hickox received his elementary education in the public schools of Durham, then began a business career at employment in a meat market, thence after a year entering the grocery store of L. M. and O. Leach at Durham. Here he continued for a period of eight years. Following this experience, he went in 1879 to Meriden, and there was employed in the dry-goods house of Ives, Upham & Rand. Two years later he left these gentlemen, and entered the employ of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., which establishment has since been his business home, and where he has charge of the advertising department.

Fraternally, Mr. Hickox is a member of Meridian Lodge, No. 77, F. & A. M.; of Keystone Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; and Alfred Hall Council, No. 1423, Royal Arcanum. He is a Republican in political views, and he and his wife attend the Congregational Church. Mrs. Hickox is a member of Ruth Hart Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

NEWTON. Mrs. Sarah Louise (Newton) Hickox is a descendant in the eighth generation from Rev. Roger Newton, of Farmington, and Milford, Conn., her lineage being through—Abner, Burwell, Abner (2), Elisha and Israel C. Newton.

(1) Rev. Roger Newton the first minister of the Church at Farmington, Conn., and a member at its organization, Oct. 15, 1652. He was married at Hartford to Mary, eldest daughter of Rev. Thomas Hooker, who died Feb. 4, 1676. Rev. Newton was dismissed from the church in 1657, went to Boston and sailed for England. On his return he was installed pastor of the church at Milford, Conn., Aug. 22, 1660, and died June 7, 1683. In his will he mentioned children as follows: Roger, Susanna, John, Ezekiel, Sarah, Alice and Mary. He had a son Daniel, who was born in 1646. Rev. Roger Newton was the second pastor of the Milford Church, following Rev. Peter Prudden, and served it for twenty-two years.

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(III) Abner Newton, grandson of Rev. Roger of Farmington and Milford, became one of the early settlers of Durham, Conn., where were baptized several of his children, namely: Abner and John in 1726; Burwell in 1729; Samuel in 1732; and Roger in 1737. His wife's name was Mary. Of the children Rev. Roger, D. D., was liberally educated at Yale College (class of 1758), and for up-

wards of fifty years was pastor of the Congregational Church in Greenfield, Mass., and his son Roger was graduated from Yale College in 1785.

(IV) Burwell Newton, son of Abner and Mary, baptized in 1729, married Eunice (surname not given), and their children baptized in Durham were: Abiather, in 1754; Burwell, in 1756; Mary, in 1759; Submit, in 1762; Abner and Roger (twins) in 1765; Roger (again) in 1768; and Isaac in 1770. A Burwell Newton, and the only one bearing that Christian name in a Connecticut regiment so far as known to us, is on the roll of Capt. Norton's company, Horse Travel, Thaddens Cook's regiment, Tenth Connecticut Militia, which went on the call for relief to New Haven July 5, 1779, and Fairfield July 8, of that same year, and it is likely that it was the father or son of this family.

(V) Abner Newton, son of Burwell, born Dec. 27, 1764, married and had children: Elisha, Abner, Horace, Gaylord, R. Watson, Content and Parnell (An Abner Newton, of Durham, Conn., was a soldier in the War of 1812, a member of a cavalry company).

(VI) Elisha Newton, son of Abner, married Sally Camp.

(VII) Israel C. Newton, son of Elisha, born March 23, 1822, in Durham, married April 18, 1849, Clarissa T. Sill, daughter of Micah Sill, of Hartford and Wethersfield, and their children were: William Camp; Frederick Sill, of Durham, Conn.; Frank Bowman, of Middlefield, Conn.; Sarah Louise, of Meriden, Conn., the wife of William A. Hickox; Isaac, who died in infancy; and Harriet Tucker, who died in childhood. Israel C. Newton, the father of this family, passed a life of useful citizenship in his native town where he bore the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. He died June 1, 1890.

HON. GEORGE BRICKELL SPENCER, manufacturer of Guilford, and a man of high standing in that community, whose his ancestors have lived for over two hundred years, closely identified with the town's interests, is descended from one of the old Colonial families of New England.

This Spencer family was first represented in America by five brothers, who came from England, namely: William, who located in Newtown, Concord and Hartford; Sergt. Thomas (ancestor of George B.), who located in Newtown (Cambridge) and Hartford; Gerard, who settled at Haddam; Michael, who located at Lynn; and John, who died without heirs. Of these brothers, Michael is shown by will to have been a legatee of Richard Spencer, of London, England.

(1) Sergt. Thomas Spencer, was at Cambridge in 1633, and in 1637, removed to Hartford, where he was one of the original proprietors in 1639. He was one of the prominent public men of the place, and held various public offices, among them those of constable, surveyor of highways and sergeant of



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the train band. He married (second) Sarah, only child of Nathaniel Bearding, of Hartford. He died Sept. 11, 1687. Of his fourteen children we have mention of (2) Sarah (Mrs. Brading), (6) Obadiah, (7) Thomas, (8) Samuel, (9) Jared, (10) Sarah (who married Thomas Huxley), (11) Elizabeth (who married Samuel Andrews), (12) Hannah, (13) Mercy, and (14) Martha (who married Samuel Benton.)

(II) Obadiah Spencer, son of Sergt. Thomas, the emigrant, married Mary, daughter of Nicholas Desborough, of Hartford, and died in 1712. Their children were: Obadiah was the next in line of descent to George B.; Thomas married Esther Andrews; Samuel married Deborah Beckley; Ebenezer married Mary Booth; John married Mary Smith; Desborough married Abigail Elmer; Mary married a Mr. King.

(III) Obadiah Spencer, of Hartford, born there in 1666, died Aug. 22, 1741. He and his wife Ruth had children: Obadiah, born June 29, 1699; Stephen, who is mentioned below; Jonathan, born March 15, 1704; Daniel, born June 10, 1705; Ebenezer; Melitabel, who married Samuel Bishop; and Caleb, born April 26, 1709.

(IV) Stephen Spencer, son of Obadiah (2), was born March 16, 1702, in Hartford, and died Sept. 6, 1760. When quite young he ran away from home, and went to Guilford, where his sister Melitabel lived. On Nov. 5, 1725, he married Obedience Bradley, who was born Dec. 9, 1705, and died Aug. 13, 1759. Their children: Obedience married J. Parmelee, and died June 9, 1750; Ruth married Timothy Luddington; Hannah, born Sept. 25, 1728, died Oct. 24, 1736; Stephen, born Jan. 22, 1731, died Nov. 11, 1756; Obadiah, born June 12, 1733, died Oct. 25, 1736; Mark, born April 12, 1738, married Merrit Stone; Catherine, born in 1740, married Miles Stone; Hannah (2), born Aug. 28, 1743, married Darius Collins, and died Oct. 30, 1799; Obadiah (2), born Oct. 16, 1745, married Mindwell Griffing, and died in 1789; Christopher was the great-grandfather of George B. Spencer.

(V) Christopher Spencer, born March 6, 1748, died March 26, 1796. On May 8, 1767, he married Olive Stowe, who was born Sept. 1, 1746, and died Oct. 3, 1783. His second marriage was to Widow Mary Stowe. Children: Nancy, born Sept. 16, 1768, died Sept. 15, 1769; Uriah, born March 4, 1770, married Deborah Elliott; Nancy (2), born March 31, 1772, married Joseph Wells, and died Aug. 8, 1854; Christopher, born Feb. 6, 1774, married Temperance Tuttle; Samuel is mentioned below; Olive, born in 1778, died April 6, 1798; Achsah, born in 1780, died May 11, 1808; Stephen was born June 28, 1785; Alanson, born March 28, 1787, married Ann Rose; Harvey, born Feb. 6, 1793, died Sept. 15, 1793; Harvey (2), born April 6, 1795, married Fanny Sharpe, Nov. 15, 1838.

(VI) Samuel Spencer, son of Christopher, born June 10, 1775, died March 16, 1871, in Guilford.

On Oct. 5, 1801, he married Elizabeth Tuttle, who was born June 13, 1781, daughter of Daniel Tuttle, and died Oct. 17, 1873. Children: Isaac Stowe, the father of George B., is mentioned below; Samuel Christopher, born May 1, 1806, married Jane Loomis; James, born Dec. 1, 1808, married Emeline Butler, and died May 28, 1874; Olive, born Feb. 27, 1810, married Samuel C. Johnson; Eliza, born March 23, 1812, married George A. Foote; Daniel, born March 12, 1814, married Louisa Mix, and died April 27, 1881; Nancy, born Dec. 21, 1815, married U. N. Parmelee, and died June 28, 1881; Henry, born Sept. 2, 1820, married Sara A. Elliott.

(VII) Isaac Stowe Spencer, son of Samuel, and the father of George B., of Guilford, was born April 17, 1804, in Guilford, and died Oct. 22, 1866. He married Charlotte Brickell, daughter of George and Rachel Brickell, of Clarkstown, Rockland Co., N. Y. She was born in 1802, and died April 20, 1885. They had children as follows: Elizabeth was born Aug. 10, 1830. Christopher, born Oct. 11, 1831, is in business with his brother, George B., in Guilford; he married Jane Collins. James Edwin, born Sept. 20, 1836, is a manufacturer of spectacles in New York City, his headquarters being at No. 16 Maiden Lane; he married Angeline Fenn. Caroline Brickell and Emeline Butler, twins, were born Sept. 13, 1838; the former married Enos A. Hale, and the latter Edwin A. Fowler. George B. was born June 20, 1841. John Stowe, born April 6, 1845, is engaged in the manufacture of spectacles in connection with his brother James E., in New York City; his wife's name was Anna.

Mrs. Charlotte (Brickell) Spencer was of Dutch extraction. Her great-grandfather, Hardenburg, came to the United States from Holland. His daughter Catherine Hardenburg, married James Linkletter, and they had two daughters, Rachel and Sally. Rachel Linkletter married George Brickell, and they had six children: Caroline, who married Joseph Peterson; Margaret, who married James Blauvelt, and after his death became the wife of Levi Abrams; Charlotte, the wife of Isaac S. Spencer; John; Thomas; and James. Sally Linkletter married Benjamin Tuttle, and six children were born to them: Mary Ann (Gager), Feb. 10, 1807; Temperance (Tuttle), Aug. 4, 1813; Samuel, March 3, 1815; Charlotte (Wheeler), Aug. 5, 1817; Caroline (Munger), April 1, 1819; Daniel, Oct. 20, 1821.

Soon after 1851 what was then the Nausup Foundry and machine shop, the outgrowth of a foundry established at Guilford in 1847, by Oliver B. Fowler, was purchased by Isaac Stowe Spencer, and his son Christopher. Subsequently another son, George B. Spencer, was added to the firm, which has been known as I. S. Spencer's Sons since the death of the father in 1866. In 1860 the Spencer brothers erected a brick foundry 60x100 feet, in which was a five-ton cupola; in 1880 they enlarged the works and put in a seven-ton cupola; and again, in 1883, the addition of a brass foundry was

made. Steam power was first applied in the plant in 1872. There is manufactured at these works a complete line of grey iron castings, such as legs for school desks, pedestals for lamps, parts of lock castings, and light castings. In addition the Spencers produce a large number of their celebrated family scales, and do a large business in brass castings. The establishment has long been prosperous, and affords remunerative employment to over one hundred of the citizens of the town. The Messrs. Spencer have carried on the business with great prudence and energy, and to the great advantage of the town. These gentlemen have been prominently identified with the growth and improvement of Guilford from their very boyhood. Christopher was one of the founders and first president of the Guilford Enterprise Co., a manufacturing concern of considerable size and importance to Guilford along in the 'seventies and 'eighties, while George B. has been before the public in various connections for many years. Both brothers are useful citizens.

George B. Spencer received his elementary education in the common schools of Guilford, and when sixteen years of age began work in the foundry, thoroughly learning the business step by step. On his father's death, as set forth in the foregoing, he became a partner in the business. Mr. Spencer is president of the Guilford National Bank. He has been prominently identified with the municipal administration and local progress in public matters generally. In 1877 he was treasurer of the Agricultural Society. He is at present a member of the school committee; has served several years as selectman and burgess; was warden of the borough, 1871-75; was elected to the State Legislature in 1874; and in 1894 served on the building committee which superintended the erection of the town house. His political support is given to the Democratic party. Mr. Spencer's religious connection is with the Episcopal Church, of which he has been a communicant since ten years of age. Since April 1, 1872, he has been a warden of Christ Church. Fraternally he is a Freemason.

In September, 1869, Mr. Spencer married Emma Frances Beckley, who was born Jan. 24, 1850, daughter of Chester and Mary A. (Redfield) Beckley, of Clinton; their ancestors were among the old families of the town. Two children have blessed this marriage, namely: Samuel, born Oct. 20, 1871, is connected with the business of his father; Chester Stowe, born Sept. 27, 1873, is a civil engineer in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Company.

COL. CHARLES WHITTLESEY PICKETT, born in Waterbury, June 13, 1858, is a son of John Mason and Elizabeth Lucy (Cogswell) Pickett. On the maternal side he is a direct descendant of the famous Cogswell and Whittlesey families, and on the paternal side of the Roger Sherman fam-

ily. He was educated in the common schools, at Waramaug Academy, and at Yale University.

The early life of Col. Pickett was spent on the farm in Sherman, Conn., where his father engaged in agriculture after returning from the business of contractor and builder in Waterbury. In 1884 he was associated with Hon. Lynde Harrison, then chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, and in 1885 became a member of the *Palladium* editorial staff. In 1888 he was made financial clerk of the town of New Haven, and in 1889 became deputy collector of internal revenue. In 1892 he organized the Evening Leader Company, and assumed his present responsibility as part owner and editor of that paper. In 1896 he was appointed aide on the staff of Governor L. A. Cooke. Other political offices held by him include that of councilman and alderman of the city of New Haven and chairman of the Court of Common Council, in which latter capacity he served on the committee which gave New Haven the charter from which other cities have copied extensively. He is a member of the Connecticut Society of Sons of the American Revolution, of the Union League, Young Men's Republican, Congregational and Civil Service Reform Clubs, and he is fraternally associated with Hiram Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M.; and also with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Royal Arcanum. He served five years in the Conn. N. G., enlisting in Company F (the Grays), Second Regiment, and he has been identified with military life in several capacities.

JOSEPH GERARD, A. M., principal of the Church street school, of Meriden, is one of the best known educators in this section of Connecticut, a man of scholarly attainments, intellectual strength and pleasing personality.

The birth of Prof. Gerard occurred at Mount Bethel, N. J., his ancestral tree having had its origin in France. His parents were William and Susan (Anthony) Gerard, natives of New Jersey, and the latter is still surviving.

Prof. Gerard was one in a family of six children born to his parents, and his early life was passed on a farm. Until the age of nine years his educational opportunities were limited to the district schools in his vicinity, but his parents soon recognized that better advantages must be provided for one of his quick intelligence. Entering the Centenary Collegiate Institute, at Hackettstown, N. J., he graduated at that institution in 1877, and then entered the Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn. Fulfilling every promise of his youth, Mr. Gerard graduated from this learned institution in 1882, with the well-won degree of A. B., soon after adopting the profession of teaching. His first year was spent in East Hartford, Conn., and from there his labors were transferred to the public schools of Southington, Conn., where he continued until 1884, at which time he came to Meriden. He



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was appointed to take charge of the Old Road school, where he spent ten useful years, and established a reputation as an educator which has never been lost. Having been tendered a position in the United States Custom House, in New York, he resigned his position as a teacher and accepted the new opening, passing the civil service examination and remained in the Government service for some two years.

However, the claims of the old profession outweighed the advantages of this office, and Prof. Gerard decided to return to the educational field. After resigning he was tendered a position in the schools of New York, but the memory of the good people of Meriden was still with him, and hither he returned. Soon after he resumed his old place as principal of the Old Road school, but when the schools were consolidated he succeeded C. M. Williams, who was appointed superintendent, and remained at the West Main Street school two years. When Prof. A. B. Mather became school superintendent he appointed Prof. Gerard principal of the Church Street school. Here he is ably assisted by fourteen other teachers, the school roll numbering over 600 pupils. Besides the Church Street school he has partial supervision over four annexes, from which he receives classes yearly, and which register in all over 1,800 pupils.

Prof. Gerard was married in Middletown, Conn., to Miss Martha J. Chapman, who was born in Portland, Conn., a daughter of Owen Chapman, the two children born to this marriage being: Ruth Wilhelmina, who died in infancy; and Owen Stephen, who is now a student in the Meriden high school. Fraternally Prof. Gerard is a Royal Arch Mason, and is a member of A. O. U. W., Silver City Lodge, of Meriden. Socially he belongs to the Home Club, State Teachers Association and the Schoolmasters Club. Politically he is an Independent. Reared in the Methodist Church, of which his mother is a consistent member, he retains his connection with it, and liberally supports its enterprises. In Mrs. Gerard he finds an intellectual companion, and both are prominent in the social life of this city.

HENRY PAINTER MITCHELL, a prosperous and successful farmer of Southbury, has throughout his entire life lived in that town. He is one of the substantial and highly esteemed agriculturists, who wield a wide influence throughout the community by the exercise of sterling and lofty principles. Mr. Mitchell was born in Southbury, Jan. 24, 1843, a son of Amos and Thalia M. (Painter) Mitchell, and the third child in a family of six children, namely: Josephine, the wife of Herman Perry, a farmer of Southbury; William, who died in infancy; Henry Painter, our subject; George W., a merchant in South Britain; William E., a farmer of South Britain; and Julia, wife of Samuel Averill, a farmer of Southbury.

Henry P. Mitchell was reared on a farm in

Southbury, receiving an excellent education in the common schools and in the private schools at Woodbury, and also in Patterson, N. Y. He assisted during his youth in the work of the farm, and remained on the home place with his father until he attained his majority.

On Nov. 14, 1865, Mr. Mitchell was married to Miss Phoebe Stoddard, daughter of Samuel J. Stoddard. He moved to a farm adjoining the homestead, and there began for himself his long and prosperous career as a farmer, and, in November, 1874, he located on the farm which he now occupies. There he has made all the improvements and now owns and cultivates a splendid farm of 400 acres, carrying on general farming and a large dairy business. To Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have been born seven children, namely: Thalia, wife of Robert C. Mitchell, one of the prominent young business men of Southbury; Martha, wife of William H. Wakelee, a farmer of Southbury; Amos P., of Stamford; Samuel J. and Harry, both deceased; Bessie, at home; and Philip, in Yale University. In politics Mr. Mitchell is a Republican. Himself and family are prominent members of the South Britain Congregational Church.

FRANKLIN E. FOWLER, one of the well-known citizens and real-estate men of Meriden, resides at his fine and comfortable home in Cook avenue, that city. Mr. Fowler was born in the town of Guilford, New Haven Co., Conn., Nov. 24, 1845, son of Dennis and Hannah Maria (Coe) Fowler.

The patronymic, Fowler, at once suggests the idea of a race of hunters, or sportsmen. The Connecticut family of this name is one of the oldest and most distinguished in New England. William Fowler, the American progenitor of the family, crossed the sea from England in 1637, landing in Boston. He subsequently joined the New Haven Colony, and was one of the four pioneers to whom was given, in 1639, a deed of the land which now constitutes the town of Milford, the consideration named in the conveyance being six coats, ten blankets, one kettle, together with a number of knives, hoes, hatchets and mirrors. This William Fowler became an extensive landed proprietor. He appears to have been a man of keen, ready sense and quick perception. Seeing that a saw and grist mill was one of the coming necessities of a new settlement, he secured from the authorities the grant of thirty acres and the full control of a stream, upon the condition of his erecting a mill. This was the first mill to be built in New Haven county, and is yet owned by his descendants. The site is one of historic interest, and in 1889 a memorial bridge and tower were built near the location of the old structure, the first mill there being given a conspicuous place. William Fowler was a successful business man, magistrate, and a pillar of the church, shrewd yet upright, influential, public-spirited and wholesouled. His son, Ambrose, removed to West-

field, Mass., and his grandson John (son of Ambrose) married Mary Hubbard, and settled in Guilford, in 1649. He was a man of substance, prominence and influence, being a deacon in the church, and a deputy in the General Assembly for many years. In recognition of his many services he was given 100 acres of land in Coginchaug, now the town of Durham. He died in 1676, and the records show his estate to have been appraised at £612, 2s, 10d. Of his six children, Abraham was next in line of descent to Franklin E. Fowler.

Abraham Fowler was an influential and wealthy citizen in the early days. He sat in the General Court at Hartford, as a deputy, and was for many years a justice of the peace, as well as judge of the county and higher courts. The appraisement of his estate, after his death, showed him to have died worth £7,421, 18s and 9d. Popular gossip, as evidenced by legendary report, called him the most interesting man in town. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon George Bartlett, and became the father of eight children. During King Philip's war he served as a sergeant, and was wounded in the fight at Narragansett Swamp, in consideration of which, he was presented with the munificent sum of £4 from the public purse. His son, Joshua, married Hannah Bald, and removed to Durham. Prof. William Chauncey Fowler, of that town, is one of his descendants. Another son of Abraham, Ebenezer Fowler (2), the ancestor of Franklin E. Fowler, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He married Desire Bristol, and settled in North Guilford. Eleven children were born to him: Desire, Beulah, Ebenezer (who married a Rossiter), William, Nathan, Thomas, Ruth (the wife of Erastus Dudley), Isaac, Caleb, James and Oliver. Of these Nathan Fowler was the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He married and had five sons and two daughters, named as follows: James, Asa, Augustus, Nathan, Robert, Polly and Sally. Nathan married Chloe Davis, and became the father of eight children, the fifth of whom, Rachel, married Bishop Atwell, and was the mother of Waldo P. Atwell, a well-known and highly esteemed merchant of Durham.

James Fowler, the eldest son of Nathan Fowler, was born in Guilford, March 18, 1774. The old house in North Guilford in which he passed the latter years of his life stood on the Middletown and Guilford turnpike, half way between the two points, and had been formerly used as a hotel. In those days it was owned by Col. Baldwin, and was known as "Baldwin's Inn." Mr. Fowler died there May 6, 1854. He was a farmer, and in addition to agriculture carried on the manufacture of the "Fowler whip lash," well known in its day, which found a ready and extensive sale through New England and the State of New York. The lash was made from leather tanned by himself, and was honestly manufactured, his children working at braiding the long thongs during the winter evenings. It was used

chiefly in driving oxen, and the business was fairly prosperous. Mr. Fowler was noted for his sound judgment, but chiefly for his absolutely incorruptible integrity. He was commonly called "Honest James," and was repeatedly called upon to appraise estates. In his home he was a strict disciplinarian, but just and kind. He was a firm believer in the teachings of Thomas Jefferson, and always deeply interested in the success of the Democratic party, holding, from time to time, various town offices. He was a capital shot and an enthusiastic sportsman, and in his younger days devoted not a little time to the pleasures of the hunt. On Sept. 13, 1804, he married Anna Johnson, a grandniece of David Brainerd, the famous missionary to the Indians. She was born in New York, May 17, 1778, and died Nov. 16, 1861. Their children were ten in number, and their numerous descendants have formed an organization known as the "Descendants of James Fowler," whose annual meetings are largely attended by representatives from the towns of Guilford, Durham, Middletown and Middlefield. Of the children of James and Anna (Johnson) Fowler, (1) Eunice, born June 26, 1805, married Isaac Page, a farmer of Durham, where she passed her life. She was the mother of Henry Page of that town. (2) Austin, born Jan. 22, 1807, married Merah Chittenden. He was a prosperous farmer in North Guilford. (3) Ruth Ann, born Sept. 5, 1808, died in early womanhood on the farm of her husband, Russel Scranton, in North Guilford. (4) Isaac H., born July 24, 1810, married the sister of his brother Austin's wife, whose baptismal name was Harriet, and passed his life upon the farm in North Guilford. (5) Asa, born June 6, 1812, married Laura L. Camp. He, too, was a North Guilford farmer, and is deceased. His widow lives with her son, Silas W. Fowler, who is one of the prominent citizens of Durham. (6) Hannah, born July 28, 1814, married Charles Hickox, a shoemaker of Durham, in which town they both died and are buried. (7) Sophronia and (8) Cynthia (twins) were born Nov. 2, 1816. Sophronia died Sept. 14, 1818. Cynthia grew to womanhood, and was united in marriage to Edwin Hall, a North Guilford farmer. Both she and her husband have passed away. (9) Sophronia (2), was born Dec. 4, 1818, and became the wife of Noyes H. Griswold, a farmer of Killingworth; both are interred in the graveyard there. (10) Dennis, the youngest of the family, was the father of Franklin E. Fowler.

Dennis Fowler's birthplace was the farm of his father in Guilford, the date of his birth being Jan. 14, 1821. He was reared a farmer's boy, and his life was passed in the same pursuits as had been those of his ancestors, for many antecedent generations. After his marriage to Hannah Maria Coe, Sept. 19, 1844, he removed to North Guilford, but within a few years bought a farm in Middlefield, which is now owned and cultivated by Luther W.

Fowler. In addition to general farming he was largely interested in stock-raising, devoting much attention to the breeding of horses and cattle of fine blood. He was successful in a financial way, and left a handsome estate; was prominent in public affairs, serving the town as selectman for several years, besides holding various minor offices. He was bitterly opposed to the tolerance of slavery, and was for many years affiliated with the Republican party. Later becoming more and more deeply impressed with a sense of the evils attendant upon the vice of intemperance, he espoused the political tenets of the Prohibition party, and acted with that party during the latter years of his life. In religious faith he was an earnest and devout Methodist. Of the church of that denomination in Middlefield, he was an active member and liberal supporter, contributing generously toward the erection of a new edifice, not only in money, but also in the use of teams for the purpose of excavation and hauling. He was a man of great physical strength, indefatigable energy and tireless industry, and impressed traits of industry upon his sons by both example and precept. His complexion was both ruddy and clear, his eye bright, and his tread at once firm and elastic. His blameless and exemplary life came to a close Sept. 5, 1893. His wife was born in Middlefield, June 15, 1824, daughter of Elias and Hannah M. (Lyon) Coe, of South Farms. The children of Dennis and Hannah Maria (Coe) Fowler were christened: Franklin E., Hannah E., Harriet A., Alvin C., Amy S., Luther Wilbur, Arthur D. and Rosa M. Franklin E. is mentioned below. Hannah E. is the wife of Andrew Horton, a butcher in Meriden. Harriet A. became the wife of Charles D. Edwards, a contractor in Meriden, and died there. Alvin C. is a builder and meat dealer in Middlefield; he married Alta M. Nettleton. Amy S. has been twice married; her first husband, William Hall, lost his life in a railroad accident; after his death she married Alonzo Dormer, a clerk and bookkeeper in Meriden. Luther W., who resides at the homestead, married Edith M. Pendleton, and they have had seven children, Franklin Henry, Frederick Luther, Ethel May, Leon Wilbur, Ruth Esther, Percy Merriitt and Lester Dennis. Arthur D. married Leonora Benedict, and he, too, is one of Meriden's well-to-do butchers. Rosa M. became Mrs. William Venter, and they resided at Trenton, N. J., where she died; she was a woman of strong Christian faith and earnest piety, and her husband was for many years secretary of the Trenton Y. M. C. A.

Franklin E. Fowler grew up on the home farm, and attended the district school, later the Durham and Meriden academies. He worked on the farm with his father until twenty-one years old, when he started out for himself, going to Middletown. He engaged in the butcher business, working for S. & J. C. Coe & Co., with whom he spent one year, at the end of which time he started for himself in the

same line in Middlefield. After two years he returned to Middletown, and became a partner of Coe & Newell, who carried on a meat business. The firm later became Newell & Fowler, who were engaged in business in Middletown for twelve years. In 1883 Mr. Fowler came to Meriden, where he stated in business with Horton & Eaton, under the firm name of Horton, Eaton & Fowler, as meat dealers in the Colony street market. At the end of seven years he withdrew from the business, and has since been engaged in real estate dealing; in this connection he has built over seventeen houses in Meriden. He has also been engaged in the raising of high-grade poultry, the finest in the State, in which he takes great pride, having taken many prizes at poultry shows in Connecticut and Massachusetts. He is a noted breeder of poultry, and gives special attention to that branch of his business.

Mr. Fowler's home on Cook avenue is one of the finest in that street. The interior is fitted up with all modern improvements, and Mrs. Fowler, who is a lady of artistic tastes, and one of the finest taxidermists in Meriden, has one of the best collections of stuffed birds in the city. She is a model housewife, and has been a helpmate to her husband in every sense of the word. Their devotion to one another is sincere and marked. Mr. Fowler was married in 1873, in Middletown, to Sabina A. Nettleton, who was born Oct. 15, 1849, in Durham, daughter of Henry E. and Cornelia M. (Camp) Nettleton. They have had no children. Mr. Fowler is a member of St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Middletown; Keystone Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; and Hamilton Council, No. 9, R. & S. M., of Meriden. Politically he is a Republican. He was elected to the city council from the Third ward and served two terms, also two years as alderman. He was a member of the committees on Streets, Bylaws and Parks; he served five years on each the Street and Fire committees, for a year being their chairman. He was elected a member of the board of relief in October, 1901, and is chairman of the board. On Feb. 27, 1902, he was appointed by Mayor Seeley and the board of Public Works, Superintendent of Streets of Meriden, succeeding Edward H. Higginson. In religious connection he is a member of the M. E. Church. He has proved himself a good citizen, honored and respected in all his relations, and industrious and enterprising in everything he undertakes.

THE NETTLETON FAMILY, to which Mrs. Fowler belongs, is one of the oldest and best known in Connecticut. Samuel Nettleton, the founder of the family in America, was one of the men who bought Totoket (Branford) for a settlement. They came to occupy their purchase in 1664. Samuel Nettleton died in Fairfield. His wife's name was Maria. Their descendants are numerous in Killingworth, Durham, Madison and Guilford. It is from the Killingworth branch of the family that Mrs. Fowler descends. Her grandfather, Eliphas Nettleton, was

Lorn about 1760, in Killingworth. When a young man he went to Durham, locating on a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits during the rest of his life. His wife, Lydia, was born about 1768, and died Oct. 28, 1860. Eliphas Nettleton was one of the pillars of the Methodist Church in Durham, and was very active in church work. His eight children were as follows: (1) Joseph, a farmer in Durham, married Esther Bailey, of Haddam. (2) Maria, married (first) Stephen Buckley, and later Jeremiah Bailey. She lived in Durham, where she died. (3) Polly married Selden Stephens, and died in Orange, Conn. (4) Harriet and (5) Henry (twins). Harriet married Osmar Fowler, and lived in Durham. Henry E., was the father of Mrs. Fowler. (6) James, married a Miss Dunham, lived in Durham for a time, and later moved West. (7) Isaiah died when a young man. (8) Amanda, married Edward Hawley, a farmer, and lived in the southern part of Durham, near the Guilford town line.

Henry E. Nettleton, the father of Mrs. Fowler, was born March 25, 1807, in the southern part of Durham. He received his education in the district schools, and lived on the home farm until he was twenty-one years old. He then hired out as a farm hand to Capt. Richard Robinson, a farmer in Durham, receiving very good wages for those times, for he was a hard working young man, and thoroughly understood farming. One day he threshed by hand eighteen bushels of rye. He remained with Capt. Robinson for a year, then hired out to a Capt. Allen, becoming foreman in the latter's marble quarry at Marbledale, Conn. Capt. Allen also owned a quarry at Dover, Dutchess Co., N. Y., which Mr. Nettleton operated for a year and one-half. He was there joined by his brother, Isaiah, who was also employed in the quarry, and they both sent money home to their father from their wages. Henry E. worked for Capt. Allen about ten years. He returned home at the time of his father's death, to look after the farm. Later he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the farm, and took charge of the same, caring also for his mother. He re-sided on the home place until a few years after his marriage, when he purchased the property now occupied by his son Henry L., then known as the "Crane Farm," going into debt for it. The home farm he rented. To his new possessions he added in acreage, built many buildings, and carried on in addition to general farming the fattening of cattle. He also burned a great deal of charcoal. He so improved the land that at one time his farm was considered one of the best in Durham. Later he moved to the home farm near by. He and Henry L. then ran both farms together, Henry and the eldest daughter, Rose C., now the wife of C. O. Stone, of Middletown, occupying the Crane farm. The father later removed to Clinton, Conn., where he lived retired, until his death, Jan. 10, 1886. He is buried in Durham. Henry E. Nettleton was a hard working

man, of robust constitution, and more than ordinary physical strength. He was a Democrat in politics, and held the office of first selectman for many terms, the affairs of the town under his management being conducted on an economical basis. He was careful and thrifty, and as a farmer and business man was eminently successful. He was plain and outspoken, and somewhat stern in manner. He was an attendant of the Methodist Church, of which his wife was a member; and was a contributor to its support, also giving liberally to the building of the Episcopal Church, in Durham. He married June 6, 1839, Cornelia M. Camp, who was born March 27, 1806, in Durham, daughter of Fairchild and Melicent (Coe) Camp. Mrs. Nettleton was a school teacher for many years before her marriage, and was a bright intelligent woman. Fairchild Camp, her father, was a blacksmith and farmer in Durham. Mrs. Cornelia M. (Camp) Nettleton died Sept. 29, 1856. To Henry E. and Cornelia M. Nettleton were born the following named children: (1) Rose C., born Aug. 15, 1840, married C. O. Stone, of Middletown; (2) Frances M., born July 29, 1844, married Denison D. Hurd, of Clinton, who died Oct. 21, 1900; (3) Henry Isaiah, born Dec. 12, 1845, married Rosetta E. Miller; (4) Sabina A., born Oct. 15, 1849, married Franklin E. Fowler.

JOHN HALL FRANCIS is a prominent representative of an old New England family in Wallingford, whose emigrant ancestor was Robert Joan Francis, born in England, and settled in Wethersfield, Conn., in 1651. There he spent his life, and died Jan. 2, 1712. His wife passed away seven years previous to this. Following is a list of the names and dates of birth of their children: Susana, Nov. 6, 1651; Robert, Nov. 6, 1653; Mary, Oct. 11, 1656; John, Sept. 4, 1658; Abigail, Feb. 14, 1660; James, March, 1662, died Feb. 14, 1664; Sarah, Aug. 5, 1664.

John Francis, noted above, was born in Wethersfield, where he lived and died. He was a farmer and a land owner. He married Mary Chittenden Jan. 16, 1683, and died Dec. 28, 1711. She was born in 1662, and died in 1745. Of their children we have the following record: John, born Oct. 12, 1684, died Sept. 29, 1749; Tiberance, 1687; Mary, 1689; Thomas, 1690; Abigail, 1695; Rohab, 1697, died in 1717; Joseph, 1698; Daniel, 1700; Hannah, 1703; Sarah, 1705; Prudence, 1708; and Mercy, 1710.

Joseph Francis, son of John and Mary (Chittenden) Francis, was born in Wethersfield. When he grew to manhood he removed to Wallingford, and bought a tract of land in North Farms, where he spent his life. He married Sarah Hubbard, June 8, 1725, and became the father of the following children: Martha, born April 3, 1727, married James Adkins; Joseph, born June 11, 1728; Samuel, born Aug. 18, 1729; Jacob, born Dec. 2, 1732; Sarah, born Sept. 4, 1734, married Enos



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John H. Francis

Tuttle; Amos, born March 23, 1736; Asa, born June 4, 1739; Ruth, born Jan. 8, 1741, married Deacon David Hall; Mary, born March 18, 1743, married Steven Hubbard; Josiah, Sept. 10, 1845.

Jacob Francis, son of the foregoing, was born in North Farms, where his entire life was spent in farming. He died on his farm, and was buried in Wallingford. He was married Jan. 20, 1763, to Martha Mix, and they were parents of the following children: Ruth, born March 16, 1766; Sarah, born May 1, 1767; Lucy, born March 1, 1770; married John Hall; Jacob, born Jan. 1, 1772; Samuel, born March 30, 1774; Martha, born April 30, 1776, married Jonathan Hall; and Anna, born Jan. 9, 1779, married Joseph Hall.

Jacob Francis, noted above, was born on the Francis homestead, and passed his life as a farmer, being in partnership with his brother Samuel, and he died on his farm in 1829. He was a member of the Baptist Church. In politics he was a Democrat, and held position as a constable. He married Content Hall Oct. 7, 1795, who was born in Wallingford, a daughter of Hezekiah Hall. Their children: Olive, born July 7, 1796, married James Rice; Harlev, born Dec. 25, 1801, married Lois Blakeslee; William, born March 4, 1804; Lyman, born March 21, 1806; and Emily, born Sept. 8, 1811, married John Hall.

William Francis, noted above, was born on his father's farm, where he grew to manhood. After his marriage he removed to the farm now occupied by his son, John H. He owned 150 acres, on which he made many improvements, and here his entire married life was spent. He was a farmer and a stock raiser, a hard-working man, domestic in his habits, and much respected in the community. A Democrat, he represented his town in the State Legislature in 1850. He was tax collector for fifteen years. He was twice married. On March 30, 1831, he wedded Emily Blakeslee, who was born in Wallingford, a daughter of John W. Blakeslee. To this union were born two children: William J., born Oct. 11, 1832, became the father of Lyman H. Francis; and Emory, born Feb. 10, 1837, died July 14, 1857. For his second wife William Francis married Julia Cook, a daughter of Col. Thaddeus and Julia (Cook) Cook, the widow of Lewis Tuttle, of Hamden. She is still living at the ripe old age of eighty-two years, a good Christian woman, a kind neighbor, and a devoted wife and mother. Two children blessed this union: Henry, born Dec. 18, 1842, and died Feb. 22, 1843; and John Hall, whose name introduces this article. Mrs. Francis had one child by her first marriage, who died in infancy. Mr. Francis died on his farm April 14, 1879, and was buried in Center Street cemetery at Wallingford.

John Hall Francis, farmer and stock raiser, was born on the old homestead, and attended the district school. He continued his studies at the Meriden high school, and finished at the Yale Business

College. He was graduated in 1876, and after his return from school he worked on the farm. His father died the following year, and Mr. Francis took charge of the farm, and since that time has been engaged in farming. To-day he is one of the best known agriculturists of New Haven county, and is a type of the honorable and upright farmer, successful in his business enterprises, and thoroughly independent in his relation to the world. In politics he is an independent Democrat, but has never given thought or time to office seeking. He is a member of Meriden Grange, and in this organization he has been an esteemed and useful member, filling all the chairs, and being past master at the present time. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, where he has been vestryman for the past eighteen years.

On Oct. 10, 1883, Mr. Francis married Carrie P. Wooding, a daughter of Myron Wooding, and she died Dec. 18, 1887. She was a member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Francis was married Feb. 21, 1889, to Mabel A. Wooding, who was born in Yalesville, and a daughter of Henry C. and Ellen (Jeralds) Wooding. To this union were born four children: Isabel Alice, born Oct. 4, 1890; Caroline Mabel, born Nov. 25, 1891; William Henry, born Feb. 17, 1895; and Edward Raymond, born Sept. 5, 1896. Mrs. Francis is a lady of refinement and culture.

The Cook family, of whom Mrs. William Francis, the mother of John Francis, was a descendant, is fully treated in the history of Marcus E. Cooke, which will be found elsewhere. Col. Thaddeus Cook, father of Mrs. Francis, was born in Wallingford, and was a son of Samuel Cook, and a grandson of Col. Thaddeus Cook. That early pioneer of this part of the State married Lois Beach, and later Sarah Hall. His second wife became the mother of nine children. Samuel, the son of Col. Thaddeus Cook, was born in 1758, was a farmer and land owner, and died in 1824. Col. Thaddeus Cook, his son, was born on Cook Hill, followed farming all his life, and was a highly respected man, very influential in home affairs. Julia Cook, his first wife, was a daughter of Stephen Cook, of Cheshire, and they had one child, Julia, Mrs. Cook. Col. Cook married for his second wife Sylvia Hall, and they had one child, Catherine, Mrs. David M. Hall. His third marriage was to Thankful Hall, and his fourth to Martha Hall (sister of David M.), by whom he had the following children: Caroline married Rev. Benjamin Paddock, of Detroit, Mich.; Sarah married Judge O. Ives Martin, of Wallingford; Emma married Edwin F. Cook; and Francis, born Oct. 12, 1825, died Feb. 25, 1836.

JOSEPH H. C. BACHELDER, engineer at the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co.'s plant, a soldier of the Civil war, was born Dec. 1, 1837, at Windsor, Kennebec Co., Maine. His grandfather, Thomas Bachelder, was a native of London, Merri-

mack Co., N. H., where he followed the trade of cooper, and where he married and reared a family. About 1822 he removed to Maine, and continued to work at his trade several years, but spent his closing days at London, where he was buried.

Joseph Clark Bachelder, son of Thomas, was born in London, in 1794. He grew up there and acquired the cooper's trade under his father's instructions, and removed with the latter to Maine. He settled on a farm in the town of Windsor, and tilled the land in season, putting in the time in winter at work at his trade. Here he spent the balance of his days, and died in 1873, having reached the age of seventy-nine years; his remains were buried in Windsor Cemetery. He was a member of the M. E. Church. In politics he was first an old line Whig, and in his latter years, a Republican. He was married in Loudon, N. H., to Mary Clark, a native of Salem, Mass. She died in Windsor, Me., in 1861, and was buried there. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church, a loving wife and kind mother. Two sons and two daughters comprised their family: Isaac Chandler, born in Loudon, N. H., was a millwright, and died in Windsor, Me.; Hannah and Abra reside in Winsted, Conn., the former being the widow of G. R. L. Penney, and the latter the wife of John H. Dearborn; and Joseph H. C. is our subject.

Joseph H. C. Bachelder, youngest son of Joseph C. and Mary Bachelder, was reared on a farm in Windsor, Me., attending the district school of his neighborhood. At the age of eighteen years he started out to fight life's battles for himself. For a period of four years he worked as a mill hand in the lumber country of Quebec, Canada. In 1859 he became a resident of Connecticut, locating at Winsted, and spent eighteen months in the factory of Cook Axle Co. He then entered the employ of the Winsted Manufacturing Co., where he was when the Civil war began.

On Sept. 15, 1862, he enlisted for nine months' service, in Co. F, 28th Conn. V. I., under Col. Samuel P. Ferris and Capt. Lewis B. Wheelock. With this command, Mr. Bachelder served in the Nineteenth Army Corps, Department of the Gulf, taking part in the siege of Port Hudson, and he was discharged at New Haven, Aug. 28, 1863. Returning to Winsted, he resumed his employment with the Winsted Manufacturing Co., where he continued until 1868. The next nine years passed in the service of the Beardsley Scythe Co., of the same place, where he was foreman of the machine department after the first year. Removing to Milford, he was employed to operate a steam engine in the fertilizer factory of George W. Miles & Co. In 1882 he came to Meriden and accepted the position of engineer with the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., the duties of which position he has fulfilled for the past twenty years. This long period of continuous service is sufficient testimony to his ability and integrity. Mr. Bachelder is not

only a practical engineer, but something of an inventor as well. In 1868 he perfected and patented a rolling mill for rolling scythes, and in 1869, at Winsted, he designed and patented a horse hay fork. Another useful invention of Mr. Bachelder is a steam engine indicator, which he perfected in 1887, at Meriden. All these practical inventions proved highly useful and are now widely used by manufacturers and farmers throughout the country.

Mr. Bachelder is a member of the National Association of Stationary Engineers, of which he was president two years, and has served as secretary. He is identified with St. Andrew's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Winsted, and Merriam Post, No. 8, G. A. R., of Meriden. Entertaining broad views on religious and political matters, he is not a member of any church organization, but endeavors to shape his life by the highest Christian standards, and sustains with voice and vote the principles of the Republican party.

In 1861, at Ansonia, Conn., Mr. Bachelder was married to Margaret Baker, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and who died in Meriden in January, 1889; her remains were interred in Walnut Grove Cemetery. She was a member of the Congregational Church. In December, 1890, he married (second) Mary Pamela Duquette, who was born in Chateaugay, Quebec, daughter of Francis and Sophia (Nonaville) Duquette, of French extraction, the former of whom died in Canada, and the latter in Worcester, Mass., at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Mrs. Bachelder's first husband was Moses Boulanger, who was killed by the bursting of a grindstone in a scythe factory at Winsted. Neither Mr. Bachelder nor his wife have had children, but both have reared adopted children. Mrs. Bachelder is a woman of the most kind and generous disposition, and is much devoted to her home and husband. She is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, and of the French Catholic Church (St. Laurent's).

PATRICK DOYLE (deceased). Ireland has contributed some of our most public-spirited citizens, and the subject of this sketch was, in his lifetime, a no unimportant factor in public affairs in New Haven. He was born in County Galway, Ireland, Feb. 17, 1844, and in 1860 came to the United States, locating in New Haven. Here he entered the employ of Mr. Dibble, learning the brick laying trade, and at the end of five years began business for himself in partnership with William M. Townsend, under the firm name of Doyle & Townsend. In 1878, this firm was dissolved, and Mr. Doyle received the appointment of Superintendent of Streets, an office to which he was most justly appointed by the board of Public Works. He was a member of the board of Public Works, himself, in 1875 and 1876, having been appointed thereto by Mayor Lewis.

On Jan. 16, 1877, Mr. Doyle married Mary

E. Connor, daughter of Richard Connor, and by this union became the father of five children: Ellen Connor, who married George A. Hubbard, of New Haven, and has one son, George; Richard L., book-keeper for the National Casket Company; Walter S.; Francis E. and Alfred, in school. By a former marriage Mr. Doyle had a daughter, Elizabeth, who married John J. Sullivan, a postal clerk in New Haven. Mr. Doyle was a Democrat in his political belief, and always took an active interest in the party. In his religious faith he was a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, and was prominently identified with several Catholic societies, being president of the Knights of St. Patrick. He also belonged to the Loyal Council, Knights of Columbus, and to Roger Sherman Lodge, Knights of Honor. His death on March 18, 1895, robbed the community of a faithful public servant, and his family of a devoted husband and father.

Richard Connor, father of Mrs. Doyle, was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and came early to America, locating first in Massachusetts, and in 1851 coming to New Haven. He engaged in the quarry business in East Haven, Conn., and so continued until his death on Sept. 20, 1888. In 1846, in Springfield, Mass., he married Ellen Maloney, a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, who now resides in New Haven, at the advanced age of four score years. The children born of this union were as follows: Patrick, who resides in St. Joseph, Mo.; one that died unnamed; Mary, who died in infancy; Mary E.; Margaret, who died in Hartford, in April, 1877; John H., who died in 1875; Ellen, who died in September, 1876, at the age of sixteen; and Walter J.

Walter J. Connor, brother of Mrs. Doyle, and the efficient inspector of the water sheds of the New Haven Water Company, was born in Hamden, Conn., Feb. 23, 1863, and was graduated from Yale in 1890. In his Junior year he was elected councilman, and served two years, and later served four years as alderman, being president of both branches. He was also a member of the board of Education, serving two terms, and has been prominently identified with the city government for fourteen years. While chairman of the committee on Buildings, of the board of Education, some of the finest school buildings in the city were built. During his college course he was President of the First Catholic Club ever formed at Yale College.

RICHARD BENJAMIN WOOD, engineer at The Parker Bros. Gun Works, and one of Meriden's representative English-American citizens, was born in the parish of Throghley, County of Kent, England, Feb. 5, 1842.

Richard Wood, the grandfather of Richard Benjamin Wood, of Meriden, was born on the bank of the Thames, in Kent county, where he grew to manhood and followed the occupation of farming. He married Mary Knowles of the same place, and

to them were born six children, namely: John, who came to America and died in Bloomfield, Hartford Co., Conn.; George, the father of Mr. Wood of Meriden; Catherine and Mary, both of whom died in England; Richard, who died in Somers, Conn.; and James, who is a prosperous tobacco farmer of West Suffield, Connecticut.

George Wood, son of Richard, was born in County of Kent, England, and, as his parents were in limited circumstances, he early was taught the labor on the farm. He married in his native home, Sarah Ann Moore, who was a native of East Kent, and a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Foster) Moore. To this union were born these children: Richard B.; Mary Ann, who married Roderick King, of West Suffield; George, who is a resident of Ashley Falls, Mass.; and Nellie A., who married Stephen Nash and lives in Southwick, Mass. The father of these children regarded their future with concern, and seeing little prospect for their advancement in their native land, in 1851 he brought them to America. Landing at New York City, he went at once to Suffield, Conn., where he located on a farm, and engaged in agricultural pursuits for several years. Later he removed to Southwick, Mass., where he spent his declining years, residing at this place for a period of twenty years, his death occurring in December, 1896; his remains repose in the Southwick cemetery. In his early citizenship he became identified with the Democratic party, but later embraced Republican principles, although he never sought or accepted office of a political nature. His early rearing was in the Church of England, but during his residence in Suffield and Southwick, he attended the Baptist Church. His wife also died in Southwick, where she was interred.

Richard B. Wood was but nine years old when he left his native home with his parents and came to America. His education was obtained in the schools in Suffield, and he grew up on a farm. After completing the common school course of study, Mr. Wood engaged in school teaching, continuing through three winters, the summers being occupied with agricultural duties. At the age of twenty years he took up carpenter and joiner work, with George Crane, and continued to work at that trade in Suffield and Southwick, until 1867, at which time he came to Meriden. Four years later he went to New Haven, where he remained four years. In 1878 he entered the Parker gun shop as a carpenter. This continued until 1884, when he was appointed engineer, a position which he has held with great efficiency for the past eighteen years.

On Feb. 8, 1869, Mr. Wood was married in Meriden, to Frances Jane Miller, who was born in Tolland, Dec. 3, 1843, daughter of Joseph Coo Miller, and widow of Lewis O-born, to whom she was married Jan. 2, 1865 (he was born July 12, 1842, and died Feb. 12, 1868; he was a soldier in Co. D, 46th Mass. V. I.). Mrs. Wood had no chil-

dren born to her first marriage, but the children of the second union were as follows: Jennie Dearborn, born March 14, 1870; Charles Seymour, born Dec. 4, 1871; Richard Joseph, born Jan. 10, 1874, died Sept. 28, 1888; Burton Samuel, born Dec. 12, 1875; Frances Louisa, born Feb. 23, 1878; and Lewis Edward, born Aug. 15, 1880. Of these,

Jennie Dearborn Wood was educated in Meriden, where she graduated from the high school, in 1888, from the State Normal School, in 1889, and for the past thirteen years has been one of the most highly valued and deeply appreciated teachers in Meriden. For the past eleven years she has been connected as an educator with the West Main Street school, in Meriden, and is a lady with attainments which befit her for the responsible position which she has so long held, with dignity and efficiency. She is a member of Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter, D. A. R., and is recording secretary of the Meriden Scientific Association. Miss Wood is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and has taught in its Sunday-school.

Charles S. Wood is a young man of excellent character, who graduated from the Meriden high school in 1888, and later became a machinist. He is a prominent member of the O. U. A. M. and I. O. R. M., and has held positions of trust in the Baptist Church, having for years been pianist in the Sunday-school and held different offices in the Christian Endeavor Society. He is identified with the Y. M. C. A., and fills the position of secretary in that notable organization.

Burton S. Wood graduated from the Meriden high school in 1895, and occupies a position with the Charles Parker Co., as clerk and timekeeper. He belongs to the O. U. A. M., also is a member of the Y. M. C. A. and Christian Endeavor, holding office in all three. He is a young man of exemplary character.

Frances Louisa Wood attended the Meriden high school and graduated from the New Britain Normal school in 1898. She taught school in the family country home, at Warehouse Point, and also at Boonton, N. J., and is now one of the capable and popular teachers of Meriden. She was registrar of the children's branch of the D. A. R., and now belongs to Susan Carrington Clarke Chapter, D. A. R.

Lewis Edward Wood, the youngest, is a tool-maker. He is an enthusiastic member of the I. O. O. F.

It will be seen that Mr. Wood has been particularly happy in his family, all of his children displaying unusual talents and being welcome additions to Meriden's highest social circles. Mr. Wood is a whole-souled man, one on whom his friends and fellow-citizens can always rely, and as such he holds their highest esteem. In politics he is a Republican, and religiously is a leading member of the Baptist Church.

The MILLER Family of which Mrs. Wood is a

descendant, was one of those which early settled in Connecticut. An extended history of his honored family will be found in another portion of this volume. Joseph Coe Miller, son of Samuel and Mary (Gilbert) Miller, was born July 26, 1822, and in 1841 married Mary Dousick, who was born June 17, 1820, and died Oct. 23, 1898, in New Haven, a daughter of Gasper and Lucy (Judd) Dousick. Mr. Miller died Dec. 10, 1893, also in New Haven. Their children were: Helena A., born June 18, 1842, married Seymour S. Thompson; Frances Jane, born Dec. 3, 1843, married Richard B. Wood; Richard H., born Jan. 4, 1847, died Feb. 2, 1848; Charles H., born Feb. 9, 1850; Josephine A., born Feb. 7, 1853; Lizzie Maria, born March 13, 1862; and Mary Louise, born Dec. 5, 1864.

NORTON ROYCE HOTCHKISS, M. D., who has been engaged in the practice of his profession for the past ten years in New Haven, is descended from several of the oldest families of this section of New England, and, both by reason of his honorable ancestry and a career which has proved him a worthy sire of such sturdy stock, is entitled to a position among the best residents of that city.

(I) Samuel Hotchkiss, the first of the line in America, is supposed to have come from Essex, England, and was in New Haven in 1641. In 1642 he married Elizabeth Cloverly, who died in 1681. He died Dec. 28, 1653.

(II) Capt. John Hotchkiss, son of Samuel, born in 1643, married Dec. 4, 1672, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Peck. He remained in New Haven, and died in 1689.

(III) Josiah Hotchkiss, son of Capt. John, was born July 24, 1680. He settled in Cheshire, and was the Josiah Hotchkiss mentioned in the old Wallingford records, who, with his wife, Abigail Parker, died in Cheshire, in 1732, of smallpox. In the "History of Cheshire" we find the following: "Near the residence of Mrs. A. M. Beecher a tavern was kept in 1732 by Josiah Hotchkiss. It was evidently at this place that the smallpox broke out in the spring of the year, at which time Mr. Hotchkiss and his wife died of that dread disease. At this place much public business was done in the interests of the new settlement." It is certain that he was the ancestor of Dr. Norton Royce Hotchkiss.

(IV) Josiah Hotchkiss, son of Josiah, mentioned in the preceding paragraph, was born April 3, 1720. According to the "Bartholomew Genealogy," Abigail Bartholomew, born Jan. 23, 1724-25, was married Dec. 8, 1741, to Josiah Hotchkiss, and they were living in Cheshire in 1791. She was a daughter of William and Abigail (Brown) Bartholomew, the latter a daughter of Gershom Brown, of New Haven. William Bartholomew lived in Northford, Conn., where he was engaged in farming. He was a descendant of William Bartholomew (who arrived in Boston from England Sept. 18, 1634, in the ship "Griffin"), through William, William and An-



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drew. William Bartholomew, son of the emigrant, married in 1663 Mary, a daughter of Capt. Isaac Johnson (who was a captain in the Colonial wars, and was killed Dec. 19, 1675, in the Narragansett Fort fight), and granddaughter of Capt. John Johnson (who also served in the Colonial wars, and was surveyor of all the King's armies in America). Andrew Bartholomew, son of William, father of William, and grandfather of Mrs. Abigail (Bartholomew) Hotchkiss, served in the Colonial wars. He was a prominent man in Branford and Wallingford, where he managed his father's mills after the latter's removal to Woodstock, and after the father's death he and his brother Benjamin owned and operated the mills in partnership. Later Andrew devoted his attention principally to farming, purchasing large tracts of land in Branford, Wallingford and adjoining towns. Before 1729 he removed to Wallingford, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was frequently called upon to fill positions of public trust in Branford. He died in 1752.

(V) Josiah Hotchkiss, son of Josiah and Abigail, was born Dec. 26, 1742, and died in June, 1812. He served in the Revolutionary war. The record shows as follows:

HARTFORD, CONN., March, 1899.

This is to certify that Josiah Hotchkiss served in the war of the Revolution, and the following is his service, according to the records of this office: On page 61, "Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution," appears the following: Josiah Hotchkiss, private in Captain John Watson's Company, Colonel Benjamin Hinman's Regiment. Discharged in Northern Department November 20, 1775. In witness whereof we have affixed hereto the seal of this office.

WM. C. T. LANDUS,
Asst. Adjt. General.

(VI) Israel Hotchkiss, son of Josiah and Sarah, born in Cheshire May 30, 1767, spent his life in that town, and was a farmer by occupation. He lived to the age of seventy-three, dying Feb. 21, 1840. He married Martha Royce, who was born March 7, 1765, daughter of Nathaniel Royce, and lived to the advanced age of seventy-five years, dying March 15, 1840, and they had a family of nine children, all of whom are now deceased. Israel Hotchkiss served in the Revolutionary war, and the following is his record:

HARTFORD, CONN., March, 1899.

Adjutant General's Office:

This is to certify that Israel Hotchkiss served in the war of the Revolution and the following is his service, according to the records of this office: On Page 191, "Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution," Appears the following: "Levies who served in the 4th Connecticut Regiment, Colonel John Durkies for the year 1780," Israel Hotchkiss—enlisted July 9, 1780 discharged Dec. 14, 1780. In witness whereof we have affixed hereto the seal of this state.

WM. C. T. LANDUS,
Asst. Adjt. General.

Mrs. Martha (Royce) Hotchkiss and the Doctor through her descended also from the Ives and

Andrews families. She came of stock prominent during the Revolutionary period and early Colonial times. Among the first planters of Wallingford were (I) Isaac and (II) Nehemiah Royce, who made their appearance in the place in 1671. Nathaniel, Samuel, Joseph and Robert Royce were there soon after. All had families, and were believed to be the sons of Robert Royce, who was the first of the name in America.

Ensign Nathaniel Royce, father of Mrs. Hotchkiss, was born May 20, 1734. He served in the war of the Revolution. In Vols. I and II, "Records of the State of Connecticut," appears the record of Ensign Nathaniel Royce's Revolutionary service in the 15th Company, 10th Regiment. On Dec. 3, 1761, he married Lois (Hulls) Doolittle, a descendant of the Hulls, who were the earliest physicians in that part of Connecticut. Her father, John Hulls, was a son of Benjamin Hulls, and a grandson of John Hulls, who served in King Philip's war.

(VII) Seth Hotchkiss, son of Israel, and father of the Doctor, was born Sept. 18, 1808, in Cheshire, was reared on a farm in that town, and received his education in the common schools. In 1829 he went South and married Olivia Davidson, locating in Lancaster, S. C., where he engaged in the business of carriage building for a number of years. Later he became a resident of Fort Mill, that State, where he continued at his trade for a time, finally entering the mercantile business, in which he was occupied until his death. He served fourteen years as postmaster at Fort Mill, where he was one of the first settlers, and took an active part in the affairs of that place. For many years he kept the only boarding house in the town. Mr. Hotchkiss was twice married. By his first wife, Olivia Davidson, he had four children: Caroline, James D., John D. and Seth A. For his second wife he married Mrs. Rebecca L. (Blunt) Steele, who had three children by her first union. To her marriage with Mr. Hotchkiss were born four children, two of whom died in infancy; Martha Emma became the wife of William Sinclair Steward (now deceased), a prominent business man of Charlotte, N. C. Mrs. Hotchkiss, now aged seventy years, survives the father, who passed away Nov. 8, 1886, at the age of seventy-eight. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, while the mother is a Methodist.

(VIII) Norton Royce Hotchkiss was born Aug. 23, 1870, in Fort Mill, S. S., where he was reared and acquired his early education. He was a student for some time at the Fort Mill Academy, and at the age of eighteen years began his medical studies under Samuel A. Kell, M. D. He was also under the instruction of Dr. Alexander Mack, and attended lectures at the South Carolina Medical College and the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, graduating from the latter in 1891. One year before his graduation he received the appoint-

ment of hospital interne, the duties of which position he filled throughout his last year at college. Graduating in the class of 1891, of which he was elected as chairman, he commenced practice in New Haven on June 8th, of that year, his first location being at No. 164 Thompson street. In 1893 he removed to his present residence, No. 150 Shelton avenue, and in September, 1900, he opened a second office, at No. 237 York street. Though a general practitioner, he has gained special note as a gynecologist and obstetrician, and he stands well among his professional brethren, as well as among his patrons. He is a member of the City, County and State Medical Societies, and of the American Medical Association. Fraternally and socially he holds membership in numerous organizations, belonging to the A. O. U. W.; Hammonasset Tribe, Independent Order of Red Men; the D. of H.; Charter Oak Lodge, N. E. O. P., of which he was one of the organizers; the National Fraternal League; the Woodmen of the World; the Pequot Club; the New Haven Gun Club; the Graduates Club; the Knights Templars Club; and the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, affiliating with Trumbull Lodge, F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter; Harmony Council; New Haven Commandery; the Scottish Rite Masons; and Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine. In this connection it may be mentioned that he is examining physician for the D. of H., the N. E. O. P., the National Fraternal League, and the Woodmen of the World; medical director of the Masonic Protective Society, and medical examiner for the Massachusetts Life and Berkshire Life Insurance Cos., and the Washington Life of New York. He is also a member of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guards, and surgeon on the staff of Major Clark, formerly serving in that incumbency under Major Brown. The Doctor belongs to the Kappa Sigma college fraternity, and the Alumni Association of the University of Maryland.

In October, 1893, Dr. Hotchkiss married Miss Lucy E. Belk, a native of Fort Mill, S. C., and they have had two children, Elizabeth M. and Norton Royce. They attend the Summerfield M. E. Church, of which the Doctor is a member, and in which he has held official position.

ISAAC JOCELYN WILD, who was for many years connected with the New Haven Gas Light Co., is a native of Stockport, Columbia Co., New York, having been born in that State Aug. 25, 1842, a son of Joseph and Sarah A. (Jocelyn) Wild.

The paternal grandfather, James Wild, was born in England, and came to America when a young man, building the first cotton mill in the State of New York, at Stockport, Columbia Co., where he had settled, and he manufactured the first mousseline-de-laine in this country.

Joseph Wild, the father of our subject, was also a manufacturer of various cotton goods. He came

to New Haven in 1882, where he still resides, retired from active life. The mother of our subject was born in New Haven, being a daughter of Nathaniel Jocelyn, a native of New Haven, and a noted portrait painter, as well as the founder of the National Bank Note Company, of New York. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wild: Isaac J., our subject; Margaret J., who died in 1859, unmarried; Sarah H.; Josephine, who died in 1869, also unmarried. Mrs. Wild died in 1868. Mr. Joseph Wild has always taken an active interest in politics, affiliating with the Republican party.

Isaac J. Wild, the subject of this review, received his early education in the public schools of New Haven, and later attended Hopkins' Grammar School, finally graduating from Yale in 1867. After finishing his scholastic course, Mr. Wild accepted a position as cashier in a large wholesale and retail establishment in New York City; in 1868-69-70, he was connected with C. S. Malby Oyster House in Baltimore, and in 1872 came to New Haven, where he has since remained. Upon locating here, Mr. Wild became a clerk in the New Haven Gas Light Co., and was elected treasurer of that organization in 1887, which office he occupied until the summer of 1901, when he resigned on account of ill health.

On July 3, 1878, Mr. Wild was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Goodyear, of Hamden, Conn., a daughter of Willis and Emily Goodyear, also of Hamden. Two children were born of this union: Joseph Goodyear, born May 17, 1879, and Jocelyn Plant, born Sept. 28, 1882. On Oct. 11, 1882, occurred the death of Mrs. Wild. Politically, Mr. Wild is a strong Republican; and religiously, is a Congregationalist.

SAMUEL CLARK PADDOCK writes: According to the record in the old family Bible, I was born Aug. 31, 1816, in the South East School District of the city of Meriden, county of New Haven, State of Connecticut. The family traditions trace back to Zachariah Paddock, who came from Wales, Great Britain, and landed in Rhode Island. He afterwards settled in Middletown, Conn., and died May 13, 1800, in the seventy-third year of his age. His son, Samuel, had a son, Samuel (2), who was my father.

My first recollections are of being in the front yard and a friend telling me I was four years old.

My mother, Polly (Sears) Paddock, died when I was six years of age. She was an excellent and faithful Christian woman. I remember my mother saying when her last hour had come, "The Lord will take care of him." My father married Charlotte Yale Jan. 22, 1823, and she was a good Christian and had a good influence over me for several years. I learned to milk, drive the cows to pasture, bring home the working oxen, pick up apples, help the girls wipe dishes and do other light work.

Father had a large farm in East Meriden with many apple trees thereon. One abundant season of apples father let a neighbor, Titus Ives, pick up, grind, and make cider on shares. He gathered that season sufficient fruit to make four hundred barrels of cider, thirty-two gallons to the barrel. Mr. Ives sold the most of his cider to men in Middletown at fifty cents a barrel. They shipped it to the West Indies. Father had his carried to Deacon Ives' still. Father received about seven barrels of brandy, worth about eight cents a quart. It was then proper and nothing unusual for any man to run a still. It was proper for pastors, deacons, and all people to drink distilled liquors. There was a temperance movement in 1835, and many people who had orchards cut down nearly all their cider apple trees, reserving only winter apples. Most of the inhabitants discarded using intoxicating drinks. From that influence our present business men started up in life.

When I was about ten years old I had the care of the young stock, especially colts. On one occasion father was preparing for his men to go in the field. The men boarded with us, and, just as they were ready, a Mr. Coy, a neighbor, came to exchange a young horse for another, which was a "Path Finder." Father said, "Samuel, you go with Mr. Coy, and exchange, and I will go with the men." I went with Mr. Coy and showed him a very good-looking animal with which he was satisfied, at a twenty dollar difference in our favor, and we made the exchange. Father asked whether we traded. I said, "We did." He said, "That is all right," which pleased me and encouraged me to think I knew something about the stock of "Pathfinders."

On another occasion a Mr. Brock, of Middletown, came by our house and inquired if father was home. I said he went to Middletown this morning. Mr. Brock said he was sorry, as he wished to exchange oxen with him. I said, "I can exchange as well as father." "Will your father admit your doing it?" I said, "Surely." Ours was a handsome pair, well-mated, but slower than molasses in winter. His appeared to be lively and were larger than ours. He said he would give ten dollars difference. I said, "You can take them home with you, and call it a trade." Father came home and looked at the new oxen. He said "You must have paid some to boot," which did not displease me.

I was now about twelve years old. Father sent me over to town with a load of oats for the stable at the hotel, requesting me to collect the pay. I delivered the oats, went to the office and handed the bill to the clerk. He threw down the money on the counter and said, rather crossly, he did not want to be bothered with boys. I counted the money, found it half a dollar too much, and said, "You have made a mistake." He thought he knew how to count. "Well, please count it." "Oh yes,

there is too much," and quickly picked up the money. It was a principle of father's to always do as you agreed, and rectify any mistakes.

William J. Ives and myself started to go over to Harbor Brook, West Meriden, to have a bath, and as we went by where Mr. Lawrence was building the Congregational Church the tables for entertainment of those who were helping raise the building were spread with a bountiful supply of all kinds of rum, brandy, etc., and we concluded as we were going by we would step up, as it was all free, and take a nip. We went on to the brook and had our swim. Coming back we wanted to protect ourselves from chills, so we took another nip. It being a common usage, we felt at perfect liberty to do so.

Mr. Reed, from Durham, or Reed's Gap, came to Meriden to buy a yoke of oxen. I was driving two pair for the men plowing in the field. He stopped at the house and father told him where I was driving them so that he could go and see them. He asked the price. I hardly knew the proper price, but told him he might have his choice for a certain price named. He inquired if father would like me to sell them. At that time of life I felt at liberty to transact any business of importance, being about twelve years of age. He paid me the amount asked and took his choice.

When I was fourteen years old I remember Gen. Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren coming through Meriden. As there were no railroads they traveled by stage. We had but two carriages in Meriden that were considered fit for riding. Parties went down the turnpike as far as the gate, took them from the stage and brought them up to town. Walter Booth stepped in front of the carriage and introduced them to the citizens. This was the introduction: "Citizens of Meriden, I introduce to you Gen. Andrew Jackson, President of the United States and the people's president, and Vice President Martin Van Buren."

I continued working on the farm and brickyard until about fifteen years old. I went to school in winter and helped father in the summer.

When about sixteen years of age, our work on the farm and brickyard being nearly finished for the season, said I to father, "I don't care to go to school this coming winter. I'd rather earn a little something for myself." A Mr. Martin had a horse and wagon for the business of peddling tin. I saw Mr. Martin and made an engagement with him to take a team and he furnished tin at the old established "six-pound price." He promised me fifteen dollars per month, and half I could make over. When we settled in the spring he counted and made out that he owed me twenty-five dollars per month, which was very satisfactory to me and, I presume, to him.

The next summer I worked at home on the farm and brickyard. In the fall Mr. Martin offered me thirty dollars, for a month, to sell a new kind of brass kettles that he had. William J. Ives, an old

chum of mine, had engaged to take a load of the same style of goods for Noah Pomeroy. We started together with the loads and went directly to Cape Cod. We traveled together, as there was but one direct road on Cape Cod. He sold at one house, I taking the next, and, as we traveled on, we sold our entire loads for cash. On my return home Mr. Julius Pratt asked me to take second quality ivory combs and go to Ohio to sell them. I considered it too far, and stayed at home.

I proposed to father that I would like to make brick on my own account. He said, "It would take too much money for you to start the business, as you will have to furnish wood and hire help, at least three men, through the summer, before you could get any returns. It will take at least two thousand dollars before you can get anything back." I asked him if he thought Uncle Robert Paddock, in Middletown, would loan me the money. He said, "You cannot give a note, you are not old enough yet." I thought I would try, so walked into Middletown, met the old gentleman, and after inquiring regarding our people, I said, "I would like to make brick," and spoke of borrowing money of him. He said, "You are not old enough to give a note," but he had been down to Meriden frequently and seen me working in the yard, so he said, "I think I will let you have the money." I found a good place on one end of Noah Pomeroy's land and bought a piece sufficient for a yard, and made preparations for working. I hired three men and bought wood ready for burning. The second year, 1836, there was a great panic over the country, and the banks could not redeem their bills. We could not get silver from any bank in the United States for bank bills. All that time I still continued making brick.

In the spring of 1837 I prepared to marry Mr. Casper Hall's daughter. In asking the gift of my intended, he spoke of having "a cage for the bird before getting it." A neighbor of ours, Mr. Coy, offered to sell his home. I saw Mr. Coy and proposed buying the same, a lot and a fine peach orchard. I got his lowest price, five hundred fifty dollars, for the place. I proposed giving him my note, which he readily accepted, although I was not of age at that time. As I had bought "the cage," that settled the matter of engagement and we were married that spring, 1837, a little before I became responsible for my notes. My wife was Janette Hall, daughter of Casper Hall, granddaughter of Brenton Hall (first representative of Meriden in the General Assembly of Connecticut in 1806), and great-granddaughter of Rev. Samuel Hall, who was the first preacher of the Gospel in the town of Cheshire, Connecticut.

I was determined that my notes should be paid in full, though the times were so bad. Mr. Eli Ives and Henry J. Tenant formed a co-partnership and hired my old friend, William J. Ives, and myself to go South with them and sell tinware, paying fifty-two and one-half dollars per month for nine

months, they bearing all expenses. There were fourteen men and eight teams in the party. We were to start Sept. 10 for Alabama, by land. We went by the way of Middletown to New York, by water across to New Jersey, then by land to Washington, from Washington by water down the bay some hundred miles or more; the rest of the way we went by land, all including about fourteen hundred miles. I furnished my own horses, which I had purchased while in the brick business. One of the horses cost me forty dollars and the other one forty-five dollars; they happened to be as good a team as there was on the road. I suppose it was something in driving and caring for them. After we had made about thirty-five miles each day, it was the custom of Mr. Tenant to ride with me, because my team seemed to be the freshest, and go ahead and provide for the night. He usually sought the lowest-priced house. Mr. Tenant would say to the proprietor, "Now, if you will throw in the beer free, we will stop." Rum, brandy and peach brandy would be set free before us when we wanted it. This liberality induced the boys, myself and Mr. Stowe included, to take a little in a bottle to use through the day. After we reached North Carolina I said to Mr. Stowe, "We are taking that a little too often; perhaps we had better not have it along," and he agreed. I picked up the bottle and tossed it over into the bushes.

When we arrived at the end of the journey my horses and William Ives' team were the freshest teams and the best able to continue. As the Alabama river was so low, we could not get the goods up the river, nor tools for the workmen to use. Mr. Ives proposed to me that we take our teams and go down to the bay at this side of Mobile and bring two loads. Our teams were still well enough to continue work, after a few days' rest. The river began to rise, so the remainder of the goods were brought up by steamer. We soon started out. Mr. Ives and myself with our loads started north as far as Talladega. I met a man there from South Carolina who asked me if I would exchange my team for his carriage horses. I said, "Yes, if I could make it better for myself." I proposed the exchange for twenty-five dollars. He said he would give me twenty dollars, which I accepted. I drove up to a hotel at the old mound where Jackson fought and was surrounded by Indians, and was obliged to send a scout to Georgia and bring recruits, to drive the Indians away from the fort. I traveled in the South nine months, and settled seemingly to the satisfaction of the parties for whom I worked. I was planning to go North with the horses which I had at that time. A gentle man from Montgomery came to where we were located, and said he would like to exchange a saddle horse for my horses, as a man in Montgomery wanted just such a pair. The exchange was made, and I received \$137.50 to boot, besides horse, bridle and saddle. Having now only one horse, and there

being no railroads, I rode on horseback, in company with two others, starting for Illinois to see the country. We stopped at one of the banks at Huntsville, Ala., and exchanged our paper money for silver, with which to buy western lands. We had to pay twenty-four per cent. on our bank bills to get silver, as the government would not take any money unless it was gold or silver. The bank bills were State bank bills, as good as any in the country, except South Carolina bills. I had my wages and the difference in horse trading, five hundred dollars, and paid about one hundred dollars exchange. I put four hundred dollars in silver into a pair of old stockings and placed it in my saddle bags, which made it quite inconvenient for riding on the saddle. We continued traveling North through Tennessee and Kentucky, crossed the Ohio river at Cavern Rock, afterward going through what was then called Egypt in Illinois. It was timber land, and the water was very poor. We came to Vandalia, the former seat of government, which had been removed to Springfield about this time. We found the land improving as soon as we came to the prairies and the country grew better, and as my friends were so well pleased with the country there they took up land at government prices. I continued my journey on toward Springfield, going by way of Hillsboro. The country grew better for farming purposes. The land on the Sangamon river appeared the best I ever saw for farming, but I found that the people there were suffering with chills and fever, generally looking more like cakes of tallow than human beings. They were moving across the Mississippi river to get a better climate, therefore I concluded to return to my home in Connecticut, and went by the way of Chicago. I traveled by land to Toledo, then by boat to Buffalo, and continued by land till I reached my home. I met William Hale a few days after arriving. He proposed to buy my saddle horse. I sold him for \$132.50. All the parties were satisfied and pleased with their exchanges, and I think my luck ought to be satisfactory to me.

I continued in the employ of other parties a few years, first with E. A. & G. Coles, selling dry goods. I was one year with Parker & White, selling dry goods, and had the pleasure of hearing them say, when I settled in the spring, that I had given them satisfaction. They paid me about eighty dollars per month, and thereby I was able to pay Uncle Robert Paddock, and I think I settled my note with Mr. Coy with brick, which he transferred to Samuel Yale.

I then went to New York and purchased goods for myself, having no one to recommend my credit. I went to one store where Major Cowles and his son-in-law, Mr. Churchill, were sitting, and Major Cowles said to me, "Mr. Paddock, what are you doing here in New York?" "I came down to buy some goods to take to Alabama, if they will sell them on time." Major Cowles said to Mr. Church-

ill, the merchant, "If he buys goods, he will pay for them; he will want time." Knowing the condition of the Southern trade, that the people there wanted time, as they sold their cotton in the spring, and were buying their goods on four months, I wanted four months on my purchases. Mr. Churchill told one of the clerks to wait on me, and I selected what I wanted. On leaving the store I said, "I wanted about five hundred dollars worth of silks," and they proposed introducing me to the importers. I bought what silks I wanted on the same time, four months. I then took courage and bought hardware. The hardware firm inquired where I was buying my goods, and I told them of Churchill & Co., and Alfred Edwards & Co. They said it was all right, and sold me the hardware. Then I went to a shoe establishment and bought on time, and I had no difficulty in getting all or any kind of goods I wanted.

I proposed to Mrs. Paddock that she go with me and take our two children. I had a pair of horses and a convenient top wagon. We put a feather bed in the back of it and a trunk forward to sit on. We buckled the curtains down when we traveled and put the children over back, so that they could play or lie down. We took the Western route, through Virginia by the way of Harper's Ferry, and followed the National road through to Georgia, then down the Alabama river as far as Lowndes county. There we received our goods from the river, and hired a house. The owner was a single man, with no family excepting negroes. We had rather rough board, including plenty of cabbage and turnip greens, with bacon and coarse corn bread. We stood it for a few months, then moved about four miles down to the river to a Mr. Archa Howard's. We had fine board and enjoyed it very much. We rented a store there, and in the spring our youngest, George Byron, was teething and appeared quite feeble. Our eldest babe, Mary, was well, but we concluded it would be safer for the sickly babe to come North. We went as far as Savannah, then took a sailing vessel for New York. We were thirteen days on the water, which was very favorable for Byron. The child had overcome his trouble and become well again, after our return. We cleared at least fifteen hundred dollars in the winter's work.

We spent the summer at home and purchased more goods and hired John Lucky Ives to go with us. I stayed in the store and Mr. Ives did the traveling. We did very well through the winter, and closed up our business for the season. In returning I had an interesting trip. Mr. Ives came with us. The railroad between Montgomery and Columbus, Ga., was built, but from Columbus we took a stage. I did not like the driver's actions, therefore I became a little anxious about traveling in the night. In the night about midnight the stage stopped. The driver seemed to be fixing the carriage, and I supposed everything was all right.

About two o'clock in the morning the driver stopped to change horses, which they did every ten miles. I got out and put my hand back to see if my trunks were all right, then got back in the stage and rode on to the next stop. Just at the break of day the driver got off his seat and came to the back of the stage and said, "The stage has been robbed." I got out and saw that my trunk was gone, in which were valuable papers, about eighty dollars that men South had given me to purchase goods for them, and six or seven thousand dollars worth of accounts and bills. I said to the stage driver, "Drive on, and I will go back and find my trunk, if possible." The driver said there was no use. I instructed my wife to go on with Mr. Ives to the end of the stage route. I engaged two horses and a man to go back with me. The servants had been tracking over the road, but inspiration seemed to direct me, after I had gone nearly ten miles, to what seemed to be a suspicious track. I got off my horse, found a stick and measured the track, both length and breadth, then put the stick in my pocket. We rode back to the stage stand and I ordered breakfast for myself and servant. I engaged four or five men to go back and hunt for the trunk. We went back to the track, and, supposing it to turn to the left, looked the ground over and over and over again. I seemed to be impressed that that side of the road would be the one. We looked until dinner time, went up to the house, ate our dinner, and going back I saw the same track and it was going across the road. All hands went on the other side of the road and hunted for an hour or two in the woods and bushes. By the middle of the afternoon one of the men gave a loud shout, a regular Southern yell, and we supposed he had come across the trunk. All hands went to where he was, and found the trunk. It was in a nest of leaves and had been opened, all the silver being gone, as well as tobacco and some essence. All my stockings had been opened to see if they could find something. The papers remained. I had it carried to a blacksmith and the lid fixed and ready to go on the next stage. The stage being filled, I was compelled to put my trunk on the top and get up there myself. I found my wife and Mr. Ives at the end of the route. From Savannah we had no trouble and reached home safely, all standing it very well.

I continued in the South for several winters, with my family, and returned in summer. Having spent so much time among the plantations, which in Lowndes county were large, I had an opportunity of seeing the working of the institutions, and saw scenes which surpassed "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in showing the cruelties of slavery.

The question of slavery or Free-soil in the new territories impressed me as a great one, and my vote being in Meriden I decided to cast it for Free-soil and John C. Fremont. I was told by Mr. Yale, the postmaster at Meriden, "If you cast that vote it will raise the devil with your business." Still I

voted, and my partner, Mr. R. D. Twombly, in Alabama, wrote me that he understood I had voted for Fremont, "That being the case, you cannot sell goods here." I wrote him, and did not deny that I voted for Free-soil. He wrote, "It will not be safe for you to come to Alabama," and I took his advice and remained at home. I stayed at home fifteen months. My business indebtedness in New York, with new extensions, amounted to eighteen thousand dollars. Matters seemed to be coming to a crisis. I said to my wife, "I am going to Alabama to see to my business." I went there the day before Christmas, Friday, and on Saturday morning I found that the Vigilance committee had been notified and came there to the store. I saw them ride by and come to the post office, which was in my store. They came in one by one and inquired for a letter. I said, "Good morning," to each. Col. Moore, who was appointed the head of the Vigilance committee, said to Mr. Twombly, who was in the store, "They have appointed one o'clock to take Paddock out. I would advise you to tell Mr. Paddock he had better retire, for they may commit some violence." This meant business for me. Mr. Twombly said, "You know me well enough to know I would not stand by and see you abused without resenting it," and in that case some one would probably get badly hurt. I said, "That would be useless," and he said "Col. Moore things you had better retire." I took the advice and went into the woods a half a mile or more, where I spent the remainder of the day. Some negroes came out from a plantation and said, "Massa, you had better look out for them fellows, they mean business." "You had better go and not be found here," said I. "I would not want you hurt on my account." I stayed there until sunset, then walked up toward the place. I went in and kept myself quiet and waited until the crowd of fellows, who were rather filled up, were going back. The servant girl prepared the supper. After supper I retired for the night, and no other person being there it was rather lonesome. I fastened the doors and windows, then lay down, and it seemed as though the Lord inspired a plan, which I said in my mind I would adopt, and then went to sleep. In the morning I had my plan clearly in mind and said to Mr. Twombly, "It being Sunday we will go to Hayneville," the county seat, about twenty miles distant, "and will employ a lawyer to draw up a bill of sale that I propose to make. It will include my personal property, notes, accounts, indebtedness from everyone, goods, and everything pertaining thereto, and also I want you to have the rights of the store and all real estate, the little plantation of 160 acres." This was done, and I took the deed with me for my wife to sign, and proceeding from Hayneville about three miles to a railroad station, boarded the train and started for home.

From time to time Mr. Twombly wrote me regarding his payments in New York. He had paid all I owed—at least, eighteen thousand dollars. He

had collected some money, and sometimes, indirectly, I ordered a few goods for him. He paid all; and finally, when secession broke out, wrote me a letter saying, this will be the last letter I can write, as the post office will be broken up and we cannot send letters from the South to the North.

I went on a little farm in Meriden, and paid three thousand dollars for it. My family had increased to four, after losing one little boy three years of age. We lived on the farm and managed to make a very comfortable living. As the war progressed, some of the people became alarmed in regard to the money of the United States, which they thought would be worthless. Mr. Hinsdale, a former pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Meriden, came from Massachusetts and inquired for a farm he might buy, as he was afraid that the money of the United States banks would not be good, and they directed him to my house. He came in the morning and I greeted him as an old resident, and he inquired if I would sell my farm. I said "Yes." "How much?" "The price is six thousand dollars." He wanted the refusal of it for a few days, and I gave him only till sundown. He came over before that time and said, "I will take it." I don't suppose all the talking about it took over thirty minutes. We were both ready for a trade. He took most of my farm tools, horses and cattle, which added more to the income. By that means I had a few dollars to invest.

The next place I bought was standing where the First Methodist parsonage stands, which I purchased for seventeen hundred dollars. The next place was where I now (1901) live, and with that I secured a tract of land in the south of Meriden, one mile from the depot—twenty-five acres for fifteen hundred dollars. This was heavily timbered, and after cutting off the wood I laid it out in lots and streets for building purposes. As the railroad was then using wood for fuel, I had no difficulty in selling it at a good price. I employed men to chop, cord and cart it, and after paying all expenses cleared about eighteen hundred dollars.

After the war had ceased Mr. Twombly wrote me that the negroes were all free, and they did not know what to do. He was going to hire some of his former slaves and others to work for him, to see if he could make a crop of cotton, and if he could he would divide it with me, although everything he had had been confiscated. In the fall of the year he wrote that his cotton was all picked and being packed. He was going to Mobile to sell it. I had a letter from the commission merchants of Mobile, saying Mr. Twombly had sold his cotton and requested them to send a portion of the proceeds to me. They enclosed a draft for seven hundred dollars. When Mr. Twombly went down the river to Mobile he was quite ill, and the next night he grew worse and died. This is the winding up of my plantation store. All interest and debts were paid in New York.

I started a meat and vegetable market in Meriden, in the brick block on the corner where Seth Hall's store now stands. A fire swept everything clean and I had to remove to a new location. I bought the place where the corner tea store now stands. It being an open brook bank on either side, I brought timber from the wood lot and laid it from bank to bank, covered with planks and built thereon. A bridge was built by the town, but the contract was to build only in the traveled road, and I paid for the building of the bridge as far as my land. The parties on the south side did the same for their sidewalk. I continued business about fifteen years, and found myself pretty well worn out. I sold out my business, and finding nothing particular to do soon had a gun and dog, and got into the habit of enjoying hunting during the fall season. I went to Minnesota with other parties, and spent the fall there for ten years.

Mr. Paddock is by religious profession a Baptist, and a worthy and beloved member of the church at whose communion table he sits, but no man except himself has formulated his religious creed. He has been a close student of the scriptures, and bases his belief upon the direct study of them. While charitable in spirit, and tolerant of others' views, he is not the less firm and positive of his own. When a young man he could not read "fire and brimstone" either out of or into the gospel of Christ, nor could the church committee convince him that the parable of the rich man and Lazarus is a picture of the realities in the next world, but rather in this. In his view God is emphatically one, and the terms of the old theology describing him as three persons are to be interpreted, to make them correct, as manifestations of him. So, too, Christ was the human personality in whom God chose to manifest himself wondrously, the manifestation, however, being not different in kind from that in other persons, but only in degree; and the work of Christ operated for man not as vicarious suffering for his sin, but as a powerful exhibition of divine love for him, teaching him how to live. He regards the judgment day as running parallel with human earthly life, and as being coterminous with it, both at the beginning and at the end, and not a stupendous assize at the end of all things temporal. To him also the second coming of Christ is a repeated event of divine mercy or wrath appearing in the striking providences which happen to persons or nations, such as the fall of Jerusalem or the sanguinary war which ended American slavery; and death is the dissolution of the unjust into non-existence, but for believers in Christ, by virtue of their life in him, it is their transference to the eternal world, where all that is temporal and material has dropped away from them forever, in the event of dying. Mr. Paddock deems these reforms of doctrine suggested in his creed essential to the

full power of the Gospel in the world, and attributes the greater part of the current skepticism of the age to the false teachings so prevalent concerning these great Biblical truths.

Mr. and Mrs. Paddock lived together for fifty-seven years, sharing the burdens and reaping the rewards of industry. Five children were born to them, of whom two died: Samuel Archer Paddock, born Oct. 10, 1847, died Nov. 29, 1850; and Adella Paddock, born March 16, 1854, died Jan. 17, 1876. The children now living are: George Byron Paddock, of Jackson, Minn.; Mary Ann, wife of Frank M. Hall, of West Haven, Conn.; and Maud B. Paddock, of Rialto, Cal. Mrs. Janette Hall Paddock died July 22, 1894, aged seventy-six years, four months, and was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Meriden. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and was greatly beloved for her many excellent Christian graces.

On Oct. 10, 1895, Mr. Paddock married, in Bridgeport, Conn., for his second wife, Sophia H. Manwaring, in whom he has found a true helpmeet. She was born in New London, Conn., daughter of Adam and Susan (Harding) Manwaring, of that place. Mrs. Paddock is thoroughly educated, cultured and refined, and was formerly a successful teacher in the public schools of New London. She is a woman of fine Christian character. Mr. and Mrs. Paddock, surrounded by a large circle of friends, enjoy together their ample fortune. He has lived to see the dawn of the twentieth century, and is enjoying as good health as could be expected at the age of eighty-five.

HARRY STEVENSON BRADFORD, superintendent of the pen-manufacturing department of the Miller Brothers Cutlery Co., Meriden, is a popular young man, of inherited talent and ability, succeeding both his father and his father's father as a penmaker. He was born in Mount Vernon, N. Y., on the last day of the year 1874. His father, George Bradford, was a native of Birmingham, England, born in 1830, one of ten children born to George and Martha (Morgan) Bradford, both also natives of Birmingham, where George Bradford (1) followed the business of penmaking until his death.

George Bradford (2), father of Harry S., attended school in his native city and learned the trade of penmaking in the factory of his father. With four others he came to America when a young man, intending to start the pen business here. Coming first to New York, he went thence to Newark, N. J., and worked a short time there at toolmaking, after which he formed a partnership with George Harrison and engaged in the manufacture of pens under the firm name of Harrison & Bradford. Later he moved to Mount Vernon, N. Y., where he continued to manufacture pens until the year 1880, when the Miller Brothers Cutlery Co. instituted a pen-manufacturing department in their works at Meri-

den and called Mr. Bradford to its superintendency. Here he spent the last fifteen years of his life, giving general satisfaction. He died at his Meriden home July 24, 1895, and is buried in Walnut Grove cemetery. Mr. Bradford was a member of the M. E. Church, a Republican in politics, but never an office seeker, a member of a New York City Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Pilgrim Society, of Plymouth, Mass., which latter he joined Jan. 1, 1870, as a descendant of the Pilgrim Governor Bradford. On Oct. 14, 1856, he was married in Newark, N. J., to Sarah Ann Lavender, a native of his own town of Birmingham. She was a daughter of John and Mary Ann Lavender, who brought their family to this country while young and settled in Newark, N. J., where the father engaged in making steel buttons, etc. He died in Mount Vernon, N. Y., and is buried there. After his death his widow came to Meriden and made her home with her daughter. Here she died, and is buried in the West cemetery, Meriden. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lavender were members of the Episcopal Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Bradford eight children were born: (1) Annie died at the age of six months; (2) Florence married M. D. Brown, and resides in Chicago; (3) George went West; (4) William died in boyhood; (5) Martha Louise married Edgar Chambers and has one child, George E., born in 1890; (6) Lillian married Edward Molloy, of Meriden, and died leaving one son, Harry; (7) Harry Stevenson is mentioned below; (8) Clarice Adele married Alfred J. Batten, of Meriden. Mrs. Bradford married, for her second husband, George Lowe, a native of Coventry, England, who died in November, 1900, and is buried in Walnut Grove cemetery. Mrs. Lowe is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Harry Stevenson Bradford came to Meriden with his parents. He attended the public and high schools there until 1889, when, at the age of fifteen years, he commenced to learn the trade of penmaking, under the guidance of his father, who taught him every branch of the business and then made him his assistant. Harry S. was still in his minority when his father died, but his ability was so marked that his employers appointed him to succeed in the superintendency. He has now been seven years in that position, and by his faithfulness and ability has given the most complete satisfaction to every one concerned. His honorable character, thorough mastership of his calling, and general capacity, joined to attractive social qualities, have earned him the regard of all who know him. He is domestic in his tastes, a member of the Center Congregational Church, and a Republican in politics, but not an active participant in public affairs. His musical talents are worthy of note. At the age of sixteen years he played first violin, and led an orchestra of fifteen pieces. He plays the saxophone, the violin and the viola; has been a member of the City Band; is secretary and treas-



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urer of the Brotherhood of Orchestra, in which he plays first violin; is a charter member of the Meriden Orchestral Club; a member of the Association of Wheelmen, and of Meriden's Cycle Club. He has taken part in numerous musical entertainments, and has played the violin and viola in several churches, and in all the prominent concerts given in the town during the last ten years. He is now the leader of Bradford's Orchestra, which plays only concert music and performs at special social and fraternal functions.

Harry S. Bradford married May Elizabeth Quigley, who was born in Meriden, daughter of Patrick J. and Elizabeth Greer Quigley. She is a woman of education and refinement, a cultivated musician, too, and was a teacher of music. She presides with easy grace over her happy and hospitable home, wherein melody and harmony reign. She is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

SHELDEN CHURCH, of Seymour, was a native of the town of Oxford, where he was extensively engaged in the timber business, getting out vessel frames and taking them to New York. He was obliged to cart the timber as far as Derby, and there load it on vessels, that being the only method of transportation in those days. When Ansonia was built he furnished the frames for many of the buildings, factories and residences from chestnut timber, cut on his own land, and sawed at his own mills (which were run by water power) with the old-fashioned "up and down" saws. Mr. Church was an extensive land owner, and carried on farming on a large scale. When some fifty years of age he moved into Seymour, and retired from active participation in business affairs.

Shelden Church married Laura Lines, of Bethany, and of this union were born five sons and one daughter—Henry, William, John, Charles, Noyes and Alice—all of whom survived their parents. But one son, Charles (who lives in Cincinnati), and the daughter, Alice (who married Frederick Beecher, of Seymour), are now living (1902). Although not an active politician, Mr. Church was an unflinching Democrat, and decided in his views; he held a number of offices of trust in connection with town affairs. He died highly respected and esteemed in 1874; his wife passed away in 1871.

William Church, father of Shelden, was a contractor and road builder, and operated chiefly in New York and New Jersey.

JOHN CHURCH, third son of Sheldon Church, was born in Oxford June 30, 1830. His home was in his native town, but so near the Seymour line that he was well known in that town, and virtually a part of it. Like his father he was a large land owner, and engaged extensively in the timber and wood business. Of a retiring disposition, he took only such part in public affairs as he regarded the duty of each citizen. His death occurred Aug. 2, 1888.

In 1861 John Church was united in marriage with Sarah M., daughter of William S. Whiting, and two sons blessed their home: (1) Lewis Whiting, born in Oxford, in June, 1862, has charge of the landed estate left by his father, and assists his brother in his business. He is an earnest churchman, serving at present as junior warden of Trinity Episcopal Church in Seymour. (2) Stephen Betts, born in August, 1866, is extensively engaged in erecting suburban water works, the sale of gasoline engines and agricultural machinery; he has a large store house in Seymour, and one at his home in Oxford; his offices are in Seymour and Boston. His business is conducted on so large a scale as to necessitate agents throughout New England and the employment of a large force the year round. Both sons are unmarried, and make their home with their mother on the old homestead.

WILLIAM S. WHITING, well known in his day in New Haven and Seymour, was born in Great Barrington, Mass., March 28, 1803, a son of Samuel Whiting, and traced his line direct to Gov. Bradford, of the "Mayflower," whose great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Adams, married Samuel Whiting. When William S. was but a few years old his father moved to Redding Ridge, Conn. About 1840 he removed to New Haven, where he resided until 1856, when he determined to accompany his eldest son on the latter's removal to Ohio. After two years, however, Mr. Whiting returned to Connecticut, locating in Bethany, whence after a short time he removed to New Haven, remaining there until 1861, when he went to Camden, N. J. The charms of the Garden State, however, did not overcome the love of home, and when his health failed he again turned his face toward Connecticut, and this time located on a farm in Oxford, near Seymour. Here he resided until his death, which occurred in his seventy-ninth year, while on a visit to his son, William Samuel, in Waterbury.

In 1832 William S. Whiting was united in marriage with Aurelia Sherman, and of this union were born five children, as follows: (1) Stephen Betts is mentioned below. (2) Sarah Maria married John Church, and resides in Seymour. (3) William Samuel married Susan Gray, of Ansonia, and had six children. He died and is buried in Camden, N. J. (4) Edward Sherman married, died and is buried in Camden, N. J. He left one daughter, who was two weeks old at the time of his death. (5) Charles Linus died in New Haven at the age of three years. William S. Whiting, the father, was a quiet man, devoted to his own fireside, but his genial disposition made of him a great favorite in social circles. He was very fond of music, and quite proficient for the times, ever taking a leading part. With a decided fondness for reading, he kept well posted on current events. In his religious belief he was an Episcopalian, and he always took an active part in church work, being for many years

teacher of the Bible class and a member of the choir. When occasion required he often acted as lay reader.

STEPHEN BETTS WHITING, son of William S., became a prominent mechanical and mining engineer. His business life began in New Haven, and he was also located at Urbana, Ohio, and Alton, Ill., building machinery and steam engines, and at Camden, N. J., he was engaged in ship building and the construction of marine engines, etc. He afterward became general manager of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co., leaving it to accept a similar position with the Calumet and Hecla Mining Co. He retired from active work in 1901, and now lives in Cambridge, Mass., spending his time between his home there and his summer home, known as "Rock Cottage, at Swampscott, Mass. In 1857 he was married in Alton, Ill., to Kate B. Draper, and their union was blessed with six children, of whom five are yet living. The only daughter, Clara Minnette ("Minnie") married Milford Hunsiker, of Athens, Pa. (now residing in London, England, as the European representative of the United States Steel Corporation), and she died leaving one son, Harold W. (1) Charles Wilcox, eldest of the five sons of Stephen Betts Whiting, is now living in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, England, where he is works manager of the Broad Oaks Iron Works (he is married and has five children); (2) Walter Sherman is married, has three children and resides in Milwaukee, Wis.; (3) Albert Draper, a practicing physician, is married and resides in Philadelphia (he has two sons); (4) Howard Earle, living with his father in Cambridge, is married and has one son; and (5) Stephen Edgar, a teacher in the Electrical Department at Harvard, is unmarried and resides with his father.

SAMUEL A. FLIGHT, one of the well-known farmers and dairymen of Highwood, Conn., is one of the prominent men in the town of Hamden, and for one of his years he is probably without an equal in his town, when his success in life, in contrast with his advantages, is considered. His career goes to show what a young man can do if he possesses application, energy, and, above all, a reputation for being honest and trustworthy.

Mr. Flight was born in the town of Fairfield, Conn., Dec. 17, 1860, son of Samuel J. and Sarah J. (Smith) Flight. Samuel J. Flight was born in England in 1822, second child of James Flight, who was for years a carriage maker in New Haven, Conn., where he was a well-known and respected citizen. He served for some time as organist of Trinity Church of New Haven. In Parish King Stanley, Gloucestershire, England, June 16, 1820, James Flight married Mary Bundy, by whom he had ten children.

Samuel J. Flight when a young man learned the trade of carriage maker in New Haven, and followed that business almost entirely during his

active life, working at same in several cities in Connecticut. His death occurred in August, 1886, when he was aged sixty-four. During the latter years of his life he made his home with his son Samuel A. He married twice, and by his first wife had two children: Albert, who died in infancy; and Mary, now Mrs. Joshua Kramer, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. For his second wife Mr. Flight married, in 1851, Sarah J. Smith, who was born Oct. 11, 1832, in East Windsor, Conn., a daughter of Albert G. and Sarah (Harger) Smith, of East Granville, Mass., the latter a daughter of David Harger, a miller by trade. The children of this marriage were as follows: James H., who went West, and died in Kansas; Samuel H., who died in childhood; Sarah J., Mrs. William Patterson, of Hamden; Isabella J., Mrs. William Walbridge, of New Haven; Samuel A.; Harriet S., who died in childhood; Emma L., who died in childhood; Charles E., a joiner of New Haven; William W., a journeyman barber; Lillie, Mrs. Louis VanBuren, of New Haven; and Minnie, of New Haven. The mother makes her home in New Haven. The father was a man of quiet reserved manners. He was well read and thoroughly posted on the issues of the day. While in politics an independent voter, he was a warm admirer of Horace Greeley. He was a member of Center Church, New Haven, and was buried in Evergreen cemetery, that city. Mr. Flight served three years and three months in the war of the Rebellion, as a bugler in the First Connecticut Cavalry. As a musician he belonged to several different musical organizations throughout the State, and was for some years a member of Wildman's Band, in New Haven, a well known organization in its day.

Samuel A. Flight was little more than a child when his parents removed to New Haven, where, at the Dixwell school, he received his early literary instruction. His educational advantages were vastly inferior to the opportunities of to-day. His parents were people of limited means, with a large family, and as soon as the boys became old enough they were put to work. When but a lad of ten years young Samuel went out to work, soon coming to Hamden, Conn., where he first worked for B. C. Woodin. He attended in District No. 10, in Hamden, during the winter season. The scenes of his boyhood days at school were just across the street from where his present elegant home is located. Picture this youth attending school, and every day at recess, while engaged in play, no matter which way he would look, he saw land that was later to be his. As he trudged to school in the morning, or home in the evening, there was farm land on both sides of his route which in later years he was to own. In those days the future did not seemingly promise so much for him. He was a poor boy, whose entire capital was his energy and push, and his reputation as a steady, reliable worker. Working for various farmers, he always tried to please



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his employer, and on leaving had always increased the number of those who would speak well of him. Working around as he did, his schooling was, of course, interrupted greatly, and really ended at a time when it was little more than begun. However, he possessed those traits of character which schools do not produce; so, while deficient in one respect, the loss was more than made up in others, as his later success gives evidence. Mr. Flight's life was that of a farmer boy until he reached about the age of sixteen, when he went to work in the Winchester factory, in New Haven. Here he worked as a "swedger," and during the two years there employed saved some little money. When he left this factory it was to take up the business of peddling. From his savings he bought a horse, and began peddling vegetables, which business he followed for about one year, when he concluded to go to farming. He rented the George A. Dorman farm, which he now owns. Although but a lad of nineteen he was full of energy and ambition, and this step marked the inception of a business that he has followed ever since. When he first rented the Dorman farm he had a partner, and their first year in business resulted in the loss of practically all the money Mr. Flight had. Doubtless it was anything but encouraging to one of his means and age, but right here in his life came a period when the value of a good name was made evident to him. Mrs. George A. Dorman, who had the management of the farm he had rented, knowing of his depleted financial condition, and also the kind of a young man he was, offered to advance him means sufficient to enable him to again carry on the farm, which offer he accepted, and at once success came to him. The experience of the previous year was just reversed, and each year thereafter saw an improvement of his condition as well as enlargement of the business, which soon included dairy farming.

On Nov. 17, 1881, Mr. Flight was married to Esther U. Dorman, eldest daughter of George and Ellen (Doolittle) Dorman. The death of his mother-in-law occurred in the spring of 1882, so that the management of the farm practically fell upon him. It proved to be a matter of simply giving the man an opportunity to show his worth, as his management was able and profitable, and, under his direction, affairs prospered and have ever continued to do so. Improvements followed in land and buildings, the business was carried on more extensively, and in connection with gardening he for eighteen years conducted a milk route in the city of New Haven. Although he has disposed of this route he has continued as a producer, and wholesales his milk. Mr. Flight has bought land from time to time, as his business required, until he now owns about eighty acres, in the management and care of which he is thorough, systematic and highly successful. The old Dorman farm, on which he resides, has been improved by him in many ways.

He has built a new barn and outbuildings, and the well-kept condition of the entire place entitles it to rank among the very best kept farms in the town. An original idea of his, and one which he put into execution, was the construction of an ice house and dam, giving him storage for over 1,200 tons of ice, which he markets direct to consumer. In the management of his extensive business Mr. Flight is familiar with every detail, his thorough practical knowledge of the work enabling him to be an excellent judge of help and consequently the results are of the best. He is not wedded to any particular method of farming, but is ever on the alert to improve or modify, so as to meet the fitness of his land, or to secure the best results therefrom.

To succeed as Mr. Flight has requires close attention to business, yet he finds time to take quite a prominent part in town affairs. He served two years as chairman of town committees, three years as assessor and has been a member of the board of relief. In the session of 1899 he was doorkeeper of the Connecticut House of Representatives. He is thoroughly progressive, and ever ready to encourage any movement for the benefit of his town, and just as ready to oppose the other kind. His first vote was Democratic, but since then he has been one of the staunchest members of the Republican party in his town, where he wields no little influence, and can be said to be one of the advisers and counselors of his party.

Socially Mr. Flight is a member of Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., of Hamden; Pulaski Chapter, of East Haven; Eli Whitney Council, O. U. A. M.; Sheffield Lodge, K. of P.; and Israel Putnam Lodge, A. O. U. W. He is also a member of the Union League Club of New Haven. Mr. Flight's success has not been brought about by penuriousness, as he has lived well, enjoyed life, and has indulged in many of its pleasures. However, success has not served to change him. He is a plain-going man, somewhat outspoken and always understood, modest to a degree that would do him an injustice, if he were to be judged by his manner, as it is in no way suggestive of his thrift. He has always tried to do his duty as a good citizen; if he failed, it was because he was sincerely wrong. Mindful of his own struggles, he has shown himself ready and willing to help a friend or the needy. He enjoys a large acquaintance, which includes prominent men in different localities throughout the State. As a whole, he is one of the best examples of a self-made man in the town, and for his years he is probably without an equal in Hamden.

ALBION WINSLOW PENDENTER, contractor in the sawing department of the Meriden Cutlery Co., and a leading citizen of South Meriden, was born March 20, 1843, in Parsonsfield, York Co., Maine. His father, Henry Pendexter, was also a native of York County, born in 1799, and was a

son of Paul Pendexter, a farmer and landowner, who spent his life in that region.

In the spring of 1843 Henry Pendexter settled in Bridgeton, Cumberland Co., Maine where he acquired land and spent the rest of his days. He died there in 1881, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a loyal citizen, imbued with the true American spirit. Though not an active politician, he supported the principles of the Whigs in early life, and when the Republican party succeeded the Whigs he affiliated with the new organization. He was married in Parsonsfield to Nancy Libby, who was born in New Hampshire, a daughter of James Libby; she died in 1868, at the age of sixty-four years, and was buried in Bridgeton Cemetery. She was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, and a loving and faithful wife and mother. Twelve children were born to them, namely: Mary, Martha, Hannah, Olive and Nancy, all deceased; Albion W.; Elmira and George, of Waltham, Mass.; Simeon, who resides in Maine; and Lydia and Sarah, both deceased; and an infant (sixth) who died unnamed.

Albion W. Pendexter was educated in the district schools of Bridgeton, whither he was taken by his parents when only one month old. He remained on the home farm until nineteen years of age, when he enlisted in Co. I, 11th Maine V. I., in July, 1862, under Col. Plaisted and Capt. Merrill, and served until the close of the war, being promoted to the rank of sergeant. He took part in a number of battles and minor engagements, receiving a bullet wound in the face at the battle of Deep Bottom, Va. He was in hospital several weeks and returned to the ranks near Petersburg, Va., and was mustered out at Richmond, Va., June 12, 1865. Returning home, he worked in a tannery about two years. In 1866 he became a resident of Connecticut, and at once entered the employ of the Meriden Cutlery Co., at South Meriden, where he continued two years. He next engaged in the grocery business and continued two years (holding the office of postmaster during the same time), at the end of which period he sold out to Mr. E. B. Clark, with whom he remained as clerk thirteen years. Resigning this position, he opened a grocery in the city of Meriden, and catered to the trade until 1885, when he sold out and took up contract work with the Meriden Cutlery Co. For the past seventeen years he has been thus actively engaged, in the sawing department, and has earned and receives the respect and esteem of all who are brought into business or social relations with him. He fills a prominent place in the life of the community, and is everywhere regarded as a good citizen. With his family, he attends the M. E. Church. As a good soldier, who fought to abolish the institution of slavery, he naturally affiliates with the political party which brought about its abolition, and no one doubts his fealty to the Republican party, his country and his friends. He is devoted to his home and

family, and has never sought a prominent part in public affairs. Having borne an active and honorable part in the strife of internecine warfare, he is now content to enjoy a well-earned repose in the companionship of those nearest and dearest to him, but is still active and industrious in the prosecution of his business.

On June 12, 1868, Mr. Pendexter was married in South Meriden, to Miss Roxana Eunice Stevens, a native of that place, and daughter of Philander Stevens. Mrs. Pendexter died at her home in South Meriden on her wedding anniversary in 1896, and was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Meriden. She was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, and in her demise the community lost a good neighbor and faithful Christian woman, and her family a most devoted wife and mother. Her children were: Nellie Myra, Flora Belle, Eunice May, Ralph Stevens and Frank Wasson. Of these, Eunice May died in infancy; Nellie Myra married Frank G. Seeley, son of Mayor George S. Seeley, a traveling salesman residing in New Haven, and they have one child, Guy Pendexter Seeley; Flora Belle resides with her father; Ralph Stevens is employed at the Aeolian works in Meriden; and Frank Wasson is a traveling salesman for the Cleveland Gas & Electric Fixture Company.

Philander Stevens (deceased), son of Jeremiah Stevens, was a well-known citizen of South Meriden. He was born in Killingworth, Middlesex Co., Conn., and grew to manhood there. For forty-five years he was employed in the sawing department of the Meriden Cutlery Co., at South Meriden, and died there Dec. 16, 1896, his remains being interred in Walnut Grove Cemetery. He was a man of genial disposition, much devoted to his wife and family, and everywhere respected. Politically he was a Democrat. He owned a fine home in South Meriden, where it was his delight to entertain his friends. A leading citizen of the place, his departure was widely regretted. He married Eunice Brown, a native of Windsor, Hartford Co., Conn., daughter of Silas Brown. Two children blessed this union, Roxana E. and Nellie M., of whom the former is the wife of Albion W. Pendexter, and the latter of William Garlick, of South Meriden, whose biography is a valuable feature of this work. Mrs. Stevens survives her husband, and takes delight in her grandchildren and great-grandchild, who are never tired of visiting at her pleasant home. She is a member of the M. E. Church, a lady of fine Christian character.

LEON D. MONKS, D. D. S., founder and proprietor of the Philadelphia Dental Rooms, at No. 781 Chapel street, New Haven, is one of the very foremost men in his profession in that city, and his success may be attributed solely to his close application and painstaking efforts in his calling. Dr. Monks in less than a decade has built up one of the most lucrative practices in his line in the



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Elm City. Coming as he did to New Haven in 1892, an entire stranger, his future was dependent upon his merits entirely, and his subsequent success consequently reflects greater credit. His rapid rise, all considered, stands without a parallel in the city in his line.

Dr. Monks was born Dec. 6, 1864, at Ansonia, Penn. His father, John Monks, was a native of New Jersey, and married Mary E. Ormsby, a native of near Binghamton, N. Y. John Monks resides now at Chatham Valley, Penn., a highly respected citizen. Dr. Monks received his primary education in the public schools, supplementing same by a course in higher instruction at Williamsport, Penn. His early work in his profession was in Pittsburg, Penn., after which he entered the University of Cincinnati, graduating in 1892. He then located in New Haven, where his success has been extraordinary, not only as the result of his skill as an operator, but also because of his pleasant and genial personality. An extensive practice such as Dr. Monks has built up requires the services of several assistants, but all the work is done under his careful supervision.

Dr. Monks is well known in the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Wooster Lodge, No. 79, F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter, No. 2; Harmony Council; New Haven Commandery; and the Scottish Rite Masons, including the thirty-second degree and Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine. He is at present junior warden in his commandery, and is a member of the Knight Templar Club. The Doctor is also a member of Sheffield Lodge, No. 2, K. of P., of which he is past chancellor, a member of the Foot Guards, and of the Royal Arcanum, and takes an active interest in all these organizations, in which he has hosts of friends. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and a valuable member of the Young Men's Republican Club. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Church, as is also his wife.

The Doctor was married, in March, 1896, in New Haven, to Miss Ida Benoit, daughter of Charles Benoit, and they have two children: Leon C., born Nov. 30, 1897; and Leroy J., born March 2, 1899. Dr. Monks built his excellent home on Howe street. He is justly regarded as a representative citizen of New Haven.

EUGENE P. GOLDEN, the capable and efficient superintendent of the hollow ware manufacturing department in Factory E, of the International Silver Company, of Meriden, is a native of that city, born Sept. 16, 1852.

The Golden family was early implanted in New York, and in the city of Poughkeepsie, William H. Golden, father of Eugene P., was born June 24, 1820, and there he was reared. His parents died when he was still a lad, and very early in life he was obliged to care for himself. After completing his apprenticeship with James Weeks & Co., of Pough-

keepsie, in the Britannia business, he engaged in this line of work on his own account in Newark, N. J., and was prospering, when he lost all of his effects by fire. The late Isaac C. Lewis and others were engaged in a similar enterprise in Meriden, and, as Mr. Golden was known to them as a skillful man in the business, he secured a position with them and took up his residence in Meriden in June, 1848. No mistake was made by these business men in this regard, and Mr. Golden remained in their employ for more than half a century, proving almost invaluable to them. He was superintendent of the factory for many years, or until the occupation of the present plant, soon after the opening of the Civil war, and after that he had charge of the entire lower floor of the establishment, consisting of the spinning, buffing, casting and press departments. His devotion to the interests of his employers, his faithful and prompt attention to business, and his skill in his particular line of work, made him a successful manager of his charge. Mr. Golden served the interests of the Meriden Britannia Co., and its successor, the International Silver Co., from June, 1848, to Feb. 20, 1900, the date of his death—almost fifty-two years of continuous service. His even and genial disposition made him a great favorite with the employes of the factory, and his faithfulness and strict attention to business made him a most valuable man to his employers.

Mr. Golden was one of the founders of St. Paul's Universalist Church society, and in his early life took an active part in its work and support. When he came to man's estate he was a strong supporter of the political principles of the Whig party, and became identified with the Republicans when they succeeded the Whigs, giving his sympathy and support but never seeking, or accepting, any official position. He had long been a worthy member of Meriden Center Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F., of Meriden, and was a man of most exemplary habits, temperate and considerate in all things, and one who was constantly interested in the welfare of his family. Few old citizens of Meriden were held in higher esteem.

William H. Golden was married in Newburg, N. Y., to Miss Lydia M. Turner, who was born in Walden, Orange Co., N. Y., a daughter of John and Hannah Turner. She died July 18, 1895, her interment being in East Cemetery. Mrs. Golden was a most estimable, Christian woman, an example of all the virtues of exalted womanhood, a devoted wife and a wise and judicious mother. She was connected with the First Methodist Church, where she was held in the highest esteem. The nine children born to William H. Golden and wife were: William H., of Meriden (see sketch elsewhere); Mary, deceased wife of Henry M. Taylor, of Boston; Annie, deceased wife of Horace S. Catlin, of Meriden; Augusta, deceased wife of Charles L. Hinman; Eugene P., whose name begins this article; Melissa, Mrs. Frank W. Dayton, of Meri-

den; Ida, wife of Henry C. Ludington, of Meriden; Emma, Mrs. Charles E. Coates, of Meriden; and Charles H., also a resident of Meriden.

Eugene P. Golden grew up in this city, and in his early boyhood attended the public schools, but became wage-earner at the early age of thirteen years, entering the factory of the Meriden Britannia Co., after which he attended school only a part of the time. At the age of fifteen years he entered the spinning department, and thoroughly learned the art of metal-spinning, after which he worked for a considerable time as journeyman in this line. His skill and fidelity soon attracted the notice of his superiors, and he was made assistant foreman of this department, under his father. In this responsible position the son continued for a number of years, his efficient qualities making him each year more valuable in the operation of the plant. No more faithful service could have been given had the business been his own, than Mr. Golden gave through that quarter of a century, and that he was appreciated is shown by the fact that he was appointed in 1893 as superintendent of the hollow-ware manufacturing department. For the past nine years he has given the close and careful attention which this work demands, and his efforts to combine in an orderly and economical manner the work of men and machinery in his department for the benefit of all concerned have met with gratifying success.

On Oct. 2, 1872, Eugene P. Golden was united in marriage in Meriden, with Miss Irene A. Colvin, who was born in Hartford, a daughter of Timothy and Julia E. Colvin, well-known and esteemed citizens of Meriden. Two children were given to Mr. and Mrs. Golden. Ada, the first-born, died in infancy. Ida, who passed through the primary and high schools of the city, became the wife of Edward J. Pooley, of Meriden; she has one son, who bears the name of his paternal grandfather.

For many years Mr. Golden has been conspicuous in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a prominent member of Meriden Center Lodge, of which he is Past Grand, being also a past District Deputy Grand Master of the State. He is a member of the New England Order of Protection, an insurance organization. In politics he is a Republican. He has acceptably represented the Fifth Ward in the City Council, being clerk of the Fire committee one year, and serving on the Sewer and Printing committees, and was also elected alderman, serving with great capacity on several important committees, notably those on Parks, Health, Fire and License, being chairman of the last two. Mr. Golden is now a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, having been the first Republican appointed on this board. For a number of years he has exerted an influence in his party councils, and he is identified with many of its leading measures in this locality. Both Mr. and Mrs. Golden are members of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Golden is secretary of the Ladies' Social and Benevolent Society of that Church. She has filled this responsible position since 1898, and her complete and well-written annual reports of the society, as well as reports at the annual roll-call, have been the subject of many favorable comments and congratulatory felicitations.

E. HENRY BARNES, of the firm of Sperry & Barnes, pork packers, New Haven, is known as a leading business man and successful dealer in that city. He was born Jan. 17, 1838, in North Haven, a son of Deacon Bayard and Cleora (Lindsley) Barnes, and on both sides is descended from the pious Puritan stock of early Colonial history.

The Barnes family was founded in Connecticut in 1640, when Thomas Barnes arrived from England and located at East Haven. By his wife, Elizabeth, was born one son, Thomas (2).

Thomas Barnes (2) was born Aug. 26, 1653, and on June 26, 1675, married Mary Hubbard. On her death he married Abigail Frost.

Thomas Barnes (3), son of Thomas (2), was born July 26, 1687, and married Mary Leek May 18, 1709.

Capt. Joshua Barnes, son of Thomas (3), was born July 11, 1722, and married Deborah Woodin Dec. 26, 1745. He died June 7, 1790, she in 1782. He won his title in the Revolution.

Deacon Joshua Barnes, son of Capt. Joshua, was born in 1756, and died Aug. 11, 1839. A patriot of the war of the Revolution, he enlisted in June, 1776, in the company commanded by Capt. Jacob Brockett. In 1779 he was on the "Alarm List." In 1797, 1798 and 1799 he represented his town in the General Assembly, and for fifteen years served as justice of the peace in North Haven. In 1800 he was chosen a deacon in Dr. Trumbull's Church, and retained that position until his death. His name appears on the United States pension rolls of 1832. Deacon Barnes was an extensive farmer in North Haven, where he was also engaged successfully in stone dealing, cabinet making and blacksmithing, becoming quite well-to-do. He was justice of the peace for many years, and exercised much influence in the community, where he was highly esteemed for his many sterling qualities. Mercy Tuttle became his wife Feb. 15, 1781, and died April 1, 1828. They became the parents of six children: (1) Joshua, born in 1781, died Nov. 25, 1886; (2) Frederick, born July 4, 1784, was buried in the North Haven cemetery; (3) Mercy, born Aug. 16, 1787, died at the age of four months; (4) Mary, born May 30, 1789, was married in 1811 to Andrew Pierpont, and died May 20, 1840; (5) Rebecca, born April 5, 1791, was married in 1818 to Eleazur Warner; (6) Bayard was born in North Haven Jan. 22, 1794.

Deacon Bayard Barnes, youngest child of Deacon Joshua and Mercy (Tuttle) Barnes, was a prominent man of godly spirit. During the first

half of the century just closed he was one of the best known and most highly honored citizens of North Haven. Born near the close of the eighteenth century, he early walked before his fellow-men with such sterling worth and manly piety that in 1824, when only thirty years of age, he was chosen a deacon in the church, and sustained such relations until 1861, a period of thirty-seven years. A devout Christian and a high-minded gentleman, he died in the triumph of faith, leaving to his children the legacy of a noble name and the memory of a beautiful affection; and to all men the example of an upright and just life. When eighteen years of age Bayard Barnes left home and went to Ithaca, remaining there for two years, when he returned to North Haven. His marriage to Beda E. Gill, daughter of John Gill, took place Nov. 6, 1816. Soon after this he again went to Ithaca, N. Y., where he was engaged in farming some two years, then returning to North Haven. By his first marriage Bayard Barnes had three children: Augusta, born Aug. 1, 1817; Beda Goodyear, born Oct. 1, 1819; and Ellen A., born Feb. 5, 1822. Deacon Barnes was married March 31, 1824, to Cleora Lindsley, who was born in 1799, daughter of Deacon Munson Lindsley, of Northford. To this union came the following children: Andrew, born Feb. 3, 1825; Bayard Elizur, Dec. 11, 1826; Celestia Cleora, Aug. 10, 1828; Marcus Lindsley, Dec. 10, 1830; Eli Henry, July 20, 1832; Herbert, Feb. 4, 1834; Stewart, July 16, 1836; Eli Henry (2), Jan. 17, 1838; and Cleora.

E. Henry Barnes, whose name introduces this article, was reared on the old homestead, and worked on the paternal acres during the spring and summer, attending the district school in the winter season. He came to New Haven Oct. 6, 1858, bringing no capital with him save that of a good name and a determination to maintain against all the temptation and vice of the world his clear character and moral nature. This he has never failed to do. His first employment in New Haven was found in the meat market of an elder brother. On Sept. 1, 1860, Mr. Barnes entered the employ of S. E. Merwin & Son, continuing with them for nearly four years, excepting a brief time when he was engaged in business in Meriden. In March, 1864, he became associated with his brother Herbert in the wholesale butcher business, the firm being H. & E. Henry Barnes. From this firm E. H. Barnes withdrew in October, 1870, and the same month was organized the firm of Sperry & Barnes, consisting of Joel A. Sperry, E. Henry Barnes and Joseph Porter. To the advancement of the business interests of this firm Mr. Barnes has since devoted his unremitting attention. The Sperry & Barnes establishment is one of the largest and oldest devoted to pork packing in Connecticut. Its business reputation is beyond question, and its individual members are men of the highest character, presenting to the world the highest type of New England

manhood. These gentlemen were among the first to see the possibilities of exporting American meat to foreign countries. They grasped the opportunity, and their foresight has brought them a very considerable fortune. For years their product has gone outward to England and the continent. Their works are roomy, and furnished with every modern appliance for facilitating business. At the yards, on Long Wharf, the firm slaughter over 200,000 hogs a year, and give employment to over 300 men. Their home markets are in New England and the Middle States, and their office is at No. 114 State Street, New Haven.

Mr. Barnes has been true to his ancestral faith, and has taken much interest in church affairs. He is identified with the Church of the Redeemer, has served as a member of the "Society Committee," and took a prominent part in securing the payment of the church debt, toward which he contributed liberally. He is a Republican, has no desire for civil honors and has refused every invitation to become a candidate for political office. Esteemed and beloved by all, he is one of the best of the citizens of New Haven. Socially he holds membership in the Quinipiac Club.

Mr. Barnes has been twice married, his first wedding occurring Christmas Day, 1862, when he was united to Miss Jennie E. Cargill, of Monroe, Conn. Mrs. Barnes died in 1869, leaving two children: Jennie E., born Oct. 17, 1865, died in February, 1870; and Clara M., who was born Nov. 8, 1867. For his second wife Mr. Barnes wedded May 25, 1870, Esther C. Post, of Hartford, Conn., daughter of Ezekiel Augustus and Clarissa (Brown) Post. To this union has been born one child, Bayard, born Nov. 8, 1872. Clara M. Barnes married Sidney Hosmer, of Boston, and of this union there are two children: Esther, born May 26, 1896; and Sidney B., born Feb. 4, 1899. Mr. Hosmer is general manager of the Boston Electric Light Co. He graduated from Yale in 1892. Bayard Barnes, the only son of E. Henry Barnes, is instructor in chemistry in the Scientific School of Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1895; three years later he received the degree of Ph. D.

LEVERETT G. HEMINGWAY for many years conducted a wholesale and retail milk business in Park street, New Haven, and was well and favorably known in that city. A native of East Haven, he was born Aug. 29, 1828, and was descended from a family long identified with this section of the State.

Moses Hemingway, the great-grandfather of Leverett G., was born in East Haven, Aug. 14, 1751, and died Jan. 5, 1806. He married Martha Tyler, who died Sept. 25, 1801, at the age of forty-nine.

James Hemingway, son of Moses, born June 12, 1777, married Jan. 27, 1797, Elizabeth Bradley.

daughter of Josiah and Comfort (Hitchcock) Bradley. Josiah Bradley died in September, 1827, aged eighty-four; his wife died May 17, 1811, aged sixty-eight.

Samuel Hemingway, son of James, born Sept. 9, 1803, in East Haven, died Oct. 2, 1849, in the triumph of faith. He was equally conscientious as a deacon in the church, as a farmer and cobbler and as a curator at the colleges. On April 2, 1826, he married Amanda White, who was born in 1808, and died in 1886.

Leverett G. Hemingway, son of Samuel, was reared in East Haven and New Haven, received his education in the public schools, and before the Civil war was an engraver with Edward Benjamin. He enlisted first with the three-months men and was captain of his company, and later served three years in the Connecticut Heavy Artillery, being honorably discharged at the close of the struggle with the rank of major. Mr. Hemingway always took a deep interest in military matters, and was the founder of the Hartford City Guard. In 1870 he retired to a farm, but subsequently engaged in the milk business, and was thus employed until he passed away December 8, 1893, at the age of sixty-five years. His life was an exemplary one, and he was honored and respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Hemingway was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Bailey, born in Brighton, Penn., in 1825, and of Quaker parentage, being a daughter of William and Mary (Buckman) Bailey. Five children blessed this union: Anna married Addison C. Brown; S. Roger is cashier of a bank in Redlands, Cal.; Fanny A. married Hiram C. Taintor; Leverett is engaged in the milk business in New Haven; and Mary was married April 16, 1884, to Dennis F. Ryan, and has one child, Agnes. Mrs. Hemingway, who now makes her home with the daughter Fanny, is a member of the College Street Church, with which Mr. Hemingway also united.

Dennis F. Ryan was born April 12, 1861, in New Haven, son of Timothy Ryan, a native of Ireland, who was a painter by occupation, and followed that trade many years. Timothy Ryan served in the Civil war in the Ninth Conn. V. I., celebrated as the "fighting Ninth." He married Ann Ryan, of Tipperary, Ireland, who survives him, and is now (1901) sixty-six years of age. They had two children: Dennis F. and Thomas, the latter engaged in the grocery business in Westville. Dennis F. Ryan was reared and educated in Westville, and for a number of years has been interested in the milk business in partnership with his brother-in-law, Leverett Hemingway.

JOHN WILLIAM McDONALD, city sheriff of Waterbury, Conn., was born in County Queens, Ireland, March 18, 1848, a son of John and Mary (Newman) McDonald, natives of the same county.

John McDonald, the father, was a farmer in

Ireland, and there his death occurred in 1849. He was a prominent man in his community, particularly in religious matters, and for years had served as sexton. He married Mary Newman, and of this union were born ten children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Margaret is the wife of John Gaffney, and resides in Ansonia, Conn. (2) Elizabeth married John Ward, and both died in Newark, N. J. (3) Edward went South in 1856, made his home in Charleston, S. C., until the outbreak of the Rebellion, when he went to Houston, Texas. From that State he enlisted, and served under General Jackson through the war. In 1867 he returned to Waterbury, but died in Newark, N. J., in 1871. (4) Maria (deceased) was the wife of Martin Phelan, of Waterbury. (5) Julia married Patrick Reed, and lives in Waterbury. (6) Ann married Philip Boylan, who died in 1865, and she is also deceased. (7) Sarah, now Mrs. James Meehan, resides in Waterbury. (8) John William is the subject of this sketch. (9) Jane is married to James Leeney, of Waterbury. (10) Catherine is still single. The death of the father occurred almost immediately after the advent of the tenth child, and the widowed mother brought her little army of children to America, settling in Waterbury, Conn. The lamented death of the mother took place in Waterbury March 10, 1888, at the age of eighty-eight years. She had reared her family in the religion of her ancestors—the Roman Catholic.

John William McDonald was but three years of age when brought to Waterbury, and this town has since been his home. At the age of eight years he left school, and went to work for the Waterbury Clock Case Co., at a time when there were but two men in its employ. A few years later he went to the Steele & Johnson Co., where he remained some time, and then entered the employ of the Holmes, Booth & Haydens Manufacturing Co. In 1858 he went to New York, where he was employed about a year in a store, and for a part of the time he lived in that city he held a position as bartender. He enlisted in 1861, but did not take part in the war. In 1866 Mr. McDonald returned to Waterbury, and again entered the employ of Steele & Johnson, and later of Holmes, Booth & Haydens. In 1867 he joined the Fire Department, becoming a member of Phoenix company, in which he served over thirty years, or until its dissolution. He is now a member of Rose Hill Company, No. 5, being the oldest volunteer fireman in the city. He is also a member of the Conn. National Guard. He served several years as special policeman, and two years as a regular, and then for some time was connected with A. M. Young in setting up telephones. In 1878 he was elected city sheriff, and has proved himself to be an efficient and competent officer.

On Oct. 18, 1875, Mr. McDonald married Mary A. Gagain, a native of New York, and a daughter of John and Mary (Garvey) Gagain, natives of Ireland. Seven children have blessed this marriage.



John W. Danall

viz.: Charles E., born in September, 1877; Loretta; Elizabeth; John W., Jr.; George, at school; and Georgiana and Harry both died in infancy. Politically Mr. McDonald is a Democrat; fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, and is a charter member of his lodge. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of Hibernians; the Knights of Columbus; the Independent Order of Foresters; lodge No. 25, B. P. O. E., of New Haven; the Union Club; and other societies. Religiously he is a sincere Catholic, and is one of the few original members left of the Immaculate Conception Parish of Waterbury. He has led a strictly moral life, and although he has sold liquor across the bar in his day, and been strongly tempted by the constant example of others, he has never tasted any intoxicating beverage.

HON. DWIGHT W. TUTTLE, one of the leading members of the New Haven county Bar, for many years the able and efficient prosecuting attorney of New Haven county, and for a number of years representative of his town in the General Assembly of Connecticut, is a member of one of the early New England families who colonized New Haven.

William Tuttle, the emigrant ancestor, with his wife, Elizabeth, and three children, sailed in the ship "Planter" from London, England, in 1630, landing at Boston, and settling in New Haven in 1639.

Seventh from this ancestor is Hon. Dwight W. Tuttle, his line of descent being through Jonathan, Nathaniel, Nathaniel (2), Jesse and Jesse (2).

Jonathan Tuttle, son of William, the emigrant, was baptized in Charleston, Mass., in 1637, and married Rebecca, daughter of Lieut. Francis Bell, of Stamford. Mr. Tuttle made a settlement near the Quinnipiac river, in what is now the southern part of the town of New Haven, about 1670, and there built a bridge over the river which was long known as Tuttle's bridge. He died in 1705.

Nathaniel Tuttle, son of Jonathan, was born in 1676, married Esther Blakeslee, and died in 1728, leaving a son Nathaniel. The latter was born in 1714, married first, in 1737, Mary, daughter of Josiah Todd, and after the death of his wife in 1742, he married Abigail Ingham.

In the fifth generation, Jesse Tuttle, son of Nathaniel (2), born in 1750, married first, Lucy, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Alling) Dickerman, of Hamden, and for a second wife Eunice Gilbert. Mr. Tuttle was chosen tything-man of Hamden for the year 1794; grand juror for 1798; one of the surveyors of highways in 1803; and a selectman in 1805, 1806, 1807 and 1808. He died in Hamden in 1849, having been a member of the General Assembly for a number of years.

Jesse Tuttle (2), son of Jesse, and the father of the Hon. Dwight W., was born Aug. 18, 1802, married, Dec. 29, 1825, Daney R., daughter of John B.

Johnson, of Wallingford. The wife died in 1840, and his second marriage occurred May 1, 1842, to Lucinda Williams, daughter of Wiltoughby Williams, of Wallingford. Of the first marriage were born John, Lucy and Charles R.; and of the second, Dwight W. and Grove J.

Dwight W. Tuttle was born Jan. 11, 1845, in Hamden, Conn. After receiving a good common-school education he entered the Yale Law School, from which he was graduated, and was admitted to the Bar in New Haven in 1867. Since then he has been engaged in the practice of law in this city. Mr. Tuttle is also interested in farming in East Haven, and also in Florida. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, and from early manhood he has been active and useful in public affairs. For a number of years he held the office of town clerk, and has served as a justice of the peace since he was twenty-one years of age. A conspicuously meritorious service from many standpoints has been that of prosecuting attorney for New Haven county, an office retained for a decade and a half. He has also served his town as grand juror, and as a member of the Board of Relief. During 1881, 1889 and 1891 he was a representative from his town in the General Assembly, his standing as an attorney entitling him to a place on the Judiciary committee, on which he served in the last two sessions. Mr. Tuttle has also served as chairman of the Republican town committee, and as school visitor in East Haven. In 1897 he was sent to the Senate from the second district by a majority of 2,700, the largest ever given in this district, and was appointed chairman of the commission in the Indian Territory by the Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Tuttle has been prominent in all political matters, and has been a delegate to conventions for twenty years. He was a member of the National League, chairman of the delegation, and one of the sub-committee that drafted the resolutions adopted at that convention.

Socially Mr. Tuttle is a member of the Masonic fraternity; the East Haven Grange, of which he is Past Master; and the Sons of Temperance, of which he is Grand Master and Patriarch of the State. On Sept. 16, 1879, he married Bertha Lancy, who was born in East Haven, a daughter of John Lancy.

HON. JULIUS PRATT, one of the foremost citizens and business men of Meriden of his day and generation, was one of the State's strong and forceful characters.

Born Nov. 24, 1791, in Saybrook, Conn., Mr. Pratt was a son of Deacon Phineas and Hepsibah (Pratt) Pratt, and a descendant in the sixth generation from Lieut. William Pratt, who came from the parish of Stevenage, in Hertfordshire, England, to New England, supposedly with Rev. Thomas Hooker in 1633, to Newtown (now Cambridge), Mass. Lieut. Pratt was the son of Rev. William, the grandson of Andrew and the great-

grandson of Thomas Pratt, of Baldoek. From Cambridge, Mass., he went to Hartford, Conn., in 1639, and later to Saybrook. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Clark, first of Saybrook and afterward of Milford. Lieut. Pratt was a large landholder in Saybrook. From 1666 to 1678 (the year in which he died) he was deputy to the General Court—twenty-three sessions.

From Lieut. William Pratt the lineage of Julius Pratt, late of Meriden, is through John, John (2), Azariah and Deacon Phineas Pratt.

(II) John Pratt, son of Lieut. William, the settler, born Feb. 20, 1644, in Hartford, Conn., married, June 28, 1668, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Jones, of Guilford, Conn. Mr. Pratt was a large landholder in Saybrook, and also in Hebron, Conn. He first settled in the old part of Saybrook on land given to him by his father about 1672. On the death of the father, in 1678, the homestead at Essex Point came into his possession, and at that time he removed thither. John Pratt was a blacksmith by trade, and his shop was located near the spot that early in the fifties was occupied by Elias Pratt (a descendant in the eighth generation) for the same purpose. John Pratt was deputy to the General Court a number of times. He died, it is supposed, in 1726.

(III) John Pratt (2), son of John, born Sept. 5, 1671, married, Nov. 20, 1697, Hannah Williams, and resided in that part of the town called Pautapaug. He died supposedly in 1744.

(IV) Azariah Pratt, son of John (2), born Aug. 1, 1710, married, Jan. 18, 1738, Agnes Beebe. He was a blacksmith by trade, and a resident of Saybrook.

(V) Deacon Phineas Pratt, son of Azariah, born June 27, 1747, married, Feb. 17, 1771, Hepsibah, daughter of Nathan Pratt. Phineas Pratt was a goldsmith by trade and a skillful mechanic. In 1777 he served in the Revolution, as a member of Capt. Daniel Platt's Company, Seventh Regiment, commanded by Col. William Worthington. He aided David Bushnell, inventor of the American Turtle, in the construction of that machine. Later in life he assisted his brother Abel in the construction of machinery for making ivory combs. It is said that he was the first inventor and maker of any machinery that would enable the combmakers to compete with the English. He was for many years a deacon in the Second Church in Saybrook. He died Feb. 4, 1813, and his wife died Jan. 9th, of the same year.

Julius Pratt, son of Deacon Phineas, in early life lived at the homestead which was located about one mile west of Pautapaug Point. At the age of fifteen he commenced work with his brothers, Abel and Phineas, in ivory combmaking, and at the age of twenty-two engaged with his brother Philo in the blacksmith business in Pautapaug. In February, 1818, he removed to Meriden, and in connection with Messrs. Bush, Williams, Howard, Reed,

Starkey, Rogers and Spencer, soon commenced the manufacture of ivory combs on Harbor brook, a little south of the Middletown and Waterbury turnpike bridge. Finding the water-power too small for his increasing business he removed to what is now called Prattsville. Joined with Mr. Webb he continued to be a leading member of the ivory comb business, and his energy and enterprise contributed in a large degree to the development of this branch of manufacture, which in a few years distanced foreign competition, and thirty years ago became a large and important business, the goods being exported to nearly all parts of the world. While Mr. Pratt was heavily engaged in business at Prattsville, he was also interested in another company at Crow Hollow, afterward at Hanover, where much of his time was occupied. He was one of the pioneers in the manufacture of cutlery, and had the pleasure while living of seeing that business well established on a firm and profitable basis. He was a stockholder and director in the Home National Bank of Meriden from its commencement. In this connection, as in all other business relations, his counsel was sought and relied upon at all times.

As a citizen Mr. Pratt always enjoyed the respect and confidence of the community where he lived. Uncompromising in principle, unflinching in the discharge of duty, sagacious as an adviser, modest in demeanor, active and liberal in private and public charities, and affectionate toward his family and friends, it may well be said that the best blood of the Puritans flowed in his veins. He never sought for preferment, but was called to represent his town in the State Legislature of 1852, and was elected senator of the Sixth District of Connecticut in 1854. In his business intercourse he may have left the impression at times that he was austere, but his apparent sternness arose from the promptness and decision with which he always transacted his business. His language was direct, final and rigidly business like. He was seldom misunderstood, and but few ever attempted to swerve or cajole him. Beneath his apparent harshness was an inner life as gentle as a dove. He loved with a woman's heart, but he spoke with the promptness of a business man, and in all his movements there was a kind of military precision which, to the unobserving, might easily be misapprehended.

On Jan. 9, 1817, Mr. Pratt was married to Lydia, born March 18, 1795, daughter of John De Wolfe, of Westbrook, Conn. Their children were:

(1) Harriet Malinda, born April 24, 1818, married, Sept. 13, 1842, Rev. Walter R. Long, a native of Cambridge, N. Y., a son of Edward and the grandson of Edward Long, who was a native of New Hampshire and a soldier of the war of the Revolution. The mother of Rev. Walter R. Long was Prudence (Wells), a descendant of the Wells family of Connecticut, and his grandmother Long was a Comstock and a relative of the Comstocks who fell on Groten Heights. The children born to

this marriage were: Walter P. Long, born June 28, 1843; Julius P., born May 20, 1845; Edward, born May 6, 1847, died March 8, 1848; Frederick, born July 31, 1848; and Harriet, born June 20, 1850, died June 30, 1850. The mother died at Meriden, Conn., July 2, 1850.

(2) Julius H. Pratt, A. M., born Aug. 1, 1821, was graduated from Yale College in 1842. He married, Nov. 8, 1843, Adeline F. Barnes. He was engaged in business in 1849 and 1850, in California, and later was connected with the firm of Julius Pratt & Co., in the manufacture and sale of ivory goods, his time being mostly occupied in New York, with residence in Montclair, New Jersey.

(3) William McLain, born Dec. 12, 1837. He was graduated from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, at Troy, N. Y., with the degree of civil engineer, in the class of 1857. He visited South America in 1860 and 1861, crossing the continent from Buenos Ayres to Valparaiso, via Mendoza and the Andes. He enlisted in the Civil war as a private in the 8th Conn. V. I., in May, 1862, and was wounded in the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862. He was promoted to the office of second lieutenant in November, 1862, and to that of first lieutenant and adjutant in June, 1863.

PETER BASSERMANN (deceased) was in his life time one of the best-known German residents and business men of New Haven. He began life on his own resources, and at his death left a good name and comfortable competence. He was born in Hessen-Darmstadt Jan. 23, 1843, the son of a baker, a highly respectable citizen of his locality.

Peter Bassermann spent his boyhood in Germany until the age of fifteen, when he concluded to seek his fortune in the United States. On crossing the sea he first settled in New Haven, where his uncle, George A. Bassermann, was a marketman on Church street. With him he spent a couple of years, and thus gained his first knowledge of the market business. At this time he was a poor boy, whose only capital was his energy and industry, and his means so limited that the hospitality of friends was necessary to supply him with a place of shelter. Strong and robust, he was willing to work at anything to make an honest living, and finally found employment in a slaughter-house, where he learned the business from the bottom up, and remained with the concern for about five years. During this time, by the exercise of strict economy he managed to save a little money. Oct. 25, 1863, he was married to Sophia Rembach, a native of Hessen Cassel, born in 1847, and a daughter of Jacob and Anna C. (Koenig) Rembach. The parents of Sophia came to the United States in 1857, and settled in New York, where they eventually died. Of their five children, Daniel, a retired business man of New York, and Mrs. Bassermann alone survive.

With his limited means Mr. Bassermann began housekeeping in a very modest way, and about

1867 went into business for himself, locating at 2d avenue and 32d street. This venture did not prove a success, but resulted in the loss of practically all his means. Not discouraged, and with the help of his good wife, he soon had a small capital saved, and again started into business for himself, opening a place of business at 11th avenue and 43d street, where he was successful and made money. He disposed of this business advantageously, and took up other lines of business, in all of which the sympathy and help of his wife was of great assistance.

In 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Bassermann paid a visit to the familiar scenes of their birth in Germany, and on their return to New York Mr. Bassermann opened a store at 51st street and 1st avenue, and remained in business there until his removal to New Haven in 1882. He here began the manufacture of bologna, near East Rock, and after two years opened a market business at 50th street and 10th avenue, New York. He evinced his faith in realty by the purchase of property at 47th street and 10th avenue, and remained in that metropolis until his return to New Haven, in 1884. With his brother Anton he engaged in the market business on Grand avenue, New Haven, and after severing this connection began to build the block at Nos. 900-902 State street, in which he followed the market business until his retirement, about 1895. Since then Mr. Bassermann has not been idle, but has spent his time in looking after his property holdings and in public-spirited interest in general affairs. His death occurred Jan. 2, 1902, superinduced, no doubt, by his excessive energy and unwillingness to take needed rest.

Fraternally Mr. Bassermann was a member of Rock Lodge, F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the Hessen-Faren. In religious belief he was a Protestant. He is survived by the wife, who had so faithfully assisted him in every work, and to whose cheery counsel and encouragement he owed so much.

ALFRED TREAT. For three generations Mr. Treat's family has been among the sturdy, successful farmers of the town of Orange. His grandfather, Samuel, and his father, Jonah, were both born on the same farm. The former died at the age of fifty-nine, after rearing a family of three sons.

Jonah Treat, the father of Alfred Treat, attended the common schools while a boy, and when a young man came into possession of a portion of his father's farm, where he passed the remainder of his life, and died at the age of seventy-five. He was a man of military instinct, and was chosen captain of a company of horse, made of men from Milford, Orange, Woodbridge and Bethany. His wife, Rebecca, was the daughter of Joseph Treat, also a farmer and early settler in Orange, who passed away after attaining the Scriptural limit of three score years and ten. Mrs. Rebecca Treat, the

mother of Alfred, lived to be seventy-five. The family were Congregationalists, and attended services originally at Milford, but later Mr. Treat aided in building the Congregational church at Orange, and ultimately he and his wife united with that body.

Alfred Treat was the youngest son and is the only survivor of a family of eight children, six of whom reached adult age. He was born March 25, 1809, on the same farm on which he now lives. As a boy he showed remarkable physical strength and exceptional executive capability. When only nine years old he aided in "raising" his father's house, and while a youth took charge of the farm on his parents' behalf, falling heir to the property on the latter's death. All the buildings at present standing on the premises have been erected by him with the exception of the barn, which stood for more than a hundred years, and which burned March 21, 1902; this he had frequently covered with a new roof. Like his father, his tastes inclined him to military service, and for seventeen years he was an efficient member of the local troop of horse, having as superior officers during this period four colonels and nine captains, and remaining in the company until it was disbanded. The organization was famous in its day, and during its existence acted as an escort to many of the State's governors; and of all those connected with it at various times as officers or privates, Mr. Treat is the only survivor.

In 1835 Mr. Treat married Catherine, a daughter of Enoch Clark, an Orange farmer. She was the mother of five children: Frances J., Atwater J., Thelous C., Otis A., and Harriett M. Atwater J. resides in Indianapolis, Ind., and is a successful merchant tailor; he married Isabelle Laidley, of Massachusetts. Frances J. married Treet Camp, of Milford. Harriett M. married George S. Warren, of Indianapolis. Thelous C. died aged thirty-four. Otis A. is mentioned in a succeeding paragraph.

Alfred Treat has passed his ninety-third birthday, yet shows a keenness of mind and an alertness of body which are truly wonderful. He wears no glasses, is a careful financier and manages his business affairs with the skill and energy of a man of twenty-five. In the autumn of 1890 he served as grand marshal of the parade in Orange, being then more than ninety years old. His life, while not filled with stirring events, has been a useful and happy one, and he can look back upon the past without regret. He has cared for no office, although he consented for two years to serve on the school committee. He is a member of the agricultural associations of Milford and Orange, in which he takes a lively interest, having been awarded more premiums than any other man. In politics he is a Republican.

OTIS A. TREAT, third and youngest son of Alfred Treat, was born April 10, 1845. His educa-

tion was obtained in the common schools, and at Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass. After leaving school he returned to the paternal farm, assisting his father in its cultivation and management, for more than twenty years having virtually the charge of same. He now owns 160 acres, where he not only carries on general farming but also an extensive dairy, selling milk at wholesale. He owns a large herd of finely bred cattle, and like his father has taken premiums at many fairs. He is a member of the Agricultural Association and of the Grange, and he also belongs to the Royal Arcanum. He is a member of the Congregational church, and politically a Republican.

Otis A. Treat has been twice married. His first wife was Emma Smith, a daughter of Lewis Smith, a farmer in Milford; after twenty years of married life, she died in 1893, at the age of forty-six. For his second wife, Mr. Treat wedded Evelyn, a daughter of Lewis White, a wholesale grocer of Brooklyn, N. Y. One child, now deceased, was born of this union.

ANDREW URE. A man's success is not to be measured by the height to which he attains, but the depths from which he came. Many are born successful, that is to say, with wealth, advantages of family connection or position, which assure them much of what others acquire only after unrelenting toil and great energy. Our subject belongs distinctively to the latter class. He was born of Scotch-German parents, whose legacy to him was a good training, and a liberal endowment of the grand traits of character for which their nationalities are noted.

Andrew Ure was born April 27, 1854, in Kensington street, New Haven. His father, John Ure, and his grandfather, Andrew Ure, were both natives of Scotland, from the vicinity of Glasgow. John Ure learned the trade of a carpet weaver in his native country, and when but a boy in his teens came to the United States. The grandfather, Andrew Ure, came soon afterward, settling in Yonkers, N. Y. He, too, was a carpet weaver, and worker at his trade in Yonkers. His family comprised several sons, one of whom was the father of Andrew Ure, late editor of the *Sunday Call*, of Newark, N. J. John Ure, father of our subject, followed the business of carpet weaving a great many years, in fact, the greater part of his life, working at same in the employ of the D. M. Read Co., of Bridgeport, Conn., for some years. In the latter years of his life he conducted a small weaving establishment of his own, in George street, New Haven. He lived to the age of about seventy-five years after 1861 residing in Highwood, where he owned a small farm. He was a highly respected old gentleman, possessing many of the sterling characteristics of his nationality, was strictly honest in his dealings with all, and well-meaning in every action. Politically he was identified first with the



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Democratic party, but later he became a Republican, and continued to act with that party the remainder of his days. John Ure was married, when a young man, to Miss Leah Spear, of Speartown (now called Upper Mont Clair), N. J., originally named in honor of the Spear family, as they were the first settlers there. They were of German extraction. The great-grandfather of Leah Spear was shot at by an Indian one day when chopping wood, and the arrow destroyed the sight of one eye. Mrs. Leah (Spear) Ure still survives, residing at Highwood, and though past eighty is well preserved. To Mr. and Mrs. John Ure were born children as follows: Byron, who is a resident of Highwood (he was a member of the 27th Regiment during the Civil war, and was wounded at Fredericksburg, a bullet passing through his left shoulder); John, who was a member of the 2d Connecticut Heavy Artillery in the war of the Rebellion, and was killed at Cold Harbor; James, who died in New Haven (he was a tool maker by trade); Wellington, now residing in East Haven, who was a successful grain and feed merchant of New Haven, until obliged by poor health to retire; and Andrew, whose name introduces this sketch; and Lois, Mrs. Robert Sutton, of New Haven.

Andrew Ure was little more than a child when his parents removed to Highwood, where he was reared on a farm. His educational advantages were vastly inferior to those of the present day. His parents needed the help of their children as soon as they were old enough to be of use on the farm, and accordingly Andrew was put to work early in life, and from childhood received a practical knowledge of labor. His schooling was received entirely at District No. 10 school, in Hamden, where he attended usually a few months in the winter session. Work coming first, regular attendance at school was impossible, and, all in all, Mr. Ure's later success supports but feebly the often advanced theory that a man must have a college education in order to succeed in business. He possessed originality, judgment and good common sense, which, with his superior business capacity, more than made up for whatever he may have lacked in the way of book learning. His work during boyhood and early manhood was at garden farming, to which he was practically reared. He remained in Hamden up to the age of seventeen years, when, work being somewhat slack in the home neighborhood, he went into Pennsylvania, and at a small town called Buttonwood, near Wilkesbarre, hired out to an extensive market gardener, one who was thorough in his line of farming. There Mr. Ure had one and one-half years' valuable experience, and being a close observer he took note of new methods and their results, all of which were to be improved upon, or practically applied, in his own business later on. Soon after returning to Connecticut, and when yet several years under age, he commenced market gardening for himself, at first having his

brother, Wellington, as a partner. These young men then owned four acres of ground, and renting as much more embarked in a business which prospered from the very start. It was continued by the brothers for a period of twelve years, when our subject became sole owner, and has since been carrying it on alone. For about six years, ending in 1898, Mr. Ure conducted the Keystone Stables, in George street, New Haven, succeeding Frank Tuttle in that business. After severing this connection he removed to Highwood, where he has been giving his entire attention to his extensive farming interests. During the time he was in the livery business he superintended the operation of his farm, which he carried on without interruption.

From the humble beginning mentioned the market gardening business has grown to extensive proportions, Mr. Ure enjoying the largest trade in the town in his lines, and the business ranks among the most important of the kind around New Haven. His operations have included as many as one hundred acres in a season, and he has employed as many as ninety-nine people at once in the busy season. His outlay for fertilizers alone in one season has been \$3,000. In the business, as conducted by our subject, are employed all the up-to-date methods, many of which he has originated, and he is always on the outlook for new ideas, observing closely and experimenting extensively. He has made a careful study of the business in every detail, and he is as familiar with the office work as with the ground conditions and preparation of the soil, his success being as much the result of good judgment and management as of energetic industry. The new methods and systems he introduces are often a radical deviation from old-time customs, and failure has often been predicted for him, but he has carried out his ideas successfully, not infrequently to the surprise and astonishment of those many years his senior. His management of cultivated fields has been such as to obtain the best and most liberal results. Mr. Ure's success in life has been beyond the ordinary, and a better example of a self-made man is seldom found, his present high standing being simply the result of natural ability coupled with application to business push and energy, not self-denial and penuriousness, for he has lived well, enjoying life and many of its luxuries and comforts. At the same time he has not forgotten the "rainy day," for which he is well prepared. Though he is still in his prime he has amassed more than the large majority do in a life time.

While the head of a large business, to which he gives the closest attention, Mr. Ure from his sense of duty as a citizen, takes quite an active and prominent interest in the affairs of his town, not as a politician or office seeker, but as the progressive citizen which he is. He is prominently identified with the Republican party, of which he is a counselor and adviser, in his town, and his influence is always felt by both his friends and the opposition.

He has served on the board of relief and was delegate to the Gubernatorial convention of 1900. Fraternally he is a member of Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & M., of Hamden; Pulaski Chapter; Rathburn Lodge, K. of P.; and Hira Temple, D. O. K. K. Mr. Ure is well known, his acquaintance not being confined to his town or community, but including men prominent in business and financial circles in New Haven as well. He is a well-met congenial man, and gives evidence of contact with the world in a broader sphere than his town affords.

Mr. Ure married Miss Nellie R. Parmelee, a native of Guilford, Connecticut.

WILLIAM HENRY BEERS, a venerable and honored resident of Branford, where he is now living a retired existence, was born in Branford, Oct. 9, 1831, and is a son of Almon and Betsy (Hobart) Beers. James Beers, his paternal grandfather, was the son of James Beers, and both did valiant service in upholding the cause of the colonists in the war of the Revolution.

Almon Beers was born in Branford in 1800, and died March 27, 1885. His wife, Betsey (Hobart) Beers, was a daughter of Samuel and Esther (Ives) Hobart, and granddaughter of John Hobart, of Branford. Almon Beers was a shoemaker by trade, and in later life became a molder. For many years he was employed at the Branford Lock Works, and was for a time in the shops of the M. I. F. Company. He had two sons, Henry (who died young) and William. Mrs. Beers died at the home of our subject, Aug. 6, 1900.

William Henry Beers was the only child of his parents who grew to manhood. Educated in the public school and in the Branford Academy, he subsequently learned the shoemaking trade, and for many years was in the employ of Bristol & Hall, at New Haven, engaged principally in the manufacture of white kid slippers and shoes for women. After learning the molder's trade late in life, he was employed in the Lock Works and in the Malleable Iron Works of Branford.

During the Civil war Mr. Beers drove a stage between Fair Haven and New Haven, and also had a livery stable in the latter town. From 1870 to 1898 he ran a bus during the summer season from Branford to the Montowese House, at Indian Neck, a period covering twenty-eight years. Mr. Beers also did the painting for the Montowese House.

June 25, 1861, Mr. Beers married Nettie, daughter of James and Henrietta (Munger) Lindsey, of Branford. The family are attendants and supporters of the Branford Baptist Church, of which the mother of Mrs. Beers, who died in August, 1900, was the last surviving founder. Mr. Beers is a Democrat, and served as constable for nine years. In early life he was a member of the State militia, in which he served five years, and during the Civil war sent a substitute to fill his place. He

has an enviable reputation in the community towards whose material prosperity he has unceasingly worked, and where his skill, integrity and general worthiness have long been unquestioned.

REV. JOHN H. CARROLL, the beloved pastor of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Wallingford, Conn., where he has been in charge since 1898, is one of the few whose predominant characteristic is an overwhelming devotion to the spiritual needs of his people, to the utter disregard of his own personal affairs.

Father Carroll was born Feb. 15, 1855, at New Haven, Conn., son of Patrick and Eleanor (O'Bryene) Carroll. Both parents were natives of Ireland, the father's birth occurring in County Leitrim, in 1808, and the mother's in the same County in 1821. They came to America soon after their marriage, in 1841, and made their home in New Haven. Patrick Carroll always took much interest in political questions of the day, and was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party. His wife died in 1875, and he survived her many years, passing away in 1893. Of their eight children, the eldest, Mary T. resides in Westport; Anthony is a contractor in New Haven; Michael died in 1850; Margaret died in 1854; John Henry is mentioned more fully below; Thomas M. is a merchant of Danbury; Patrick F. is engaged in business in New York City; and Nellie E. (now Sister Angela Stephen) is a Sister of Mercy in Mount St. Mary's Convent, Manchester, New Hampshire.

John H. Carroll's education began in his native city, where he attended St. Mary's School until he reached the age of thirteen years. As both of his parents were devout members of the Roman Catholic Church, his early inclination toward the priesthood received every encouragement, and on completing his course in St. Mary's School in September, 1868, he went to St. Charles College, Ellicott City, Md., to prepare for his sacred calling. He was graduated in 1874, and then entered St. Mary's Seminary of St. Sulpice, Baltimore city, and there he spent four and one-half years in the study of philosophy and theology. On December 21, 1878, he was ordained to the priesthood, and his work has been blessed with remarkable success in the various charges which he has held during his service. He spent some time in New Haven, being stationed first at St. Mary's Church, then at the cathedral in Hartford, and later at St. Patrick's Church, New Haven, and at St. John's Church at Middletown, and then on June 10, 1885, was made pastor of the congregation at Westport. The last named parish was in his charge until 1898, when he was transferred to Holy Trinity at Wallingford. During the years of his stay in Westport, he won many warm friends outside of his parish, his ability and high character commanding the esteem of the best people regardless of denomination. His interest in educational affairs, and his clear

conception of the needs of the public schools, was so appreciated by the Protestants of the town he was elected a member of the school board, and of the board of the "Staple High School." Since coming to Wallingford he has taken the same interest in the public welfare and has won a firm hold in the hearts of Catholics and Protestants alike. The Church and Parish House at Wallingford are fine structures worthy a town of much greater size. While keenly alive to the needs of his town, Father Carroll does not neglect his parish, and gives his influence to various organizations among his people, including the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

DWIGHT NOYES CLARK, the well-known cattle dealer, whose fairness in all transactions is proverbial, was born March 2, 1829, in the house where he now lives, in the town of Bethany, Conn., and is descended in two different lines from the Clark family who came early from Milford and settled in the town of Woodbridge, which then included Bethany. His ancestry is also traced to Gov. Robert Treat, who was governor of the colonies for fifteen years, from 1683 to 1698, to Rev. Roger Newton, first pastor of the church in Farmington and second in Milford, succeeding at the latter place Rev. Peter Prudden; and to Rev. Thomas Hooker, the first pastor of the church at Hartford.

The Clark family of which Dwight N. is a member was founded in America by Deacon George Clark, who came from England to the New England Colonies in 1637, in company with Rev. John Davenport and his congregation, from Kent and Surrey, near London, together with several other parties of wealth and respectability. The party landed at Boston, remaining there about one year, thence went to New Haven, Conn., and in 1639 Mr. Davenport's congregation, including George Clark, removed to Milford. Deacon Clark died there in 1690. He was one of the deputies under the Colonial government.

(II) Ensign George Clark, son of Deacon George, was born in Milford, in 1647, and died July 19, 1734. He married Deborah Gold. Ensign George Clark was one of those who negotiated for the purchase from the Indians, Feb. 29, 1700, of the land on which our subject now lives.

(III) Capt. Nathan Clark, son of Ensign George, married Abigail Newton, and died in 1783.

(III) Sergt. George Clark, son of Ensign George, was born April 3, 1682, and died Aug. 21, 1762.

(IV) Nathan Clark, son of Capt. Nathan and Abigail (Newton), was born in August, 1746, and died July 12, 1819. He married Mabel Treat (a descendant of Gov. Robert Treat), who was born in 1753, and died July 1, 1828.

(IV) David Clark, son of Sergt. George, was baptized July 31, 1713.

(V) Robert Clark, son of Nathan and Mabel (Treat), was born Feb. 3, 1777, and died April 17, 1863. In 1796 he married Experience Newton, who was born in 1770, and died Aug. 16, 1856. Robert Clark lived on the farm now occupied by our subject, and was a cattle dealer all his life. He made a shipment every year for many years from his own stalls, of the choicest, finest, heaviest premium beef cattle that came to the New York city market in those times, always securing the top price for the year. Mr. Clark was first selectman for many years, that office remaining in his house for thirteen consecutive years. He represented the town in the Legislature for many terms, and at one time was the oldest member in point of service, and had the honor of calling the House to order. His children were: Treat, mentioned below; Maria, who died Oct. 8, 1803, aged four years; Noyes, mentioned below; and Maria (2), who married Clark Wooster, of Seymour, Connecticut.

(V) David Clark, son of David, was born in 1742, and died in March, 1778. He enlisted in May, 1777, during the Revolutionary war, in Capt. Jonathan Brown's Company, New York Regiment of Artillery, and was sergeant of his company. He was captured at Fort Montgomery Oct. 6th, following, and died in prison in New York. This prison was an old sugar house, and the prisoners therein, being forgotten when the British evacuated New York, starved to death.

(VI) Elioenai Clark, son of David, the Revolutionary soldier, was born Dec. 30, 1763, and died Aug. 31, 1847.

(VI) Noyes Clark, son of Robert and Experience (Newton), was born June 27, 1804, and died Sept. 20, 1831. On Aug. 30, 1827, he married Mary Abigail Clark, a daughter of Elioenai Clark, mentioned above. She was born Sept. 1, 1803, and died Jan. 25, 1895.

(VII) Dwight N. Clark, son of Noyes and Mary A. Clark, and whose name introduces this sketch, was but two years old when his father died. He was educated in the district schools, then attended Cheshire Academy, and early commenced following the business of his grandfather—that of dealing in cattle, a vocation he has ever since successfully pursued, buying and shipping for a time from Chicago, later from Buffalo and Albany, N. Y., and at this day there is no man in the State that is a better judge of live stock than Mr. Clark. Although now well advanced in years he manages not only his own farm of 600 acres, but those of his wife and relatives, aggregating over one thousand acres. His affable manner and liberal dealing have won for him the respect and esteem of his townsmen and of a large circle of customers who have relied upon him for the purchase and sale of cattle, and he has become widely known through his extensive business transactions in Western Connecticut, as well as at Albany and Chicago.

In politics Mr. Clark is a conservative Democrat,

and he was in full sympathy with the government and prominent in its aid during the Civil war. He was elected to the State Legislature two terms; for many years, including the period of the Civil war, he served as first selectman, and he has been honored with every office in the gift of his fellow townsmen which he would accept. He has always taken a deep interest in the schools and been ready to contribute liberally toward their support and improvement, as well as to whatever else would promote the culture and refinement of society. He has been interested in church and society, and living near the Woodbridge line, he has been identified with the Congregational society of Woodbridge, of which Rev. S. P. Marvin has long been pastor. Mr. Clark has been one of the church's most liberal supporters, and has been one of the committee; gave valuable advice and was liberal with his means toward the remodeling of the church, making it for the time one of the most elegant country churches in all the region.

On Sept. 26, 1866, Dwight N. Clark married Althea E. Bradley, a daughter of Jason Willis Bradley, who was born Jan. 10, 1809, and died Oct. 12, 1888. They have one child, Noyes Dwight, mentioned below.

Jason Willis Bradley, a staunch Republican, was State Senator, judge of probate, and for many years first selectman, and for years held the first offices of his town, though Bethany is strongly Democratic. He married, Oct. 23, 1834, Elizabeth Sperry, who was born Dec. 24, 1809, and died May 11, 1870. We have record of three children born to them: Althea E. (Mrs. Dwight N. Clark); Isaac, who during the Civil war was a member of Company E, 27th Conn. V. I., was taken prisoner, confined to Libby Prison, and died in 1866, from the effects of confinement; also Ida L., who married John W. Smith, of Seymour, Connecticut.

(VI) Jason Bradley, father of Jason Willis, was born March 22, 1772, and died Oct. 11, 1831. He married Electa Tolles, born in 1779, who died March 20, 1858.

(V) Jason Bradley, father of (VI) Jason, was born Jan. 1, 1741, and died May 1, 1819. He married Mary (surname unknown), born in 1742, who died July 8, 1808.

(IV) Joseph Bradley, father of (V) Jason, was born March 18, 1707, and on Oct. 27, 1731, married Miriam Gilbert, born April 14, 1712.

(III) Joseph Bradley, father of (IV) Joseph, was born Feb. 15, 1677.

(II) Joseph Bradley, father of (III) Joseph, was born Jan. 4, 1645-46, and died in January, 1705; he married Oct. 25, 1667, Silence Brockett.

(I) William Bradley, father of (II) Joseph, came from England to New England about 1637, and was a resident of New Haven, Conn., in 1644, when he took the oath of fidelity. He married, Feb. 18, 1645, Alice Pritchard, daughter of Roger Pritchard, of Springfield and Milford. He died in the

early part of 1692, or possibly in 1691, leaving a will which is recorded in the New Haven Probate Records, Book 11, page 3. The inventory of his estate bears date May 29, 1692. His wife died some time between Oct. 5, 1692, and Feb. 12, 1693.

(VIII) NOYES DWIGHT CLARK, only child of Dwight N. and Althea E. (Bradley) Clark, was born April 2, 1869. He distinguished himself in the Scientific Department of Yale, graduating in 1891, and in 1894 took the degree of C. E. For several years he has been engaged in the New Haven city engineer's office.

(VI) Treat Clark, son of Robert and Experience (Newton), died May 10, 1866, aged sixty-nine. He married Maria Peck, who died July 26, 1886, aged eighty-five. They had four children: Ann Eliza, who died Feb. 15, 1840, aged eighteen; Frances C., who died Oct. 19, 1853, aged twenty-six; Mary, who died May 4, 1892; and Nathan Noyes, who died Oct. 5, 1842, aged eight years and six months. Mary, the only one of the children to marry, became the wife of Judge Amos S. Treat, of Bridgeport, Conn.; they had one daughter, Mary C., who still resides in Bridgeport.

WARREN PERCY BRISTOL, superintendent of the Meriden Electric Railroad, is a descendant of one of the earliest settlers of the town of Cheshire.

Henry Bristol, the first settler of Copper Valley, located there about the beginning of the eighteenth century, and there became a land owner and farmer, and spent his days. He died in 1750, at the ripe age of ninety-seven years. He married Desire Bristol, and to the union came children as follows: Jonathan, born Dec. 27, 1725; Lydia, born March 16, 1728; Desire, who married Thomas Brooks; Austin, who died in early manhood; Amos; Simeon, who was a graduate of Yale College; Gideon, who died in 1747; and Augustus, who died in 1742.

Amos Bristol, son of Henry, was born in Cheshire, where he also became a land owner and farmer, and where he passed his entire life. In June, 1740, he married Joanna Parker, who was born July 8, 1723, a daughter of Eliphalet and Hannah (Beach) Parker. Their children were: Thomas, born March 28, 1741; Augustus, July 19, 1743; Hannah, March 20, 1745; Amos, May 6, 1751; Ezra, Jan. 9, 1753; Reuben, Oct. 1, 1755; Lydia, Sept. 15, 1757; and Lucy, Sept. 10, 1759.

Ezra Bristol, son of Amos, was born in Cheshire. He passed his life in his native town, engaged in farming and stock raising, and became a land owner. He died on the farm, and was buried in the Cheshire cemetery.

Azariah Bristol, son of Ezra, was born in Cheshire, where he lived and died. Like his father, he was a farmer and stock raiser.

Ryer Bristol, son of Azariah, was born in Cheshire Feb. 1, 1811, and died there Aug. 31, 1871.



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He, too, was a farmer, but also engaged to some extent in manufacturing. He married Abigail Munson, who was born Dec. 27, 1810, daughter of Levi and Tenna (Brooks) Munson, the former of whom, born April 9, 1783, died Dec. 25, 1844; the latter, born Sept. 23, 1783, died Jan. 3, 1862, at Hamden, Conn. The following named children came to Ryer and Abigail (Munson) Bristol: (1) Antoinette, born Oct. 29, 1834, married Sept. 17, 1855, William S. Bates, of New York, and died June 17, 1874, leaving two children—Mena, born in 1863; and William G., born in 1866, who married Ida Chidsey, of Cheshire. (2) Alfred was born June 15, 1839. (3) Abbie, born Aug. 21, 1844, was married in June, 1890, to Charles N. Jones, of Wallingford.

Alfred Bristol, son of Ryer, and father of Warren P., was born on the old homestead in Cheshire June 15, 1839. He grew to manhood on the farm, and in his younger days followed farming as an occupation, later becoming engaged in the lumber business in his native town, and also carrying on some insurance business there. He died at Hartford, Conn., Dec. 20, 1884, and his remains were laid to rest in Cheshire cemetery. Mr. Bristol was a staunch Republican, and always supported his party. He held local offices in Cheshire, serving as tax collector for several years. In religion he was a member of the Episcopal Church. On Sept. 7, 1865, he was married in Cheshire to Fannie A. Doolittle, who was born in Cheshire, a daughter of Warren Doolittle, of that town. Mrs. Bristol is still living with her family in Cheshire. Seven children came to this union: Edward D., born in 1866, is a machinist by trade, and is at present (1902) a member of the State Legislature from Cheshire; May Louise, born in 1869, died young; Alfred S., born in 1871, is a machinist, and resides in Hartford; Warren P. is the subject of this sketch; Lucia, born in 1875, resides at home; Drurie, born in 1877, is at home; Arthur C., born in 1880, is employed by the Winchester Arms Co., New Haven.

Warren P. Bristol was born April 21, 1873, in Cheshire, and acquired his education in the district schools of that town. When he was eleven years of age death deprived him of his father, and he at once started out to work, finding employment in the Cheshire watch factory, where he received three dollars per week. He continued at this place two years, attending school during the winter season. He then spent two years in the jewelery department of the Waterbury watch factory, and next obtained a position in the button factory in West Cheshire, where he worked one year. The jewelery department in the watch factory was again the scene of his labors for a year, and he received eighteen dollars per week. Having saved some money, and desiring to secure a business education, he attended Yale business College, from which he was graduated in 1893. He then came

to Meriden and obtained a position with the engineer corps, laying out the route of the Meriden and Wallingford electric railroad, and continued with the corps until 1894, when he was appointed assistant to the superintendent of the road, under W. C. Gray. In 1895, when the road was purchased by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., Mr. Bristol was appointed superintendent. For the past six years he has filled that office to the general satisfaction of the company, and also of the general public. Mr. Bristol has charge of Hanover Park, the laying out of which—costing over \$50,000—was under his personal supervision alone.

On April 21, 1896, in Cheshire, Warren P. Bristol was married to Minna Gillette, daughter of C. S. Gillette, a prominent farmer of that town. They have one child, Helen Doolittle. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bristol are members of the Episcopal Church of Cheshire. Socially he is a member of L. A. Thomas Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., of Cheshire. In politics he is a Republican, but cares nothing for official position. He is a self-educated, self-made, hard-working man, and stands high in the estimation of the people of his community.

The DOOLITTLE Family, of which Warren P. Bristol is a descendant on his mother's side, has long been settled in Wallingford and Cheshire. Abraham Doolittle, the first of that name in Wallingford, was at New Haven before 1642. He was in Wallingford in 1669, and died there Aug. 11, 1690. He was twice married, his last wife being Abigail Moss, a daughter of John Moss, the first settler of Wallingford. His family consisted of eleven children.

Ebenezer Doolittle (1), son of Abraham, was born July 6, 1672, in Wallingford, and died there Dec. 6, 1711. He settled in Cheshire Parish, where he was a land owner and farmer. On April 6, 1697, he married Hannah Hall, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Hall, and they had seven children. Mrs. Doolittle was born March 11, 1673, and died July 27, 1758.

Ebenezer Doolittle (2), eldest son of Ebenezer (1), was born April 15, 1700, and, like his father, resided in Cheshire, where he was a farmer, and where his death occurred May 20, 1774. He was married June 11, 1728, to Lydia Warner, and they had four children.

Ebenezer Doolittle (3), son of Ebenezer (2), was born on the Doolittle farm in Cheshire Oct. 12, 1736. He married and had two children: Elkanah, and Amaryllis, who married Landa Bristol, of Cheshire. He owned and occupied the farm late the prosperity of Landa Bristol, of Cheshire.

Elkanah Doolittle, of Cheshire, was graduated from Yale College. He was twice married, first to a Miss Cook, and his second marriage, to Hannah Compton, took place in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he resided until his death. He left the following children: Edward (deceased in Cheshire), who married Abigail Foote, daughter of Dr. William Foote;

Milton; Elkanah; Warren, who died in Cheshire; and William A., who died in Brooklyn, New York.

Warren Doolittle, son of Elkanah, and grandfather of Warren P. Bristol, was born in Brooklyn, 1813. He was postmaster for a number of years, and died in Cheshire, in 1870.

In 1837 Warren Doolittle married Ann L. M. Taylor, and he left the following children: Edward A., Oliver T., Fannie A. (Mrs. Bristol), Henry W., and Milton C.

DAVID PLATT, a prominent farmer in Orange, was born in Naugatuck, Conn., in 1830, a great-grandson of Josiah Platt, who was a deacon in the Congregational church in West Haven, and aided largely in its support.

Nathan Platt, grandfather of David Platt, was a prominent man in his day. He was a captain of a military company, and served in the war of 1812. His house was raided by the British soldiers in that war. He married Cata Merrick.

Nathan Platt, son of Nathan and father of our subject, was born in Orange in 1800. The main part of his early years were spent in the common school and in aiding his father upon the farm; he received some special private instruction. A few years after his marriage he purchased a farm in West Haven, which he occupied for a goodly number of years. For some time prior to his death in 1877, he lived retired. He married Mary Meloy, a daughter of John Meloy, who was a son of Edward Meloy, who came to America about 1700, and became one of the standard residents of New Haven, Conn. He was an extensive property owner and real-estate dealer. The house which he built for his own occupancy is still standing (1902) on the west corner of George street and Congress avenue. His wife was Mary Parmelee. John Meloy, son of Edward Meloy, married Esther Umberfield. To Nathan Platt and wife were born ten children: Jane E. who married Francis Kimberly; Samuel, who resides in Naugatuck; Margaret, a resident of West Haven; David; Emily A., who married George E. Trowbridge, of New Haven; John, who resides in New Haven; Sarah A., residing in West Haven; and George, Nathan M. and Stiles T., all of New Haven.

David Platt, the fourth child of Nathan Platt and Mary (Meloy) Platt, received his education in the public schools. In early youth he manifested that energy and intelligence which have characterized him through life. He early learned a trade and gave it his attention for a few years. In 1852 he went to California, and after spending two years in mining, he returned East with means to give him a start in life. He gave some attention to his trade while deciding upon some direct plan. In 1856 he married Melissa A. Shenehon, daughter of Michael and Rebecca (Johnson) Shenehon, of New Haven. In 1857 he purchased a beautifully located tract of land on Long Island Sound, erect-

ing his present substantial house and outbuildings, and here he has engaged in the fruit and vegetable farming and in fishing along the Sound, having large seines at Cove River. Success has attended his efforts. Mr. Platt is a representative New Englander, a man of sterling business integrity—one whose "word is as good as his bond"—of great energy and keen insight. Above all this, he is emphatically the poor man's friend. To many a man endeavoring to make some headway in the world, he has extended a helping hand. He is now looked upon as one of the substantial residents of West Haven. In accumulating this world's goods, he has not overlooked his civic duties, but has taken an active part in political affairs, casting his ballot in favor of the Democratic party. For many years he was a member of the board of selectmen, assessor in 1889, town agent in 1890, member of the town committee for a number of years, and chairman of the same nearly all the time. He has been delegate to different County, State, Congressional and Senatorial conventions, and has been chairman of the Senatorial committee. His influence has been felt alike in Republican and Democratic ranks. He has been a member and director of the Orange and Milford Agricultural Societies, and is one of the original stockholders in the Oak Grove Cemetery Association, having served as president for four years, and on the board of directors for seven years.

In 1856 Mr. Platt was united in marriage with Melissa A. Shenehon, daughter of Michael and Rebecca (Johnson) Shenehon, of New Haven. This union was blessed with three children, Mary R., wife of Burton G. Andrew, of Orange; Sarah S.; and Florence L., wife of Edwin W. Decker. Mr. Platt has been called to mourn the loss by death in 1858, of his mother, and in 1892 of his wife. Of these two we may say, they were beautiful in person, mind and character; women who ever dispensed kind words and generous deeds. His father died in 1877; he was a man who was always ready to help his neighbor, and his house was a home for the homeless. Mr. Platt's eldest sister, a noble woman we may call her, died in 1895; a void came when she was gone, but glad memories filled it. One more, Mr. Platt's brother George; he was three years in service during the Civil war; two in direct service and one as a recruiting officer, and he entered into rest in 1902.

HEZEKIAH GILBERT was a native of New Haven, son of Amos and Elizabeth Ann (Alling) Gilbert, and of good old Puritan stock. On both sides he was descended from long lines of noble and heroic ancestry, and was sixth in descent from Matthew Gilbert, of Colonial fame. He took a deep interest in public affairs, and in politics was a Whig, but upon the formation of the Republican party, he became a staunch supporter of its policies. In the business world he was a man of marked ability and personal integrity; and in his bearing a true type

of the old school of courteous manners, and was of graceful and imposing personality.

From the formation of the Candee Rubber Co., he was one of its most efficient and tireless members, until the death of his only son, Amos H., when he retired from active business. Amos H. Gilbert was a young man of great promise, and was engaged in the mercantile house of Messrs. Clafin & Co., of Boston; at the opening of the Civil war, he obeyed his country's call, and died while on duty at Fort McHenry, July 4, 1861.

Before the outbreak of the Rebellion, Mr. Gilbert gave a lot of land—a portion of the family property—in trust for mission purposes. On this was erected the Bethany mission, which has trained for this work hundreds of Yale students, now scattered all over the world. In this little chapel Sunday schools and services are held by different denominations. Its trustees were appointed from Yale College by Mr. Gilbert.

In 1886, at the advanced age of eighty-four, Hezekiah Gilbert entered into rest, leaving one daughter, Mrs. E. Gilbert Jerome, of New Haven.

MARCUS MERWIN, a highly esteemed citizen of the town of Milford, residing a mile and a half from Milford village, was born in that town Aug. 20, 1827, the son of Mark and grandson of David Merwin.

The family has been identified with Milford from an early day, and David Merwin was born there and made his home upon our subject's present farm. He married Eunice Perry, and had eleven children as follows: David was a tanner in the village of Milford; Isaac was a farmer there, but died in Ohio; John was a farmer and was also engaged in trucking for the city of Bridgeport; Martha married Jerard Davis, a miller and farmer in Hamden, Conn.; Sally married Andrew Baldwin, a farmer in New Milford; Mehitabel married Samuel Potter, of Orange, Conn.; Mark is mentioned more fully below; Merritt was a farmer and raiser of garden seeds in Milford; Nancy married a Mr. Stone, a farmer in Pennsylvania; Polly married a Mr. Platt; a farmer of Milford; and Eunice died unmarried.

Mark Merwin, our subject's father, was born in Milford, and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits. As a citizen he was much respected and although not a politician he took keen interest in public affairs, first as a Whig and later as a Republican. He married Susan J. Miles, daughter of Theophilus Miles, a farmer of Milford, and they had seven children, viz: Susan, deceased, who married Lyman Treat of Orange; Martha, wife of James T. Burns, of Milford; Nathan, who married Ann Baldwin; Marcus, our subject; Samuel, who was a carpenter in New Haven; Caroline, who married Theodore Bristol, of Milford; and Samuel, deceased.

Marcus Merwin's boyhood was spent after the custom of farmers' sons in his day, and as a young

man he engaged in farming on his own account. His farm contains about 125 acres, and for many years his specialty has been the raising of garden seeds. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his family are leading members of the First Congregational Church, in Milford. His wife, formerly Eliza A. Platt, of Milford, is a daughter of Daniel Platt, a well-known farmer of that town. Of their five children the eldest Eugene, deceased, was a carpenter by trade; Miss Jennie E. is at home; Wallace is a fisherman in New Jersey; Emma is at home; and Frank resides in Chicago, Illinois.

EZRA SMITH, a worthy representative of the Smith Family of Connecticut, was born Dec. 16, 1788, a son of Jeffrey Smith. The early history of the Smith family may be found in the sketch of Davis W. Smith, elsewhere in this volume.

Jeffrey Smith was born in the town of Haddam, in 1763, a son of William and Martha Smith, and grew to manhood in his native place. He learned blacksmithing, and when he had mastered it, he moved to Madison, and located on the Neck, where he bought a small farm, which he cultivated in connection with his work in the smithy. He built a fine dwelling house on this tract, and spent his life there, dying Feb. 1, 1846. During the Revolution he drove cattle across the ice on the Hudson river, for Washington's army, and he drew a pension until his death. As may be inferred, he was a public-spirited and patriotic citizen. He married Dorothy (Dolly) Hubbard, who was born in Haddam, and died in Madison July 13, 1836. Their children were: (1) Jonathan was born Jan. 4, 1785. (2) Daniel Hubbard, born March 23, 1787, married Content Fowler. Of their children there is yet living in Madison, a daughter, Emeline Smith; three grandchildren, D. Eugene Smith, Catharine Shelley and Charlotte Hinman; and one great-grandchild, May Day. (3) Ezra is mentioned below. (4) Esther, born Oct. 16, 1790, married Dudley Brainerd. (5) Austin, born in 1793, died in November of the same year. (6) Austin (2), born Feb. 9, 1794, died Aug. 8, 1820. (7) Marvin, born in 1796, married Wealthy Shailer. (8) Davis, born in 1798, died April 25, 1827. (9) Samuel, born Aug. 16, 1799, married Lucinda, daughter of Gideon Watrous, of Chester, and lived and died in Madison, in the house where he was born. His son Samuel S., his grandchildren, William Bassett and Gertrude Ely, and his great-grandchildren, Raymond Algiers, and Clarence and Elsworth Bassett all reside in Madison. Emily Hopkins, daughter of Samuel and Lucinda, lives at Westville, Conn., with her three children, Edward, William B. and Jennie. (10) Junius, was born March 25, 1801. (11) Helena, born Nov. 29, 1802, died Oct. 11, 1806.

Ezra Smith was married Oct. 3, 1813, to Martha Stone, a descendant of John Stone and Gov. William Leete, two of the original settlers of Guilford. This marriage was blessed with children, as follows:

(1) Catharine, Mrs. Kelsey, has three children—Ezra, Sarah M. Cruttenden and Mary Blakeman—and four grandchildren—Robert Cruttenden, and Eva, John and Maud Blakeman. (2) Rosalind had a granddaughter, Harriet Coe, who lives on the Neck. (3) Mary married Edwin Watrous, and had five children: Andrew (who has five children, George, Paul, Bernard, Fannie and Grace) and Franklin lives on the Neck; and Martha F. Burr (who has two children, Frederick and Jessie) Julian F. (who has two children, Lena and Isabella) and John N. (who has three children, Charles, Julian and Ruth) all live in Thomaston. (5) Andrew Norman Smith is mentioned below.

Andrew Norman Smith was married April 16, 1850, to Lydia S. Kelsey, and of the children that blessed this union, we have record of the following: Thomas Andrew resides on the Neck, in Madison, with his three children—Gerrit, Martha Stone and Newman S.; Elizabeth married Thaddeus F. Leete (a direct descendant of Gov. Leete), and with her three children, Emma, Dorothy and Caroline, lives in the same house with her brother Thomas; and Gerrit, is in business in New York.

FRANK DAMON PUTNAM, a prominent and well-known man of Hamden, New Haven county, was born in Boston, Mass., June 23, 1875, but was reared in this county, making his home with his paternal grandfather, Rev. Austin Putnam, who for almost half a century was the beloved pastor of the Congregational Church of Whitneyville.

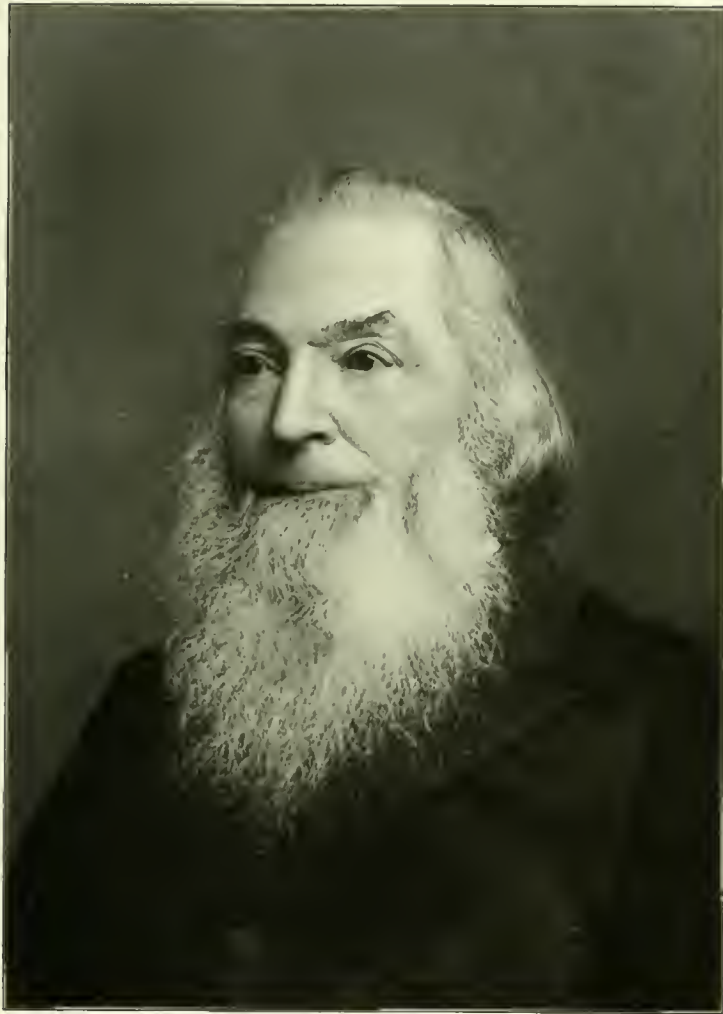
This branch of the Putnam family was among the earliest settlers at Croydon, N. H., going there from Sutton, Mass. Caleb Putnam, the grandfather of Rev. Austin Putnam, and Deacon David Putnam were the first settlers of the name in Croydon. They located on the southeast slope of the Pinnacle, in a locality long known as the "Salt Box." They were noted for their hardy constitutions and their great industry.

REV. AUSTIN PUTNAM was born at Croydon, N. H., March 6, 1809, and was there reared upon a farm. After pursuing his studies in the district school and at Newport Academy he entered Dartmouth College in 1825. At the close of his second year circumstances led him to relinquish his plan of a full collegiate course, and he soon after commenced the study of law in the office of Hon. F. A. Talmage and Charles F. Grim, of New York, and completed it in the office of Hon. John P. and J. Newland Cushman, of Troy, N. Y., and at the Law School at Litchfield, Conn. In July, 1831, he was admitted to the Bar at Utica, N. Y. He immediately began practice at Troy, N. Y., with highly encouraging prospects. But after a short time in that profession he experienced a total change in his views on the subject of religion. At what he conceived to be the call of duty, he left the profession which he had chosen, and which he loved, and began the study of theology under the

instruction of Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., of Troy, N. Y. He was ordained at Lowville, N. Y., in 1834. After a few years of successful labor in New York City and New Haven, Conn., he was, Oct. 31, 1838, installed as pastor of the Congregational Church at Hamden, Conn., which position he filled for forty-eight consecutive years. In 1833 he married, at Lowville, N. Y., Miss Caroline W. Northrop, a native of that place, born March 21, 1813, a daughter of Gen. Joseph A. Northrop, of that place. In 1844-45 Rev. Putnam spent a year in Europe, traveling over different countries. In 1839 Yale College conferred on him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. He was a man of regular habits, for years retiring every night at eight o'clock, rising in the morning at six, and breakfasting at seven, and he was punctual almost to the minute. The only office, outside of those connected with the church, which he would accept was that of school visitor, which he filled for several years. For a few years after coming to Hamden he lived in the parsonage, and then erected the house where our subject now resides, which was his home up to the time of his death, on Sept. 26, 1886. Although he was extremely generous and charitable, giving freely to the poor and needy, he accumulated considerable property. No man in the community was held in higher esteem, and in his death the people of Hamden realized that they had lost one of their best and most useful citizens. Rev. Austin Putnam was in many ways a remarkable man. He was the type of man whose advice to young people was, "Carefully study what is expected of you as a church member, then if you can live up to those requirements it is time to unite with the church." He detested hypocrisy. He was a great lover of dumb brutes, was fond of dogs, and his admiration and love for a good horse were very marked. He always kept a good horse, and could drive and manage horses very successfully. In disposition Mr. Putnam was kind and lovable, without any superfluous dignity except on occasions when dignity is called for. During a married life of over fifty years few couples have lived more congenially than did he and his wife. Mrs. Putnam was one of those kind-hearted women who endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact, and with her husband enjoyed the respect and esteem of all. She died Aug. 31, 1893, and both are buried in Whitneyville cemetery, in Hamden. In their family were six children: Blandina M., born Sept. 28, 1839, lived to the age of fifty-two, and died unmarried; Sarah Jane, born Jan. 20, 1842, died in young womanhood; Joseph N., born Aug. 2, 1844, was the father of our subject; James C., and Caroline, twins, born Aug. 2, 1845, of whom James C. died young, and Caroline married Henry McCarty, and died in the West; and James C. (2), born July 23, 1849, died young. Of this family the only descendant is Frank D. Putnam, whose name opens this sketch.



MRS CAROLINE W PUTNAM.



Austin Putnam.

Joseph N. Putnam, our subject's father, was twice married, first on June 3, 1869, to Miss Belle Shirley, who died Sept. 29, 1878, at the age of thirty-two years. Our subject is the younger of the two children born of this union. Austin, the elder, was born in Boston, Mass., Jan. 12, 1870, and died Jan. 25, 1876. The father was again married, Dec. 24, 1886, his second union being with Catherine M. Polhill, who is now living in New York City, and by whom he had no children. He died suddenly Jan. 8, 1887, in New York City.

Immediately after his mother's death Frank D. Putnam came to Hamden, Conn., to make his home with his grandparents, and remained with them until their deaths. His education was received in the public schools of the town, and at Montclair, N. J. At the age of fifteen years he began life for himself, working at the machinist's trade for Herriek Cowell, of New Haven, with-whom he remained six months, and later was employed in the same capacity by E. A. Burgess, of New Haven, for two and a half years. After leaving the employ of Mr. Burgess he was employed at the New Haven Water Co.'s pumping station at Whitneyville, where he took up the trade of mechanical engineering. This work did not agree with him and he was obliged to give it up. Later he was for a short time employed at the Winchester plant as engineer, and then partly from desire for outside work, and greatly from a natural fondness for horses—a trait that is hereditary—he took up the business of training, developing and driving fast horses, a calling in which he has been successful and which he has followed ever since. He has shown himself to be a skillful reinsman, and for one of his years occupies a foremost position as a driver and handler of fast horses. Mr. Putnam has confined his attention to handling horses for others, going into the racing business only as a representative, not as an owner.

On Dec. 1, 1896, Mr. Putnam married Miss Essie Rhoda Preston, of Ansonia, Conn., daughter of Wesley and Laura (Brown) Preston, and to them have been born two children: Gladys M., Oct. 26, 1897, died in infancy; and Carolyn E., Dec. 5, 1898. In his political views Mr. Putnam is a staunch Republican, and in his social relations is a member of Rathburn Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Haven.

TROWBRIDGE. Of the families of the Colony of New Haven, 1641, and since represented continuously in the town and city's history—covering a period of over two hundred sixty years—few if any have exerted a greater influence for good than that of Trowbridge; and from a business standpoint, through the last hundred years of the city's history, certainly no one firm has left a greater impress in business circles than that of Henry Trowbridge & Sons and its successors, Henry Trowbridge's Sons—Thomas R., Henry, Ezekiel H. and Winston J.

Thomas Trowbridge, the progenitor, probably, of all the name in America, emigrated from Taunton, Somersetshire, England, to this country about 1636, bringing with him two sons, Thomas and William. They settled in Dorchester, Mass., where another son, James, was born. Thence he removed with his family in 1641 to New Haven, where he purchased lands, built houses, was a merchant, and engaged in the Barbadoes trade. In 1645 he returned to England, leaving his "three sons, houses, goods, lots, estates and chattles, in trust with his steward, or servant, Henry Gibbons, but this man shamefully neglected them and proved dishonest and false to his trust, and a friend, Sergeant Thomas Jeffries, took these three sons to educate and bring up in the fear of the Lord, and when Mr. Trowbridge comes back, will leave it with the court to determine what is equal for it."

Thomas Trowbridge, the eldest of these sons, remained at New Haven, and was a merchant. He was born in 1632, married Sarah, daughter of Henry Rutherford, of New Haven, and died in 1702, leaving a large estate. From this Thomas Trowbridge (2) the Trowbridge sons mentioned in the foregoing descended in the sixth generation, the line of their descent being through Thomas (3), Daniel, Rutherford and Henry. Of these ancestors, Thomas Trowbridge (3), born in 1663, married Mary, daughter of John Winston, and died in 1711. Daniel Trowbridge was born in 1703, was graduated from Yale College, married Mabel, daughter of Francis Brown, and died in 1752. Rutherford Trowbridge, born in 1744, married Dorcas, daughter of Amos Hitchcock. Henry Trowbridge, born July 30, 1781, married Harriet, daughter of Ezekiel Hayes.

HENRY TROWBRIDGE, son of Rutherford, and the father of the Trowbridge brothers under consideration, was a shipping merchant, and early in the present century founded the house of Henry Trowbridge & Son, New Haven, which was more extensively engaged in the West India trade than any other house in the State of Connecticut. Henry Trowbridge began business as a shipping merchant, taking his sons in business with him as they became old enough. In 1826 the eldest, Thomas R., began his business career under his father's care, and as time passed was taken into the business as an interested partner, and in about 1837 the second son, Henry Trowbridge, who likewise had been practically schooled in the business became of age and a partner in the house. Subsequently the younger sons, Ezekiel H. and Winston J., became members of the firm as they became of age, both having been trained from their early years in the business. In 1849, on the death of the senior member of the firm, the four brothers established the firm of Henry Trowbridge's Sons, in which business each was active until his death save Ezekiel H., who retired in 1885. Henry died in 1883.

Henry Trowbridge, Sr., while yet in his teens turned his attention to the sea, beginning his career in 1709. His first trip was on the ship "Betsey," to China, and at Canton he became clerk of the captain (Howell), taking account of cargoes and keeping books. Subsequently he became first officer of a West India trader, and, having saved his money, made several voyages on his own account. In three years he had sufficient means to purchase a sloop on the Connecticut river, which vessel he fitted out as a schooner, and as captain he went into the West India trade. After a trip he established himself in business, as set forth in the foregoing. His death occurred Oct. 7, 1849.

THOMAS RUTHERFORD TROWBRIDGE, son of Henry and Harriet (Hayes) Trowbridge, was born July 17, 1810, in New Haven, and in its schools received his early scholastic training, completing his education, however, in Partridge's Military Academy, at Middletown. After his school days were over he entered the counting house of his father, and from that year (1826) until his death, May 26, 1887, he was, with the exception of occasional absences in the West Indies and elsewhere, always at his office in the unpretentious Trowbridge counting room on Long Wharf. Through his long, active business life of upwards of sixty years in New Haven he was a man of upright character and integrity, and held in the greatest degree the confidence of his fellow-citizens, of all who knew him, and with whom he had business dealings. He was broad, liberal and just. He was fitted for positions of high trust and responsibility in city and State, and was often obliged to decline them owing to numerous family trusts and his own large business affairs. During the Civil war he made a record that was enviable, having shown himself a true and generous friend to the soldiers and their families, responding liberally to constant calls upon his purse and sympathies. For many years he was a valued director of the Mechanics Bank, and it was at his suggestion that the bank tendered the use of fifty thousand dollars to Gov. Buckingham in the dark days of the Rebellion.

Mr. Trowbridge was the choice of the Republican committee as candidate for lieutenant governor of Connecticut, with Hon. William A. Buckingham for governor, in 1858, an honor which he positively and persistently declined. At the breaking out of the Civil war he threw his whole soul into the cause of liberty, and although too far advanced in life to enter the field actively, aided in sustaining the government in every possible way by his influence and wealth. When the 10th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry broke camp, with orders to proceed to their rendezvous, a beautiful State flag was presented to them by Mr. Trowbridge, made expressly for the regiment by his wife and daughter. He afterward presented flags to several Connecticut regiments, and swords to numerous officers, and was the first to provide a

flag which was raised and kept flying on the steeple of the Center Church. He was one of the most active citizens in New Haven in the formation of the Sanitary Commission, and contributed greatly to its success by pecuniary assistance, as well as by personal service. At one time in order to raise New Haven's quota of men without a draft, he paid fifteen dollars each for thirty enlistments. Mr. Trowbridge had a taste for historical research, was one of the founders of the New Haven Historical Society, and was instrumental in having prepared and published the history of the Trowbridge family. "In his business relations Mr. Trowbridge showed a breadth of mind which joined with far-seeing prudence and a high standard of commercial honor brought him well-deserved wealth."

On Sept. 11, 1834, Mr. Trowbridge was married to Caroline Hoadley, daughter of Capt. Simon and Polly (Harrison) Hoadley.

HENRY TROWBRIDGE, son of Henry and Harriet (Hayes) Trowbridge, was born April 22, 1816, in New Haven, and was there schooled and trained for business under his father's care in the latter's counting room and in the business noted in the foregoing. He was associated with his father in his life time, and throughout life, with his brothers, continued in active business, and did his full share toward the great success all attained. After a life of usefulness in the community Mr. Trowbridge died, May 28, 1883, highly esteemed and greatly respected. He filled various positions of trust and distinction in social life, which a well-earned reputation for sagacity, integrity and practical efficiency led to. For fifteen years he was vice-president of the New Haven Bank, and for forty-five years a director. From time to time he was frequently called in both the city and town of New Haven to places of active service. He united with the First Congregational Church in New Haven May 31, 1840, and from that time until his death continued a loyal and active member of the same. He was a man of quiet manners, gentle and kind, a genial and sympathetic companion, and eminently domestic in his preferences and habits. His tastes were elevated, as were the tone and tenor of his life. He possessed good judgment and rare good sense, with a quick and appreciative observation.

Mr. Trowbridge married (first) Miss Mary W. Southgate, a granddaughter of Noah Webster, the lexicographer, and (second) Miss Sarah C. Hull, daughter of Edward Hull, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y. Five daughters and one son blessed the first union, the son dying in early boyhood. Three children were born to the second marriage, only one of whom, a son, survives. In memory of the two deceased—a son and a daughter—the father founded the Reference Library in the Theological Department of Yale College. Undesignedly, yet most fittingly, this has also become a lasting monument to his own personal character and worth.

EZEKIEL HAYES TROWBRIDGE, son of Henry and

Harriet (Hayes) Trowbridge, of New Haven, like his older brothers, after his school days were at an end entered the business house of his father and brothers, and there received proper and most thorough business training, such as could only be given by men of a high sense of justice, honor and integrity. He imbibed in the course of such training those characteristics that had given stability and honor to his forefathers, and which have ever since characterized his successful and honorable life. He soon mastered every detail of the business, and early in his career was intrusted with large responsibilities, having been sent when nineteen years of age to the West Indies, where he familiarized himself with the business affairs of the house there, and where he transacted important business matters. Like his brothers, on reaching his majority he was taken into the firm, and, as set forth in the foregoing, remained an active member of it until his retirement, May 1, 1885. To his untiring energy, wise foresight and rare management much of the success of H. Trowbridge's Sons has been due.

Mr. Trowbridge is a man of high honor and integrity, and of excellent business ability, and during his long and active life has been intrusted with various public and private trusts. He was one of the founders of the old Elm City Bank, now the Second National, of New Haven, and has ever since remained one of its directors. For twenty and more years he has been a director in the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., and because of his far-sighted judgment has been of great service to that large corporation, as well as to the other organizations comprising its system, in each of which he still retains a directorship. Mr. Trowbridge is vice-president of the Shore Line Railroad Co., and holds official positions in other enterprises and corporations, where his business sagacity and wise counsel have aided in their successful management.

Politically Mr. Trowbridge was first a Whig, and since the organization of the Republican party has affiliated with same. In no sense has he sought political honors, but rather shrunk from them, and, we believe, never held political office. Throughout the Civil war he was a staunch supporter of the government, giving both his time and money in the cause. His tastes are domestic, a characteristic of the family. He is genial and social in disposition, and of positive character, warm in his friendships and careful and considerate in his dealings. His religious connections are with the First Congregational Church in New Haven, of which he has been a member since 1842. He is a successful man, and he gives liberally of his means to worthy charities and to church work.

In June, 1840, Mr. Trowbridge was married to Sarah A., daughter of Zelotes and Eliza (Atwater) Day, of New Haven, and to them have come children as follows: Ezekiel H., Sarah A., Sarah D., Charles H. and Arthur H., of whom the two named

Sarah and Arthur H. are now deceased. Mrs. Sarah A. (Day) Trowbridge was born June 12, 1818, and comes from sturdy New England stock, being a descendant in the seventh generation from Robert Day, who emigrated in 1634, when thirty years of age, with his wife Mary, to America, sailing in the bark "Elizabeth" from Ipswich, England, to Boston, in New England. He first settled in Newtown, now Cambridge, and in 1639 was at Hartford, of which place he was one of the first settlers and original proprietors. The descent of Mrs. Sarah A. (Day) Trowbridge is through John of Hartford; Thomas, of Hartford; Nathaniel, of Northampton, Mass.; Joel, of Hatfield, Mass.; and Zelotes, of New Haven, who was born June 24, 1791, and married July 23, 1817, Eliza Atwater.

WINSTON J. TROWBRIDGE, son of Henry and Harriet (Hayes) Trowbridge, was born May 10, 1820, and, like his brothers, became identified with their father's business. He spent much of his time in the interest of the firm at Barbadoes, in the West Indies. His life was characterized by that same broad, liberal spirit and business ability possessed by the father and brothers. He was first married June 12, 1850. Mrs. Trowbridge died in 1852, at Barbadoes, and on Oct. 30, 1852, he married Margaret E. Dean, daughter of John E. P. Dean. Two children were born to the first marriage, Mary L. and Caroline A.; and to the second: Winston J., Florence M., Frank D., Elford P. and Constance B.

THOMAS RUTHERFORD TROWBRIDGE (deceased), of New Haven, son of Thomas Rutherford, whose ancestry and life are portrayed elsewhere, was born in that city March 3, 1839. He received his early education in his native city, at the well-known schools of Amos Smith, Lewis M. Mills and Stiles French. After leaving school he became identified with the firm of Henry Trowbridge's Sons, mentioned elsewhere. The offices were on Long Wharf, and it was there, with his father and uncles, that young Trowbridge began his business career. At the age of nineteen he was sent to the West India branch of the firm, and lived in the Islands Barbadoes and Trinidad five years, returning to New Haven in 1863. A few years later the business was transferred to New York, as that city offered a more convenient port, although the main office still continued to be in New Haven. The firm was finally dissolved by mutual consent in 1892. During all that time, thirty-six years, Mr. Trowbridge has been one of its most active members, and in later years a partner. Since his retirement from business he had been occupied with his private interests, and with those of the institution with which he was connected.

Mr. Trowbridge was always interested actively in whatever concerned the welfare of New Haven, and, although never taking a very prominent part in the politics of the city, held several public of-

lices of trust. He served in both branches of the city council, and was president of the board of aldermen. In 1886 he was a candidate for mayor on the Republican ticket, but was defeated, although he reduced considerably the usually large Democratic majority. He was also for several years president of the board of the harbor commissioners, and was the first president of the Republican League Club. At the time of his death, Oct. 25, 1898, Mr. Trowbridge was president of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Co., director of the Mechanics Bank; trustee of the New Haven Savings Bank; president of the New Haven Colony Historical Society; trustee of the Grove street cemetery, and of the New Haven Orphan Asylum; member of the Society's Committee of Center Church; member of the Chamber of Commerce; vice-president of the Connecticut Humane Society; and a member of the New York Produce Exchange. He belonged to the American Historical Association, the Society of Colonial Wars and the Sons of the American Revolution, and was an honorary member of several historical societies in different parts of the country.

In the field of Archaeological and historical research Mr. Trowbridge's contributions are well known and will always be valued. It was by his efforts that the funds were raised for the many memorial tablets set in the walls of Center Church and the crypt below restored. He more recently made similar improvements in the Grove Street Cemetery. He was a leading spirit in planning and carrying through the celebrations which during the past twenty-five years have commemorated the city's growth and history, and many of the tablets which mark historic spots were placed as a result of his researches and under his personal supervision.

Mr. Trowbridge was connected with the New Haven Colony Historical Society for thirty years as a director, secretary and president, and rendered important service to the Society in contributing and securing additions to its collections. He also compiled a number of papers which he read before the Society, being ever at great pains to investigate the facts connected with the subjects upon which he wrote, and in consequence his papers are regarded as trustworthy records of early New Haven history. These papers contained many valuable references to the business, commercial and social life of the Colony and city. Mr. Trowbridge was an authority on Connecticut shipping interests and was familiar with their history from the earliest records to the present time. His writings are preserved in the published "Collections" of the Society, those on the "Ancient Houses of New Haven" and the "Ancient Maritime Interests of New Haven" being the most important. Among his other papers were "A Sketch of the History of the New Haven Colony Historical Society," written for the opening of the present building in 1892, and the "Action between

the Chesapeake and the Shannon." He also contributed articles for several histories and historical publications.

In 1864 Mr. Trowbridge was married to Katherine, only child of Gen. Francis and Elizabeth Sheldon (Dutcher) Bacon, of Litchfield, who survived him with a son, Francis Bacon Trowbridge; an only daughter, Edith Champion Trowbridge, died a few years ago.

"Mr. Trowbridge had a noble personality. He was a whole-souled man. His heart and hand were as open as the day. He was of a generous, manly nature, but did good modestly. Many a young man was aided along in life by him, many a poor widow's heart was made to sing with joy by his timely benefactions. He was quick in his sympathies with the joy and sorrows of others.

"He was the type of a good citizen, awake to every popular interest, not seeking his own advancement nor jealous of the advancement of others, but working on the lines of sound sense and honest politics, whether of a local or national character. He was a man who disliked controversy, and while ready to defend his own opinions with spirit was willing to give others the same chance and thus he avoided bitter strife. There was something sweet hearted about him which prevented him from having enemies."

CORNELIUS H. CABLES, a business man of Waterbury, of wide acquaintance, and of an enviable reputation for honor and integrity, deserves special mention for the work he has done in building up high-grade suburban additions to this ambitious and thrifty city. He is the promoter and owner of Highland Park, Cottage Park, Columbian Heights, important additions to the city along the electric line of the Waterbury and Waterville road. They are the loftiest regions in the neighborhood, and overlook the Naugatuck river, winding two hundred feet below in the valley. Splendid modern houses, possessing all the most recent features of home building, are rapidly rising, and this entire tract will undoubtedly become the most aristocratic quarter of the city.

Mr. Cables was born in Thomaston, Conn., Dec. 10, 1849, and his father, David F. Cables, was born in Oxford, Conn., about 1808. From Oxford he moved to Thomaston, and died in 1895. A carpenter by trade, for years he had a contract in the American Knife Co.'s plant at Thomaston. Lorinda Holt, his wife, was a native of Harwinton, Conn., and her father was a grandson of one of three brothers who came from England and purchased land from the Indians. Mrs. Lorinda Cables died in March, 1899, at Thomaston, Conn., and four of her children lived to maturity. Cornelius H. is the subject of this sketch, and Hartley is a manufacturer in Rochester. David F. Cables was a Whig in early life, and then became an Abolitionist, and is recorded as one of two men who



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voted the first Abolition ticket in Thomaston. Later in life he became a Republican.

Cornelius H. Cables spent his boyhood and youth, until twenty years of age, attending the public school and making broad and deep his preparation for practical life. When he became a young man ready for the work of the world he went to Toledo, Ohio, and secured a place in the banking house of Raymond Segraves, where he spent two years. At the expiration of this period he returned to his old home, and for twenty years was engaged in farming near Thomaston. In February, 1892, Mr. Cables came to Waterbury, and entered the real-estate field, revolutionizing the methods that had prevailed in that line. A tract of unimproved land consisting of 148 acres came into his possession, and this he put into fine condition, secured the passing of the trolley cars, platted the tract, and placed it on the market. It has met popular favor, and a number of houses, costing about \$12,000, are already completed and occupied. Building restrictions and choice of customers are making this the high-grade part of the city. Mr. Cables has built water works, beautiful drives and boulevards, and the city has erected an expensive school house near this property. It is a broad and comprehensive scheme, and has met with large success. Mr. Cables has also desirable property in other parts of the city. He has finished an office building near the post office, 72x68 feet, and five stories high; it is built of brick, has a marble front, and is pronounced by many the finest building in the city. Mr. Cables has another building in the same street, 45x72 feet, and four stories high. He came to Waterbury a poor man, leaving a farm where he had been raising vegetables and berries. The wonderful accomplishments that have crowned his career of eight years in the city have opened the eyes of the people as to his business character. A strict temperance man, he votes the Prohibition ticket, and holds no issue so important as the moral issue. Mr. Cables is an honest and upright man, deals squarely with the world; he is especially fine in his relations to the many men who work for him, and they have good wages, are fairly treated, with the natural result that their labor is well worth all its costs.

In 1875 Mr. Cables was united in marriage with Miss Martha Corner, a native of Canada, where her father, Charles P. Corner, was also born. The Corners are of English ancestry. To Mr. and Mrs. Cables have been born five children: Edith, Bessie, Frances, Cornelius, Jr., and Van Norn. Mr. Cables' career as a farmer is one of his minor vanities. There were but twenty-three acres in his tract, yet from it he secured a good living, and taught the people of Waterbury to know that whatever came from his hands was genuine and straight. The finest berries were on the bottom, and not on the top, and this same spirit has animated him through life, and in the real-estate transactions in

which he has been so successfully engaged for a number of years every thing is open and above-board.

THE NEW HAVEN COPPER COMPANY, engaged in manufacturing braziers' and sheathing copper, etc., is one of the old reliable manufacturing concerns in the State. It was founded in 1848, and the business has increased under wise management to such proportions that it is regarded as holding a high position in the industries of the world. Their polished copper is finished by a process peculiar to the establishment, and is the invention of the president of the Company, Thomas L. James, whose patent was recorded Sept. 12, 1876. This polish remains bright instead of the very temporary effect by the old method. The buildings of the company are extensive, and the employees, who are all skilled workmen, number from 100 to 125 men.

The long experience of the Company, and their intelligent use of the knowledge gained by that experience, has caused such a steady improvement, and the thorough reliability of their goods has won for them an enviable reputation. Through their prosperity, the town of Seymour has prospered, and their liberality has done much toward increasing the natural beauty of the place.

MAX ADLER, merchant and manufacturer, of New Haven, after a life of nearly sixty years which has been characterized by great industry, energy and useful citizenship, is ranked among the leading citizens and prominent manufacturers, as well as the substantial men of New Haven. Although a native of Bavaria, born Oct. 14, 1840, at Berkunstadt, Mr. Adler is solely a product of New Haven, as he was brought by his parents, Sigismund and Babetta Adler, to this city, in 1843.

Sigismund Adler was a proprietor of a woolen establishment and a manufacturer of bed-ticking, at Berkunstadt, but having met with reverses there, he came to the United States, in 1841, with the hope of bettering his condition. After a residence of two years in New York City, he came to New Haven, where he established an umbrella factory, and he was engaged in the making of that article until his death in 1871.

Young Max attended the Washington street public school, where his mornings were given to the study of English branches, and the afternoons to German and Hebrew. Later he was sent to the famous Lancasterian school of John E. Lovell. While thus engaged in the cultivation of his mental powers, the practical preparation for the obligations of life was not neglected, for beginning when a mere boy of ten years, his spare hours out of school, for a period of three years, were given to running errands for the late Samuel Merwin, the tailor, and at thirteen he was cash boy in the fancy goods store of Julius Waterman. In this store, he gradually rose to the position of cashier, and later to that

of bookkeeper, and still later, he became manager of Mr. Waterman's New Haven store, remaining in charge until the business was closed out in 1858. Following this experience, the next two years, 1858 to 1860, were passed by Mr. Adler in New York City, where he was in charge of the retail dry goods house of William Freedman, which business, in 1860, was removed to the corner of Church and Chapel streets, New Haven, Mr. Adler retaining his position. Here, under the latter's careful and judicious management, the business was soon so increased, that in 1861 it necessitated a removal to larger quarters, and the building on Chapel street, later the site of the Wallace B. Fenn store, was rented, the front altered and changed, and the business removed to that point. In 1862, Mr. Adler severed his connection with Mr. Freedman to accept the management of a similar store for Isaac Strouse, on Chapel street, in this city. Subsequently, Mr. Strouse purchased the corset business, then located on the corner of State and Chapel streets, of J. H. Smith & Co., which had been established in 1861, with the purpose of enlarging the business, and in this new firm of I. Strouse & Co., Mr. Adler became a member.

From this period dates an important step in Mr. Adler's career, and in the history of the corset business, in New Haven. The old factory was removed to the railroad block on Union street and the business there carried on until 1867, when a new factory was erected, on the corner of Oak and West streets, and the business removed to it. In 1871 the firm became Jacobs, Strouse & Co., Mr. Adler, A. Strouse, S. L. Jacobs and R. Mayer, of New York, purchasing the business. Mr. Jacobs retired from the firm in 1877, and it became Mayer, Strouse & Co., and the business was removed to the old Winchester Shirt factory, on Court street, where it is still conducted, now under the name of Strouse, Adler & Co., and it is one among the largest industries in New Haven. These gentlemen have large, commodious buildings, modernly equipped with the best labor-saving machinery, and give employment to from 1,000 to 2,000 hands. They manufacture corsets, corset clasps and paper boxes, and are also dealers in all kinds of corset materials. Their place of business is known as No. 60 Court street, New Haven, and their warehouse is at No. 412 Broadway, New York. Their goods are marketed all over the world.

For many years, Mr. Adler has given special attention to the study of corsets and to the manufacturing branch of the business, until he is regarded the world over as an authority in this line of manufacture, and is known here, in New England, as the founder of the corset business. His name has become known all over Europe, and he is frequently consulted for advice in this line of manufacture. The corset manufacturers of the country at large owe much of the legislation favorable to their business to Mr. Adler, who has given his best

thought, energies and effort to the business, and has intelligently worked and influenced legislation toward the good of the general business. Frequently has he appeared before Congressional committees in Washington in this matter. In 1887, he was secretary of the Corset Makers Association of the United States.

Aside from this business, Mr. Adler has been engaged in and identified with other enterprises, and has given considerable of his time to the performance of the duties of citizenship. He is a director in the First National Bank, the New Haven Water Co., the Southern New England Telephone Co., the New Haven Trust Co., and the Mercantile Trust Co., and he is a trustee in the National Savings Bank, and ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce of New Haven, and has also served as vice-president of that body. In 1895 he was, by appointment, a member of the State Commission to the Atlanta Exposition. He has served as a member of the board of education of New Haven, and for many years was a member of the board of visitors of the Connecticut Hospital, of the board of Associated Charities, and was secretary of the Hebrew Benevolent Society. At present he is chairman of the finance committee of the New Haven Dispensary and the organized Charities Association, and is a member of various advisory committees. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. Socially, Mr. Adler is genial and popular and is connected with several clubs, president of the Harmonie Club, and otherwise connected with the Quinnipiac, the Union League, and the New Haven Yacht Clubs.

On Oct. 21, 1866, Mr. Adler was married to Esther Mayer, and their home has been blessed with three children: F. M., a graduate of Yale, who married Sophia Greenspecht, of New York, and has a daughter, Esther; Flora, a graduate of Miss Cady's school, married Col. J. M. Ullman, and has one child, Marion B.; and Miriam, also a graduate of Miss Cady's school, married Alfred W. Weil, an attorney of Denver, Colo., and has one daughter, Gladys. Mr. Adler and family belong to the Congregation Mishkan Israel. The handsome family residence is on Wooster Square, in New Haven, which is the winter home of the family, while their delightful summer cottage is located at Savin Rock, on Long Island Sound.

DENNIS B. MEGIN. One of the impressive and instructive lessons taught by biography is the reward which comes to patient and intelligent industry. Life is filled with opportunities for him who has faith, perseverance and well directed effort. Mr. Megin exemplifies in the history of Bethany these sterling and honored virtues. He has ever been known as a hard working and industrious man, attributes which are kingly and masterful in the field of human effort, and as a result he has met with adequate reward, and ranks high

among the substantial and highly respected citizens of Bethany.

Mr. Megin was born on a farm in the town of Hamden, New Haven county, March 9, 1847, and his boyhood and youth were passed amidst the toil and the many arduous duties of agricultural life in Connecticut almost a half century ago. He received a common school education, and at the age of fifteen years he began working by the month on a farm for Augustus Lewis in the town of Southington, remaining there for three years, part of the time in a factory. He then went to Naugatuck and worked on a farm for Dyer Warner until he attained his majority.

Mr. Megin was married Jan. 16, 1869, to Miss Sarah Tuttle, of Bethany, and soon after his marriage he settled on the farm of forty-seven acres where he now lives. Beginning housekeeping here in a small way, he by his earnest and effective efforts rose steadily in the avocation of farming, improving his property and from time to time adding to its extent. He now owns five different lots, all in the town of Bethany, and aggregating about 130 acres. Mr. Megin carries on general farming and dairying. He built a number of his own buildings.

To Mr. and Mrs. Megin have been born two children: Lillah, the wife of Frank Warner, has three children, two sons and one daughter; and Charles S., a farmer of Bethany, who married Jennie Hogan, of Hamden, has one child, Eva J. In politics Mr. Megin is a Republican, and in religious faith he is an active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is trustee.

HENRY TROWBRIDGE, for many years one of New Haven's substantial men and prominent citizens, died suddenly of apoplexy, on June 29, 1900, at "The Greylock," Williamstown, Mass., where he had gone to pass the summer.

Born Aug. 14, 1836, in New Haven, Mr. Trowbridge was the representative of a family of wealth and extensive influence in the city from the very dawn of the town's settlement, 260 and more years ago. He was a son of the late Thomas Rutherford and Caroline (Hoadley) Trowbridge, and a descendant in the eighth generation from Thomas Trowbridge, who came from Taunton, Somersetshire, England, as early as 1636, in which year he united with the church in Dorchester, Mass. He removed to New Haven as early as 1639, and continued making voyages between the Barbadoes and England. He returned to England about 1644, and there remained. There he left his three sons, who on obtaining their majority became men of influence and acquired large estates. Henry Trowbridge's lineage from Thomas, the American ancestor, is through Thomas (2), Thomas (3), Daniel, Rutherford, Henry and Thomas R. Trowbridge.

(II) Thomas Trowbridge (2), born in 1632, in

Taunton, England, married (first) June 24, 1657, Sarah, daughter of Henry and Sarah Rutherford; she died in 1687, aged forty-six, and he married (second) Widow Hannah Ball, daughter of Major John Nash. Mr. Trowbridge was a successful West India merchant and a man of note. He died Aug. 22, 1702, leaving a large estate. His wife, Hannah, died Feb. 3, 1708.

(III) Thomas Trowbridge (3), born Feb. 14, 1664, married Oct. 16, 1685, Mary, daughter of John Winslow; she died Sept. 16, 1742, aged seventy-five, and Mr. Trowbridge died Sept. 15, 1704. He, too, left a large estate.

(IV) Daniel Trowbridge, born Oct. 25, 1703, married in 1731 Methitabel, daughter of Francis Brown. Mr. Trowbridge was graduated from Yale College in 1725. He died Aug. 4, 1752, and his widow passed away Oct. 10, 1797.

(V) Rutherford Trowbridge, born Feb. 3, 1744, married July 4, 1767, Dorcas, daughter of Amos Hitchcock; she died Feb. 12, 1783, and he married (second) Jan. 1, 1793, Widow Thankful Mix, daughter of John Alling, and resided on Water and Columbus streets, in New Haven, where he died April 6, 1825; his wife Thankful died Aug. 8, 1831, aged sixty-six. Mr. Trowbridge had the first bounty for making saltpetre during the war of the Revolution.

(VI) Henry Trowbridge, born July 30, 1781, married Jan. 1, 1806, Harriet, daughter of Ezekiel and Mary (Hemingway) Hayes, and to them came thirteen children. Mr. Trowbridge died Oct. 7, 1849, and Mrs. Trowbridge died Nov. 21, 1851, aged sixty-two. Henry Trowbridge in early life engaged in the West India trade, and founded in the early part of the nineteenth century the house of H. Trowbridge & Son, later H. Trowbridge Sons & Dwight, and afterward H. Trowbridge & Sons, and at the death of the senior Trowbridge his sons, in memory of their father, continued the business under the name of Henry Trowbridge's Sons. This business was continued almost through the century by the several generations of the family and was the largest concern in the State engaged in the West India trade. The senior member of the firm was a prudent and sagacious merchant, and by means of his talent and wealth exercised a great influence in New Haven, and the same may be said of several of his sons and grandsons. His sons were: Thomas R., Henry, Ezekiel H. and Winston J.

(VII) Thomas R. Trowbridge, born July 17, 1810, married Sept. 17, 1834, Caroline Hoadley, born April 30, 1818, daughter of Capt. Simeon and Polly (Harrison) Hoadley. Mr. Trowbridge was the eldest of the sons of Henry Trowbridge, and through life was identified with the business above referred to. He was a member and liberal supporter of the First Congregational Church at New Haven and a most useful and honored citizen. His children were: Henry, Thomas R., William R., Caroline H., Rutherford, Emily E. and Frank.

(VIII) Henry Trowbridge, whose name introduces this article, was married Nov. 2, 1858, to Lucy Elizabeth Parker, born June 12, 1836, daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Mulford) Parker. Mr. Trowbridge while yet in his 'teens entered the business house of the Trowbridges, and after several years of service in the West India branch became a member of the firm. Returning to New Haven, he became a most energetic business man, and his untiring attention to the affairs of their extensive house was of the greatest benefit to it. He remained actively connected with the business until the dissolution of the partnership, less than a decade ago, at which time he retired from active business. He was identified with other enterprises and interests in and about New Haven, and through life commanded the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. He was a well-read man, and had the happy faculty of remembering what he read. This gave him a fund of information and anecdotes, and made him a most interesting companion. He was survived by a widow, two sons and a daughter. His children were: Henry, Joseph Parker, Thomas R. and a daughter.

THOMAS MORAN, the efficient superintendent of the town poor farm of Waterbury, New Haven county, and one of the highly respected citizens of the community, was born in County Queens, Ireland, June 3, 1848.

Michael Moran, his father, was also a native of County Queens, and there grew to manhood. For some years he worked as a day laborer in his native land and then moved to Lincolnshire, England, where he was similarly employed until 1862—the year of his emigration to the United States. At Liverpool he and his family took passage on the "Richard S. Eli," a sailing vessel, which landed them safely in New York in August of that year, after eight weeks spent upon the water. Going to Newark, N. J., the father worked as a day laborer there for a time, and then came to Waterbury, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life as an employe in the shops. Here he died and his remains were interred in St. Joseph's cemetery, Waterbury. He was a Democrat in politics, and a consistent member of the Catholic Church. In his native county in Ireland he married Ann Bennett, who was born there, and who also died in Waterbury and was buried in St. Joseph's cemetery. She, too, was a devout member of the Catholic Church. Their children were John and Robert, of Waterbury; Michael, who died in 1901; Catharine, who married (first) Edward Fitzpatrick, and (second) Michael Ryan, and died in November, 1898; Thomas; and Elizabeth.

Thomas Moran was only a year old when he left his birthplace and went to Lincolnshire, England, where he obtained a limited education in the national schools. In 1862 he came to the New World with his parents, and the first Fourth of July cele-

bration he ever saw took place in mid-ocean. After coming to Waterbury, Conn., with the family, he commenced work in the factory of Roger Brothers as a polisher at ten dollars per month, and remained with that firm for over thirty years, being a contractor in the polishing department for eighteen years of that time. His services gave entire satisfaction to the company, and he had the confidence and respect of his employers as well as the men working under him. In 1891 he succeeded John C. Thompson as superintendent of the town poor farm and alms house, being appointed by the board of selectmen, composed of Messrs. Penney, Boughton and Carmady. He has now filled that responsible position for nine years with credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of the general public and town officials. He has under his charge over one hundred paupers, and has the management of the farm of 120 acres, upon which he has made some valuable improvements, especially in the work shops, barns and ice house. Neatness and order prevail everywhere, and it is doubtful if one could find throughout the whole State a better kept institution of the kind than the one presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Moran. They give their entire time and attention to the care of the inmates and supervision of the property, and have met with the most excellent success in this undertaking.

In 1880, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, in Waterbury, Mr. Moran was married by Father Walsh to Miss Catharine Brophy, and to them have been born six children, namely: Annie, Thomas, John, Michael, Robert and Stephen. The family are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Moran belongs to Court Shields, Foresters of America; Sheriden Council, K. of C.; and Connecticut Lodge O. U. A. M. He affiliates with the Democratic party, and was a member of the town committee for eight years. In all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust reposed in him, and he is recognized as a valued citizen of the town.

WILLIAM J. BRADLEY, who has been with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. for forty years, and is now manager of the office at New Haven, is a native of that city, born Dec. 3, 1833. He is a member of one of the old established families of New Haven, and we have the following record of the line to which he belongs, taken from papers now in the possession of George T. Bradley, his cousin.

"William Bradley, who took the oath of fidelity in New Haven, Conn., in 1644, was the ancestor of this branch of the Bradley family. Tradition, confirmed by research, according to the Hon. Charles W. Bradley, who was at one time secretary of the State of Connecticut, and a resident of New Haven, states that William Bradley came from the West Riding of Yorkshire, England.



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"(I) William Bradley married Alice Prichard, daughter of Roger Prichard, of Springfield, Mass., and Milford, Conn., Feb. 18, 1645. His will was recorded in the New Haven Records, Vol. II, page 110. He probably died in 1690. She died, as it is thought, in 1692. They had issue: Joseph, baptized Jan. 4, 1646, died Jan., 1705; Martha, Oct., 1648, died Jan. 9, 1707; Abraham, born Oct. 24, 1650, died Oct. 19, 1718; Mary, born April 30, 1653, died Oct., 1724; (II) Benjamin, born April 8, 1657, died 1728; Esther, born Sept. 29, 1659, died Aug. 17, 1743; Sarah, born June 21, 1665.

"(II) Benjamin Bradley, called sergeant, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Thompson, of New Haven, Oct. 29, 1677. She died Nov. 3, 1718. His will was recorded in the New Haven Probate Records in Vol. V, page 446. Their issue: Elizabeth, born Sept. 11, 1678; Sarah, born June 7, 1680; Hannah, born April 18, 1682; Susanna, born July 10, 1684; Mary, born April 15, 1687; Desire, born April 29, 1690; Benjamin, born Oct. 1, 1692; Abner, born March 6, 1695; (III) Caleb, born 1700.

"(III) Caleb Bradley married Dec. 30, 1731, Thankful Gilbert, of New Haven. He died probably in 1783. Their issue: (IV) Jonah, born Oct. 26, 1732, died March 6, 1814; Elizabeth, born May 3, 1737, died Feb. 8, 1815; James, born Nov. 9, 1739.

"(IV) Jonah Bradley married Aug. 12, 1759, Rachel, daughter of James Atwater, born April 26, 1737, died Oct. 2, 1809. Their issue: Caleb, born July 20, 1760; Lydia, born Dec. 29, 1761, died Oct. 12, 1847; Phebe, born Jan. 9, 1764; Esther; Huldah; Betsey; (V) Justus, born Jan. 20, 1772, died Dec. 28, 1857; Sarah.

"(V) Justus Bradley married April 12, 1797, Sarah, daughter of Ezekiel Hayes, born Dec. 28, 1777, died March 5, 1837. Their issue: Russell, born April 30, 1798; Justus, born April 21, 1800; Maria, born May 5, 1802; George Hayes, born Oct. 31, 1804, died Oct. 4, 1880; Charles, born Nov. 4, 1806; Elizabeth R., born Nov. 14, 1808; William, born July 20, 1811; Sarah A., born Feb. 26, 1814; Jane C., born Sept. 28, 1816."

(VI) Russell Bradley, father of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch, was born in New Haven April 30, 1798, and passed all his life in his native city, dying there Aug. 2, 1878. He received his education in the public schools, and learned the tailor's trade, which he always followed. He married Huldah M. McNeil, who was born in New Haven Jan. 21, 1800, and died June 23, 1875, and six children were born to this union: Ann M., Sarah C., Jane R., William J., Elizabeth and John D. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley were Methodists in religious connection. In politics he was originally a Whig, finally joining the Republican party.

Like his father, William J. Bradley has passed all his life in New Haven. The greater part of his literary training was received in Amos Smith's

Boarding School, and he commenced work as a clerk in the general store of Daniel Trowbridge, with whom he remained about six years. In 1861 he entered the employ of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, in an humble capacity and at a small salary, but industry and fidelity won for him the confidence and respect of his employers, and he received steady promotion, having continued with the company up to the present day. He is now manager of the New Haven office, and his business territory covers the State of Connecticut. Mr. Bradley has displayed many sterling qualities as a business man, and the appreciation shown by his company is but the just reward of faithful and efficient service.

Mr. Bradley, like his father and brother, gives his political support to the Republican party. He worships at the M. E. Church. He has never married.

DAVID LAWRENCE CLINTON, the popular and efficient postmaster at Clintonville, New Haven county, belongs to the family to which the village owes its name. The first of the Clinton family of whom anything is known was Lawrence Clinton, of Dover, Mass., in 1675, who was probably one of three brothers that came over together. The family is of Scottish extraction, and was numbered among the first families of North Haven. A son of the above named, (II) Lawrence, was the head of the North Haven branch of the family, and his son, (III) Lawrence, seems to have been a prominent man in his time. In 1776 the latter was appointed ensign, later lieutenant, and in 1781 captain of a train band. He was one of six owners of clocks in the town and was a part owner of the Sabbath Day House, in 1786. He married Elizabeth Todd, and their son, (IV) Jesse, born in 1762, was the direct ancestor of the subject of this sketch. He married Patience Todd, and became the father of David.

(V) David Clinton, born June 20, 1790, became a farmer and mechanic, and was the founder of the agricultural works in Clintonville, in 1830. The early part of his life was spent in farming, and during the winter seasons his active and ingenious mind was exercised in inventing and perfecting agricultural implements. His first workshop was in the house now occupied by Burton Clinton, but later the business grew to such dimensions that Mr. Clinton's entire time was required in its management, and he found it necessary to build a factory. His inventions were many, and some of the most useful agricultural implements now used have been made from suggestions which emanated from the fertile brain of David Clinton. Had he lived at a later date, with propitious surroundings, his name might have been as celebrated as those of other great inventors of the present. A very strong Whig in politics, he was ever ready to defend his principles, and was often called upon to do so, as his

brothers were Democratic adherents. In his younger days he was a very active member of the Congregational Church, and ever deeply interested in its affairs. His personal appearance can still be recalled by many of the older people of Clintonville, as, being musically inclined, he led the singing in the church. On Dec. 29, 1812, he married Lucy Smith of North Haven, whose death occurred Aug. 29, 1883; he passed away in 1879. Children as follows were born of this union: Lyman; Julia Salina, who married John B. Johnson; Lavinia, wife of Ezra S. Munson; Eunetia, who married Sereno B. Todd; Delia, who married Mr. Todd after her sister's death; and Celia, wife of Lyman Bassett.

(VI) Lyman Clinton was born in Clintonville, in 1818, and had but meager school advantages. After a few years of work in his father's factory he went to New Haven, and there established a store for the sale of the implements made in the factory. Later, selling the store, he returned to Clintonville, again to engage in the manufacture of the machines. His death occurred there Jan. 29, 1888. He married Lavinia Blakeslee, a daughter of Anson and Julia (Frost) Blakeslee, and their children were: Margaret, who married G. S. Vibbert, of Clintonville; Josephine J., wife of Edward S. Minor, of Burrville, Conn.; David L.; Frederick L., who married Ida Marks, and engages in the printing business in New Haven; Anson B., who married Mary Stiles, and is proprietor of, and engaged in, a music store in New Haven; and Delia E., Mrs. Willoughby Fowler, of Clintonville.

David L. Clinton was born June 11, 1849, and after passing through the district school course in his native place, he attended the New Haven Business College. In company with his father and brother, Frederick, he formed the firm of Clinton & Sons, engaging in the manufacture of agricultural implements for many years. They finally sold out to the firm of Carr & Hobson, of New York. Mr. Clinton then became interested in the fancy name card printing business, until his appointment to the position of postmaster by President Harrison, in 1888. Four years later a change in the administration gave the place to a member of the Democratic party. For the following three years our subject filled the duties of deputy sheriff, his resignation from this position being accepted when President McKinley re-appointed him postmaster, in June, 1897; he was again re-appointed postmaster March 1, 1902. He is still a dealer in agricultural implements.

Mr. Clinton married Fanny M. Vibbert, a daughter of Nelson and Lucy (Hosmer) Vibbert, and the only child of this union is Gertrude L., born Jan. 5, 1879. Socially Mr. Clinton is a member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 103, A. F. & A. M., of Northford; of North Haven Lodge, No. 61, A. O. U. W.; and of the North Haven Grange. His friends are many in Clintonville, and his administration of the duties of his position is satisfactory to

the community at large. With his family he holds membership in the North Haven Congregational Church, and is a liberal and willing contributor to the cause of religion, always being ready to forward any good work in the Church or the community.

JOHN HENRY BLACK. It is astonishing to witness the success of young men who have emigrated to America without capital, and who from a humble position have worked their way upward to one of affluence. The readiness with which they adapt themselves to circumstances and take advantage of opportunities offered, brings to them success, and wins for them a place among the leading men of the community in which they reside. To this class belongs Mr. Black, owner and proprietor of the well-known Hillside farm of Cheshire, New Haven county.

Mr. Black was born in Bally-Vanen, County Antrim, Ireland, Feb. 2, 1837, a son of Michael and Margaret (Lynn) Black, who spent their entire lives in that county. He was reared and educated in his native place, and was the first of the family to come to America. He now has two sisters and a half brother in New York City. It was in 1857 that our subject bade good-by to his old home and friends, and after a voyage of seven weeks and three days, landed in New York City. He proceeded at once to Westchester county, N. Y., where he made his home for several years. While residing there he was married in New York City, July 6, 1862, to Miss Mary Smith, a native of Drogheda, Ireland, and to them have been born five children, namely: James, Edward, John, Grace and George. Mr. Black continued his residence in Westchester county, N. Y., until coming to Cheshire, in 1881, when he purchased of William L. Hinman the farm of 100 acres upon which he has since made his home. It was first occupied by Jared Ives, and is one of the oldest places in the town, the house having been built about 1774. Here Mr. Black is successfully engaged in general farming, but also gives considerable attention to fruit culture. In political principle, Mr. Black is a Democrat. He is well and favorably known, and merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

FRANK NATHANIEL HASTINGS, chief engineer of the Wilcox & White Co., and boiler inspector of the City of Meriden, is one of the best-known and oldest engineers of the city. He was born Sept. 17, 1850, at Scarborough, Cumberland Co., Maine.

Nathaniel Hastings, his father, was a native of the same county, where he spent all his days. He was a landowner, and engaged in farming as an occupation. He died there and was buried in the local cemetery. His wife, Dorcas Johnson, died when the subject of this sketch was a small boy. Those living of her children are: Mary, Mattie, Lizzie and Frank N. Of these Mary is the wife

of James Small, of Taunton, Mass.; Mattie married Joseph Henry Alden, of the Foxborough (Mass.) *Review*; and Lizzie is the wife of William Moss, of Foxborough, Mass. Three are deceased, namely: Alvin, a soldier of the Civil war, who died in middle life; Louise, who died unmarried, at the age of twenty-one years; and Ellen, who married Joseph Lane, of Taunton.

Frank N. Hastings was born and reared on the home farm, and received such educational training as the local schools afforded. At the early age of fourteen years he left home and went to Worcester, Mass., where he learned the art of making machine tools, in the employ of the L. W. Pond Tool Company. He spent four years in this connection, and then engaged with the Wheelock Steam Engine Company, of the same place. He traveled about the country, engaged in setting up or repairing the product of his employers. In 1877 he came to Meriden to set up the engine used by the Wilcox & White Organ Co., and his evident understanding of his business attracted the attention of the proprietors of the plant. The result was that, soon after his work was completed, while doing similar work in Maine, he was tendered the position of engineer by the Meriden house, with which he has ever since been connected. Before the close of that year he came here and took up his duties, in charge of the machinery of this large plant, which he has helped to build up and install. He is the oldest engineer in Meriden, in point of service, and one of the best known in the State. He is not only respected as a thorough mechanic, but enjoys the public esteem as a man and gentleman. During the incumbency of Benjamin Page as mayor, Mr. Hastings was appointed boiler inspector for the city, and continued to serve under Mayor Levi E. Coe. He was re-appointed by Mayor E. E. West, and is now serving his fourth term under Mayor Seeley. This fact alone demonstrates his faithful and efficient character as a public servant. He is a member of the National Association of Stationary Engineers and assisted in organizing the State Association, and was its first president. He is identified with Meridian Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; and Hamilton Council, No. 22, R. & S. M., besides being a member of Pacific Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F., of which he is Past Grand, and which he has represented in the Grand Lodge of the State. For some time he was connected with Atlantic Encampment, of the latter order, and is now affiliated with the Meriden branches of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Order of United American Mechanics.

While he does not speak for political honors or emoluments, Mr. Hastings takes an intelligent interest in the progress of his country and votes with the Republican party. He seeks to follow the lines laid down by the Savior for the conduct of human life, though not connected with any religious organization. A man of broad mind and generous im-

pulses, he is justly popular with all classes of citizens.

Mr. Hastings has been twice married. At Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 31, 1878, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Annie Green, a native of that place, daughter of Hiram and Adeline Green. She died in 1887, and was buried in Norwalk Cemetery. Of her two children, Ida, the youngest, died in infancy; Addie L. was educated in the district and high schools of Meriden, and the State Normal School at New Britain, and is now a successful teacher in the public schools of Wallingford, Conn. For his second wife, Mr. Hastings wedded Ida B. Clark, a native of New Haven, Conn., daughter of Eleazer Clark, who, it is claimed, was the inventor and first manufacturer of sulphur matches, and one of the greatest horticulturists of his day. The only child of this marriage, Faith, died in infancy. Mrs. Hastings is a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and a lady of social and personal graces, devoted to her home and husband, the true helpmeet of a worthy citizen.

JAMES MONROE HUNT, late owner and proprietor of the "Guilford Point House," and a well-known resident of Guilford, where his career was honorable and successful, was born in the town of Glastonbury, Conn., March 4, 1823, son of Robert Hunt, who was born in the same town.

John Hunt, of Canaan, Conn., the grandfather of James M., was an iron worker in Glastonbury, where he was principally engaged in the manufacture of anchors. He died and was buried in Glastonbury. Robert Hunt, noted above, was also engaged in the iron business until 1836, when he met with reverses, and was forced to give up the factory and remove to Guilford, where he took charge of a hotel, renting the "Guilford House" and conducting it successfully. In 1847 it passed into his ownership, and for many years he was its genial and hospitable landlord, being in charge at the time of his death, April 1, 1870. Robert Hunt was a man of fine character, much ability, and took a leading part in the affairs of the town, where he was highly respected, not only for his genial spirit, but for his sterling manhood and genuine worth. As a representative of his town to the State Legislature he displayed much ability, and was regarded as a useful member of that body. In religion he was a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics a Democrat. Robert Hunt and Katurah Shipman were married in Glastonbury, where she was born, a daughter of John Shipman, a successful farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were the parents of the following children: (1) Kate, who is single; (2) James M.; (3) Mary, widow of Bernard McGee; (4) Ralph and (5) Martha, both of whom died young. Mrs. Robert Hunt died in 1857.

James M. Hunt attended the district school and the academy at Glastonbury, and came to Guilford

with his parents while still young. Remaining at home with his parents until he was seventeen years of age, he had a good, practical education, and at that age secured a good position in the post office at Hartford. This he held only four months when his father sent for him to have his help in the hotel, and as the health of the senior Hunt gave way on account of the infirmities of age, the son was pushed more to the front, until it came about some years before his father's death that he had entire charge of the hotel. As a hotel man he built up an enviable name, and enjoyed a reputation second to none in the State.

The "Guilford Point House" is an attractive establishment, finely furnished, and has accommodations for sixty guests. Part of the house was destroyed by fire in 1897, but with characteristic enterprise, many substantial and permanent improvements have been made since that time, and the house is more attractive and pleasant than ever. There are guests in the hotel who have been there twenty-seven years and more. The table is supplied with the best the market presents, served in an attractive manner.

Mr. Hunt was married Nov. 9, 1854, in Guilford, to Miss Lucy A. Norton, a daughter of Horace Norton. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt had one child, Harriet L., who married Scott M. Bryan, and had three children, Mabel Dudley, Catherine Hunt and Scott M., Jr. Mr. Hunt was a Democrat, but did not unite with any church. He was an honorable and upright man, and his death, which occurred July 13, 1901, at his home on Leete's Island, was sincerely mourned.

The Norton Family, to which Mrs. Hunt belongs, has long been settled in Guilford and Branford. Richard Norton, the first of the family in Guilford, was a native of Sharpenham, England, and was a son of William, a grandson of Richard, and a great-grandson of John Norton, all natives of the same Bedfordshire town. Richard Norton lived in London, England, where he married Letitia, daughter of Luke Norton, and their son, John, who was born in 1622, came to America and located in Branford in 1644. Fourteen years later he removed to Farmington, where he spent the remainder of his life, and where he died Nov. 5, 1709. He was three times married and became the father of seven children.

John Norton, the oldest son of the above, was born in Branford, May 24, 1651, and removed to Farmington with his parents, where he spent his life, dying April 25, 1725. He married Ruth Moss, who was born Jan. 5, 1657, and was a daughter of Deacon Isaac Moss. She became the mother of ten children.

John Norton, a son of the above, was born in Farmington in 1684, and spent the last part of his life in Kensington, where he died in 1750. On May 6, 1708, he married Anna Thompson, and to this union were born thirteen children.

Charles Norton, the second child of the above, was born Dec. 17, 1710, in Farmington, and came to Guilford, where he died Dec. 24, 1786. He was married for the first time, Aug. 9, 1738, to Rebecca Munson, of North Haven; and later married Mary Gould, who was born Feb. 2, 1716, and who died Sept. 25, 1793. He was the father of seven children: (1) Rebecca was the oldest child; she was born May 11, 1739, married Samuel Hart, and died July 28, 1769. (2) Charles, born May 12, 1742, married Sarah Street, and died March 19, 1818. (3) Olive, born March 20, 1750, married Timothy Baldwin, and died March 7, 1805. (4) Abel, born April 3, 1753, married Lucy Bartlett Jan. 13, 1788. (5) Gould G., a physician, born Aug. 18, 1751, married Martha Hitchcock, and died Nov. 21, 1813. (6) Henry, born Nov. 11, 1756, married Polly Brace. (7) Gideon, born July 3, 1759, married Lucy Russell, and died April 16, 1822.

Gideon Norton and Lucy Russell, who were married Dec. 2, 1787, were the parents of four children: (1) Charles Russell, born April 19, 1789, married Sarah Wolcott, and died Feb. 21, 1818; (2) Alfred, born May 12, 1791, married Abigail Russell, and died March 29, 1850. (3) Horace, born June 29, 1794. (4) Ebenezer, born Dec. 1, 1797, died April 2, 1820. Lucy (Russell) Norton was born May 24, 1760, and died Aug. 23, 1831, in Guilford.

Horace Norton, father of Mrs. Hunt, was a farmer, landowner and man of affairs at Leete's Island, where he spent his life, and where he died March 12, 1886. He married April 14, 1818, Parmelia Frisbee, who was born Oct. 22, 1796, and died Sept. 20, 1876. She was a daughter of Daniel Frisbee, and the mother of: (1) Charles Russell, born Jan. 15, 1819, died July 27, 1825; (2) Lucy Ann, born Sept. 20, 1820, married James M. Hunt, and resided on the old Leete's Island homestead.

MICHAEL PATRICK COEN is an Irishman by birth, but a loyal American by instinct and training. His father and brother attested their love for this country on the hotly contested battlefields of Virginia and the Southwest during the Civil war.

Mr. Coen was born in Queens county, Ireland, July 12, 1843, and had scarcely passed his eleventh birthday when he crossed the ocean with his parents. His first schooling was obtained in Ireland, and his school life ended in Waterbury, when, in 1861, he enlisted in the Federal army. His first service was in the ranks of the three months' volunteers, and after that term had expired he re-enlisted for three years in Company F, 9th Conn. V. I. Throughout his term he saw active service in the field. It was not long before he was transferred to the signal service. After receiving his honorable discharge, in 1865, he returned to Waterbury, and for the next four years was in the employ of the Farrell Foundry Co., bringing to the perform-



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ance of his duties constant attention, industry and integrity. He invested his savings in real estate, and little by little drifted more and more into the handling of property, although not neglecting favorable opportunities for investment in stocks. His ventures proved successful, thanks to his keen intuition and sagacious foresight. Gradually his capital accumulated, the interest was managed with rare discretion, and he is now an extensive owner of real estate. In 1895 Mr. Coen was chosen secretary and treasurer of the Salem Spring Ice Co., of Naugatuck, a position which he still fills, having meanwhile served also as president of the company. His intelligent supervision and constant, watchful care have insured its prosperity.

Mr. Coen cherishes a deep interest in the G. A. R., and it was through his efforts that posts of that order were established at Naugatuck and Waterbury. He is also a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows, a Catholic organization, and of the Young Men's Catholic Institute, of which society he was the first president. In private life Mr. Coen is generous, kind and social, faithful to every duty, and charitable to the faults and frailties of others.

GEORGE GOERING, the intelligent and trustworthy foreman of the mechanical department of the W. R. A. Co., at New Haven, was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 6, 1847, a son of Christopher Goering, also a native of Bavaria.

Christopher Goering was a cabinet-maker, and followed that trade all his life, in which were comprised eighty vigorous and useful years. He wedded his first wife, whose maiden name was Meyer, in Germany, and she died there at the early age of twenty-seven, the mother of several children, of whom four are living: Jacob, who has been established for forty years at No. 248 Water St., N. Y.; George; Christopher, who is in New Haven; and Katie, who married a Mr. Miller. In 1854 Mr. Goering came to this country and located in New York, where he worked at his trade, and then established himself in business. For a time he was in business in Port Chester, and when he retired he settled in Brooklyn. He took an active part in political affairs of the day, and he belonged to a number of German societies. For his second wife Mr. Goering married a Miss Raber, who is still living; she became the mother of four children.

George Goering was only seven years of age when his mother died, and when he was ten years old he came to the United States. Two years were spent by him in school learning the English language, and then he secured employment in a screw factory in Port Chester, where he learned the machinist trade. For some three years he worked with Russell, Birdsell & Ward, and was employed in New York and New Haven until 1871. That year he associated himself with the W. R. A. Co., as a journeyman. His rise was rapid, and he soon

became assistant foreman, and in 1890 was made foreman of the mechanical department, having some seventy men and an assistant foreman under his direction. His services are in demand as an expert, and he thoroughly understands his business. There is one man in his department that started with him; all the others have since come on duty.

On Jan. 16, 1870, Mr. Goering was married to Miss Katie Freedman, a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the six children born to Peter Freedman, an old soldier. To this marriage have come five children: George, a machinist, who married Minnie Downs, and had two children—Harry C. and Evalina—and died at the age of twenty-nine years (he was a member of the Masons and the Odd Fellows); William, a pattern maker at Pittsfield, Mass., who married Ada Boutell, and has one child, William; Ida, who is at home, and who is a fine pianist; F. J., who graduated from Hillhouse high school, and then entered the W. R. A. Co. as an apprentice to the machinist trade; Harry, who is a toolmaker under Mr. Kelly in the W. R. A. Company. Mr. Goering is a staunch Republican, and was a councilman in 1883. He is a member of Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., of Centerville. In the A. O. U. W. and the K. P. he has been very active. Mr. Goering has acquired some real estate, and the home in which he resides was erected by him, as was also the house at No. 86 Henry street, which he rents.

BELA CARTER (deceased), who during his life was a well-known citizen of Meriden, was descended from Rev. Thomas Carter, the first pastor of the church in Woburn, Mass. Rev. Thomas Carter died Sept. 5, 1684, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and in the forty-second year of his ministry. He was born in England, and was educated in St. John's College, at the University of Cambridge, where he received the degree of B. A., in 1629, and that of M. D., in 1633. He came to New England in the ship "Planter," in 1635, and was admitted as an inhabitant of Dedham shortly after its incorporation in September, 1636. He removed thence to Watertown, where he united with the church, and at once became active in the service thereof. He preached first at Woburn, in 1641, and was ordained Nov. 22, 1642. There is evidence that he was a pious, exemplary man, and a sound orthodox preacher. Prior to settling in Woburn, he married Mary Dalton, who died March 28, 1687. Their children, Samuel, Judith, Theophilus, Mary, Abigail, Deborah, Timothy and Thomas, were born between the years 1640 and 1655.

Timothy Carter, son of Rev. Thomas, the pioneer, was born June 12, 1653, and married May 3, 1680, to Anna Fiske, daughter of David Fiske, of Cambridge Farms, Lexington. Timothy Carter was a husbandman and with Thomas, his brother, was proprietor of several large tracts of land in

Woburn. His thirteen children, born between 1681 and 1704, were: David, Timothy, Anna, Timothy (2), Theophilus, Thomas, Abigail, Sarah, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Mary, Martha and Benjamin (2). Anna, wife of Timothy died Jan. 27, 1715-16, and Timothy died July 8, 1727.

Benjamin Carter, son of Timothy, born Nov. 8, 1704, and whose birth is recorded in Woburn, made his home in Sutton, Mass., and died at the age of one hundred and one years. He married Sarah Stone.

Timothy Carter (2), son of Benjamin, born Dec. 15, 1738, married Sarah Walker, born Oct. 24, 1735. Their children were: Timothy, born Nov. 27, 1768; Sally, born May 10, 1770; John, born Oct. 29, 1771; Abigail, born Nov. 19, 1773; Luther, born Aug. 10, 1779; and Elias, born May 30, 1781.

John Carter, son of Timothy (2), born Oct. 29, 1771, married Ruth Goodnow.

Silas Johnson Carter, son of John, was born in 1796, in Petersham, Worcester Co., Mass., where he married Ruth Vining, who died May 23, 1880, at the age of eighty-three years. They were the parents of eight sons and two daughters, viz.: Edwin, Ruth, Galen, Alba, Bela, Porter, Darius, Sarah, Jared and Calvin.

Bela Carter, son of Silas J., born Feb. 6, 1828, in Hardwick, Mass., married Dec. 5, 1850, Mary J., daughter of Capt. Butler and Polly (Converse) Barrett, of Belchertown, Mass. Mr. Carter received a common school education in his native town, and at sixteen years of age began teaching penmanship. In the middle forties he learned the trade of painter and paper hanger, at Palmer, Mass., and after two years in the city of Springfield, Mass., located in Meriden, Conn., in 1850, engaging in business two years later.

During the Civil war Mr. Carter held the office of first selectman of the town, and he was a member of the Common Council one term, and chairman of the Corner school district committee six years. He was treasurer of the military fund four years, served for the same length of time as alderman, and was notary public for thirty years. In politics he was a Whig in early life, but later became identified with the Republican party. He was prominently connected with many public enterprises, for twenty years was a director in the First National Bank, and for many years dealt extensively in real estate. In the latter capacity he handled and sold the land upon which are located the buildings of "Factory E" of the International Silver Co., on State St. During the stormy years of the Civil war, when feeling ran high, the unerring judgment and wise discretion of Mr. Carter elicited commendation on all sides, and he filled public office in a manner which won him the confidence of his fellow-citizens, and the grateful remembrance of those who now profit by his efficient public service. His death occurred at his home at Meriden, Sept. 28, 1893, and he was buried in West Cemetery. The

widow who survives him and resides in Meriden, is honored and respected by all who know her. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carter. Three of these, Henry Johnson, Agnes Smith and Wilbur Barrett, died with diphtheria during one week, and sleep in one grave in West cemetery; Elmer Bela, who is a sheep ranchman in Montana, married Laura M. Edwards, of Billings, Montana. Mary C., who is the widow of the late Edward H. White, of Meriden (see White family); Bertha S., who married Frederick E. Bemis, of Meriden; Robert William; and Annie Z.

ROBERT W. CARTER, son of Bela Carter, and secretary of the Wilcox & White Co., was born in Meriden, Conn., Aug. 29, 1871, and acquired his education in the Church St. grammar school and the High School, graduating from the latter in 1888. After leaving school he was associated in business with his father until about twenty-one years of age, and for the following five years was employed in the invoicing department of the Meriden Britannia Co. Going then to New York City, he entered the employ of W. J. Kingsland, export manufacturer's agent filling the position of cashier until his return to Meriden, in 1900. Here he succeeded his brother-in-law, Edward H. White, as secretary of the Wilcox & White Co., and at the present time is a director in that large business. Fraternally he is a member of the Alfred H. Hall Council, R. A., and belongs to the social organizations, the Home, the Meriden Golf, and Arcanum Clubs. In politics he is a Republican, and at the age of twenty-four was elected a councilman from the Second ward.

FRED E. BEMIS, son-in-law of the late Bela Carter, and the efficient superintendent for the Wilcox & White Co., was born in Boston, Mass., Feb. 6, 1863, a son of Orlando and Frances (Cheney) Bemis, the former engaged in the meat business in Oakland, Cal., and the latter a daughter of Samuel Cheney, and granddaughter of a Revolutionary soldier. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bemis, Fred E. and Martha, the latter the wife of C. R. Crosby, of Brattleboro, Vt.

Mr. Bemis was educated in Brattleboro, Vt., where his parents resided, and in 1875 accompanied his father to Oakland, Cal., and attended the Oakland schools for two years. He then returned to Vermont and remained in his native State until his removal to Meriden in 1879. Since its establishment Mr. Bemis has been connected with the Wilcox & White Co. in various capacities, principally of an official nature, and from the position of assistant superintendent of E. H. White, succeeded to the superintendency upon the death of the latter, in 1899. He has shown marked managerial and general business ability and is one of the most substantial and reliable citizens of the community.

Fraternally Mr. Bemis is connected with Meridian Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; Keystone Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council, No. 22,

R. & S. M.; and the Alfred H. Hall Council, Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a Republican. In Meriden he married Miss Bertha S. Carter, daughter of the late Bela Carter, and one son has been born to this union, Leslie Carter Bemis.

COL. HENRY M. BLAKESLEE, one of the oldest living citizens of North Haven, is a representative of a fine old family, whose record can be traced as far back as 1636.

Samuel and John Blakeslee came from England to America in 1636, bringing with them the tools of their trade, blacksmithing. After landing in Boston they bought what was known as "Boston Neck," where they established their families, but a few years later removed to Guilford, Conn., where business prospects seemed more promising. The name of Samuel first appears in New Haven in 1646, John removing to Woodbury. Samuel Blakeslee died in 1672, leaving a large estate to his children, who were named: John, Hannah, Mary, Samuel, Ebenezer, Hannah, Jonathan, Jonathan (2). The fifth of the family was the direct ancestor of Colonel Henry M. He died in 1735, leaving the following children: Ebenezer, Hannah, Susanna, Grace, Abraham, Isaac, Samuel and Thomas.

Lieut. Isaac Blakeslee, of this family, was born July 21, 1703, served in the French and Indian war, and was selectman in North Haven in 1753. On May 31, 1733, he married Mary Frost, who was born in 1710, and died in 1793. His death occurred in 1767. The children born to them were: Isaac, Mary, Sarah, Hannah, Abigail, Beulah, Ruth. The last-named married Capt. Ebenezer Rogers, who served in the Revolution under Capt. Douglas as a member of the Fifth Connecticut Regiment.

Lieut. Isaac Blakeslee, eldest son of Lieut. Isaac, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1733, in the eastern part of the town of North Haven, and a part of the house in which he was born is still standing and is occupied. His title came from his rank in a local militia company. He was a farmer by occupation. His death occurred in 1814, and his remains lie in the old cemetery with those of the honored ancestors of so many of Col. Blakeslee's present neighbors. He married Lydia Alcock, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Gedney) Alcock, and she died in 1796. The children born of this union have become connected by marriage with the best families of New England, many of them winning distinction in various lines.

Amos Blakeslee, the grandfather of our subject, was born in North Haven, in the old homestead, and became a prominent man in that locality, engaging extensively in farming. He held the office of constable, his fearlessness making him very successful in capturing evil doers. His death took place Feb. 22, 1827. He married Eunice Cooper, who survived him until 1834, and they had children

as follows: Anson, born Aug. 28, 1783; Eunitia, born in 1786, married Frederick Barnes; Chauncey, born in 1787, who died in infancy; Willis, born in 1792; Chauncey (2), born in 1780; and Julia, born in 1795, who married Augustus Hemingway.

Anson Blakeslee was reared on his father's farm and was sent to the district school. He early began to teach, being thus employed fourteen winters. The farm demanded his attention during the summer season, but he also found time to learn the trades of cooper, carpenter and stone mason, was noted for his industry and intelligence, and was respected throughout the community. His farm, which is now occupied by E. C. Warner, became one of the best in the neighborhood under his management. He grew fine fruit, and our subject well remembers the choice apricots which at one time were grown. Mr. Blakeslee was much appreciated in the Congregational Church of North Haven, and his seat there was seldom vacant. Anson Blakeslee was united in marriage with Julia, daughter of Titus Frost and the children which came to this union were: Lavinia, born in 1822, married Lyman Clinton, a manufacturer of agricultural implements, and lived in Clintonville. Chauncey, born in 1825, married Merah Heaton; he lived in North Haven and Bristol, where he was engaged in the soda business with James Heaton. Henry M. was born June 25, 1813. George E., twin of Henry M., married Elizabeth Atwater, of New Haven, and passed his last years in North Haven, where he erected the residence north of the home of H. P. Smith; he was a merchant, and became a capitalist, making the bulk of his fortune as a dealer in saltpeter during the Civil war. Sophronia married Isaac L. Stiles, of North Haven. Eliza married Henry P. Smith, and resides in North Haven.

Henry M. Blakeslee was born in the old homestead in North Haven, and enjoyed but limited educational opportunities, the farm requiring much of his time during his early years. Removing to New Haven, he engaged in the agricultural implement business with his brother-in-law, Lyman Bishop, continuing thus for three years, when he returned to the farm and continued its culture until 1868. In the meantime he had bought and sold many cattle, in company with Samuel Chidsey and Willis B. Hemingway, buying in Canada, New York and Vermont, and had made much money by the various contracts. On the death of his father, Mr. Blakeslee bought the interests of the other heirs, and farmed the estate until 1868, when he sold it to Edwin C. Warner. Coming to North Haven, he then engaged in the brick business, leasing the yard of the Culver estate, and in connection with Willis B. Hemingway, under the firm name of Blakeslee & Co., conducted this business for some five years, at the expiration of which time he bought the interest of his partner and managed the same alone until he disposed of it, in 1878. With his wife Mr. Blakeslee then made

a visit to California, and six months later, upon his return, located in New Haven, where in association with H. P. Smith he embarked in the fruit business, which was a successful venture, and in which he continued for six years. After leaving that he engaged in the tea and coffee trade, with Henry Dawson. Upon the death of Mr. Dawson, three years later, Mr. Blakeslee removed to North Haven, where he has resided ever since.

On May 3, 1835, Mr. Blakeslee married Charlotte Pierpont, who died Feb. 16, 1837. His second marriage, on Sept. 17, 1837, was to Polly Goodyear, whose death occurred Sept. 25, 1876. His third marriage, Dec. 7, 1878, was to Cornelia Andrews, who was born Feb. 12, 1832, in North Haven, a daughter of Jesse and Mary Jeanette (Bradley) Andrews. Her father was a school teacher, and taught twenty-two winter terms. Mrs. Blakeslee is a granddaughter of Jesse Andrews, a brick manufacturer, and great-granddaughter of Timothy Andrews, who, in 1780, built the old hotel still standing in North Haven. Her brother, Dr. J. B. Andrews, of Utica, N. Y., was first assistant superintendent of the insane asylum at Utica, and later was superintendent of the Buffalo asylum, one of the finest in the country.

By his second marriage Mr. Blakeslee had the following named children: Theodore, who married Susan Drake, of Middleboro, Mass.; Charlotte, who married Julian Tuttle, of North Haven; George Goodyear, who married Florence Todd, of New Haven; and Harriet, whose death, in 1876, at the age of nineteen years, threw a shadow over the community, her kindness and sweet disposition having won for her many friends.

Mr. Blakeslee has efficiently filled many of the local offices, for seven years acting as assessor, and for many years as constable. He is best known in his locality as "Col." Blakeslee, receiving his title for service in an old militia company, and it has clung to him these many years, until now it is almost a term of affection among the old neighbors who have known him so long. The punctuality and honesty of his business methods were specially illustrated in his service as official tax collector, when he settled with the town before the time appointed by law, and he has the distinction of being the only collector who did this. In the Congregational Church Col. Blakeslee has ever taken a great interest, and he has been a liberal supporter of its work in the direction of improving the community. That his long life has been a temperate and upright one his present physical health testifies, and his retentive memory makes a visit to his hospitable mansion a pleasant and profitable one. As one of the oldest residents he has seen many wonderful changes in his surroundings and in the country at large, and his intelligent and active mind has kept in touch with all. Mr. Blakeslee possesses the esteem of the entire community of North Haven.

MYRON C. READE, a highly respected citizen of New Haven, has for more than a third of a century been connected with the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., first at Bridgeport, and since 1871 at New Haven. He was born at Ashford, Conn., June 24, 1843, son of Daniel and Armina (Knowlton) Reade, and grandson of Samuel Reade, a native and a lifelong resident of Ashford, where he was engaged in farming and conducted a general country store.

Daniel Reade, the father of Myron C., was born at Ashford in 1800. Early in life he taught school at New Haven. For a number of years he was in business in Willimantic, and was later a farmer in the town of Mansfield, Tolland county. In politics he was a Whig and Republican, and he was elected to many of the local offices, including that of justice of the peace. Religiously he was a member of the Baptist Church. He died in 1878, and his wife survived until 1887. To Daniel and Armina (Knowlton) Reade were born twelve children, as follows: (1) Daniel K. was a hotel-keeper in New York City, where he died. (2) William P., who was a manufacturer of covered cloth buttons in New Haven, is now deceased. (3) Adeline married a Mr. Newell. (4) Eliza married Alonzo Cheever, who has for years been editor of the *New England Farmer*. (5) J. Waterman, a machinist by trade, and now a merchant at Willimantic, was for years inspector of guns at Ilion, N. Y., for the United States Government. (6) Emeline, Mrs. Dr. Simmons, resides in Ashford. (7) Henry, who was a manufacturer of jewelers' tools, dies, etc., at Newark, N. J., is now deceased. (8) Augusta married Charles Austin, of Worcester, Mass., a retired merchant. (9) Darwin is head of a department of the Willimantic Linen Co. (10) Myron C. is the subject of this sketch. (11) Herbert, who was a machinist and toolmaker, is now deceased. (12) Louise married Edward Fisk, a merchant, of Worcester Massachusetts.

Myron C. Reade spent his boyhood on the farm, where he remained up to the age of seventeen years, attending the district schools and also the schools at Willimantic. In 1860, at the age of seventeen, he entered the Springfield Armory, where small arms were manufactured, remaining about three years. In 1864 he enlisted in the 30th Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, unattached, served one year, and was discharged in 1865.

Returning from the service, Mr. Reade was for a short time with the Colts Fire Arms Co., of Hartford, and then became connected with the Wheeler & Wilson Co., Bridgeport, where he remained a short time. He next entered the service of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., at Bridgeport, and in 1871, when they removed to New Haven, he came with them to that city, and has since been with them continuously, as contractor. Mr. Reade is one of the oldest contractors in point of service



Myron C. Peade

with the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., having been with the firm about thirty-five years. He is a skilled mechanic, and possesses excellent business ability, and by strict integrity and honesty of purpose has made his way to a high position. He is a self-made man in the best sense of the term, and has risen by merit alone. His application and thoroughness have been specially marked characteristics of his business life.

Mr. Reade married, May 14, 1868, Harriet S. Sturdevant, who was born in Brookfield, Conn., February 12, 1846, daughter of John and Sophia (Olmstead) Sturdevant, and granddaughter of Rufus Sturdevant. Her maternal grandfather, Thomas Olmstead, was a native of England, but lived in Halifax. John Sturdevant, the father of Mrs. Reade, was a hatter by trade. The pleasant home of the Reades, at No. 165 Whalley avenue, was built in 1887, and they have resided there ever since. Mrs. Reade is a member of the Dwight Place Congregational Church.

In politics Mr. Reade is a Republican. He is prominent among the fraternal orders, has been a member of the I. O. O. F., and is now affiliated with Wooster Lodge, No. 79, F. & A. M., Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., and other societies. A man of high character, he is influential and thoroughly esteemed among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

CHARLES LYMAN WRIGHT, proprietor of the popular Nonpareil Laundry, No. 271 Blatchley avenue, New Haven, was born at Westhampton, Mass., Jan. 7, 1847, a son of Thaddeus King Wright, and a direct descendant of Samuel Wright, who was one of the first settlers of Springfield, Mass., in 1636.

Tradition says that Samuel Wright, above mentioned, was a son of John Wright, of Kalvedon, who in turn was a son of John Wright, of Wright's Bridge, Essex, about forty miles from London. Samuel married and became the father of three sons, Samuel, Judah and James.

James Wright, son of Samuel, died in 1723. He and his wife Abigail had children: James, Abigail, Helped, Lydia, Sannuel, Preserved, Hester, Jonathan and Hannah.

Preserved Wright, son of James, married Sarah Hannum, and had five children, Ephraim being the eldest.

Ephraim Wright, son of Preserved, born in 1712, died Jan. 25, 1794. In 1745 he married Mar-iam Wright, and they became the parents of three sons and four daughters.

Ephraim Wright (2), son of Ephraim, was born Jan. 1, 1747, and died March 30, 1814. On July 4, 1772, he wedded Abigail Lyman, and in 1773 moved to Westhampton. Of their children we have the following record: Levi, born Aug. 19, 1773, died Jan. 9, 1825; Preserved, born July 2, 1775, died Sept. 8, 1839; Luther, born April 10,

1777, died May 9, 1846; Charlotte, born May 22, 1779, died Feb. 10, 1814; Medad, born June 9, 1781, died April 14, 1864; Abigail, born June 13, 1783, died Dec. 2, 1851; Zenas, born Sept. 10, 1785, died Nov. 11, 1861; Zadoc Lyman, born Jan. 24, 1788, died Dec. 10, 1844; Marian, born Oct. 31, 1790, died July 10, 1864; and Martin, born Feb. 1, 1793, died Oct. 21, 1852.

Zadoc Lyman Wright, eighth in the order of birth in the above named family, was married Jan. 29, 1810, to Rebecca King, who was born Sept. 10, 1790, daughter of Thaddeus King, of Westhampton, and died Aug. 15, 1858. The children of this union were: Naomi, born Oct. 13, 1812, died Jan. 16, 1892; Thaddeus King was the father of Charles L. Wright; Elmina, born Aug. 30, 1818, died Dec. 25, 1863; Ansel, born Oct. 3, 1821, died Aug. 17, 1872.

Thaddeus King Wright was born Dec. 18, 1815, and died Dec. 20, 1861. He was a farmer by occupation, although to some extent he followed his trade, that of wood turning. On the breaking out of the Civil war he organized a company for the front, and was engaged in drilling it when he suddenly died. At one time he was a school teacher, and he had a reputation for scholarly attainments of a high order. Prominent in public affairs, he served his town as selectman and as a member of the school board. Nancy E. Lyman, who became his wife, was born in the town of Williamsburg, Mass., daughter of Elihu Lyman, a manufacturer of garden implements, baskets and similar goods. They had five children: Francis H., born Dec. 20, 1839, became a soldier in the 37th Mass. V. I. in the Civil war, and died while in the army, at Falmouth, Va., Feb. 17, 1863; Harriet married Henry L. Nichols, and resides in New Haven; Charles Lyman is the gentleman whose name introduces this article; William K. is superintendent of the O. B. North Manufacturing Co., of New Haven; Mary Jane married James B. Moran, of New Haven. The family were all identified with the Congregational Church. Thaddeus K. Wright was a leader in the movement that resulted in the organization of the Republican party in Massachusetts in 1856.

Charles Lyman Wright spent his boyhood days in Westhampton, Mass., where he attended the local schools until he was fifteen years of age, going to work on his father's farm at that time, and confining his schooling to the winter term. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in Company C, 52d Mass. V. I., and was in the service until the close of the war. Participating in many fierce and bloody battles, he experienced the fortunes of war, and was taken prisoner by the Rebels and confined in Libby prison. When his term of enlistment expired he was mustered out of the service, and came to Easthampton, where he became a carpenter, working at the trade for three years. Then he took up the molding trade, which he followed some two years. For seven years he worked as a carpenter, and then

engaged as foreman of the C. Roger Bros. Manufacturing Co., makers of casket hardware. He held this position seven years. Mr. Wright then came to New Haven and entered the contracting business for J. B. Sargeant & Co., a work in which he was engaged for nineteen years. In 1892 he formed and founded his present business, and under his capable management the steam laundry has become one of the successful enterprises of the town.

Charles L. Wright was married Aug. 10, 1869, to Sarah E. Whitney, of South Meriden, a daughter of Joseph H. Whitney. She died Jan. 2, 1901, leaving two children: Etta M., who married George H. Rogers, of New Haven; and Francis H. Politically Mr. Wright is a Republican, and has served two years on the board of aldermen from the Eleventh ward. He belongs to Pacific Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F.; the Royal Arcanum; the A. O. U. W.; the O. U. A. M.; the N. E. O. P.; the B. P. O. E.; and Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., of New Haven. In these various relations he is highly esteemed and possesses a host of friends.

HON. WILLIAM HENRY GOLDEN, ex-State Senator and an able and successful contractor in the metal department of the International Silver Co.'s factory, Meriden, was born in that city Dec. 6, 1845, son of the late William H. Golden, and a brother of Eugene P. Golden, of Meriden.

Mr. Golden attended school during boyhood in his native city, and he began his business career in the metal spinning department of the Meriden britannia factory; his first wages were fifty cents a day. Here he learned the trade and continued to engage in it, working as a journeyman until 1900, at which time he took up contract work in that department, to which line he now gives his entire attention.

In political life Mr. Golden has been very prominent, and he is a man of importance and influence in his locality. Prior to the candidacy of Horace Greeley he was a Republican, but has since been a Democrat. In 1883 he was honored by his Democratic fellow citizens with election to the State Legislature, and faithfully served on the committees on Forfeited Rights and Woman Suffrage. In 1884 he was again honored, by election to the State Senate, representing the 6th District. He served in the sessions of 1885 and 1886, and during his term of office was chairman of the committees on Woman Suffrage and Manual and Rules, and in the latter year was on the Military committee. Senator Golden was noted for his close attention to the matters given into his hands, and much of the favorable legislation on the subjects named had his hearty support. For one year he served as assessor of the town of Meriden, and acquitted himself with credit in this official relation, as in every other to which he has been chosen.

In 1866 Mr. Golden was married to Miss Nellie C. Crane, who was born in Killingworth, Conn.,

daughter of Capt. Rufus Crane. The only child of this union, Mary Ellen, died in infancy. The death of Mrs. Golden occurred in June, 1896, and she was buried in the East cemetery. Originally she was a member of the Baptist Church, but later became connected with the Christian Science Church of Boston, and was the founder of that faith in Meriden. She was known for a long period as a lady of great literary ability, her writings appearing in many of the leading journals of the country. Her life was an exemplification of the doctrines to which she subscribed, and her death was lamented by a large circle of devoted friends.

The second marriage of Senator Golden, celebrated in 1897, was to Miss Elizabeth Scranton, who was born in Madison, Conn., a daughter of the late Hubbard Scranton, and a sister of Arthur Scranton, of Madison. The beautiful family home, located on Fourth street, Meriden, presided over by the estimable wife of Senator Golden with ease and graceful hospitality, was erected after her plans.

Fraternally Senator Golden has long been connected in good comradeship with Meriden Center Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F., and also with Silver City Lodge, No. 3, A. O. U. W. He was a charter member of Company 1, C. N. G., and is a popular and highly esteemed resident of his native city. His religious connection is with the Boston Christian Science Church.

JUDGE MUNGER, a prominent attorney and counsellor at law, is the Judge of the Municipal Court of Ansonia, and was born in Litchfield, Conn., Feb. 11, 1847.

Rufus E. Munger, his father, was born in Litchfield county, and was a shoemaker by trade. He had a fine patronage, and for many years made custom shoes in Waterbury, Derby and Naugatuck. His death occurred when he was aged seventy-two. In politics he was an old-school Democrat, and was regarded as a man of much intelligence and sound judgment. Fanny Fuller, his wife, was born in Coventry, one of a numerous family of children born to Henry Fuller, a representative of a family long and favorably known in that part of the State. She became the mother of three children, two of whom are living, the Judge and Edward G., who is a carpenter by trade. The mother died at the age of seventy-two years, in the faith of the Methodist church. The father attended the Episcopal Church.

Judge Munger lived at home until 1862, acquiring his education in the public school. That year he went to Waterbury, and for a year was employed in the Buckle company; from there he went to Naugatuck, where he remained for a time, and then returned home to help his father on the home place, where he spent two years. For a time he worked at farm work, and then came to Derby, taking a position as cook on a coasting vessel, under Capt. Bailey. In 1865 he was again employed on

a farm. At this time his ambition was turned to the study of law, and he devoted himself to the gaining of a practical knowledge of its principles. That he might work to the best results, he left the farm and secured a place in a factory. He worked days and studied nights. Such application as he exhibited could not fail of results, and presently he was ready for admission. Feeling the need of a better literary preparation, he attended the high school in Naugatuck. In 1868 he was admitted to the Bar in Naugatuck, and began a general practice. Four years later he established himself in Ansonia, and for twelve years he followed his profession in this city. In 1884 his health broke down, and for three years he was compelled to devote himself to the restoration of his health. In 1889 he located in his present office on Main street.

Judge Munger is a Republican, and since 1872, when he was defeated for town clerk by the narrow margin of two votes, has been in politics to a greater or less extent. In the spring of 1873 he was elected Judge of Probate, and was re-elected in 1874, 1875 and 1876. During the years of his active professional labor Judge Munger was associated with a number of celebrated cases, among which may be mentioned the prosecution against C. Smith for the murder of Dr. J. Hayes, which resulted in the conviction of the murderer. In 1889 he was elected Judge of the Municipal Court, and was re-elected in 1891, 1893, 1895 and 1897.

Judge Munger is a director and secretary of the Ansonia Telephone Company, and has many strong friends in the business world, who are attracted by his manly character and manifest integrity.

In 1871 Judge Munger was married to Jennie C. Lewis, who was born in Naugatuck, and is a daughter of Leonard S. Lewis, a farmer of some means. Mrs. Munger was one of six children, and is the mother of a boy and a girl, Edith L. and Robert L. The son is now in the Yale Law School. Judge Munger has long been a member of the I. O. O. F., and has filled all the chairs of the lodges at Naugatuck and Ansonia. With his wife he belongs to the Congregational Church, and is an active worker in both the society and the Sunday-school. The Judge is an active and earnest worker not only in the church but in every forward movement in the community. He has taken a great interest in the Y. M. C. A., whose fortunes he has done much to advance.

BENJAMIN SLADE. Among the successful younger lawyers of New Haven county prominently stands the name of Benjamin Slade. Possessed of natural ability and unswerving tenacity of purpose, he has, in a few years, gained an enviable position in the legal fraternity of Connecticut.

He was born in Elisabethgrad, Southern Russia, Sept. 3, 1874. His father was a merchant and government contractor for the Russian army. His mother is a practicing physician in Switzerland.

Benjamin Slade obtained his early education from private tutors, and in 1880 came to New Haven, where he attended the public schools, and spent two years in a private preparatory academy. Returning to Europe, he was interpreter in the Russian custom house service, stationed at Nikolaiev, from 1889 to 1891, a portion of this time being spent in further educational research. He also traveled considerably in Europe, Asia and Africa, and upon returning to New Haven, Conn., in 1892, entered the Yale Law School, from which he was graduated in 1895. The same year he was admitted to the Connecticut bar, and has since practiced law in New Haven.

In 1897 Mr. Slade was elected councilman of New Haven and served two years, and in 1900 was elected selectman of the city and served one year, at the time being the youngest man ever elected to that office in New Haven.

MRS. MARY F. RICHARDS, whose pleasant and hospitable home is at No. 796 State street, New Haven, belongs to the Hagaman family, prominent in the annals of Knickerbocker days in New York, being a daughter of Henry Hagaman.

Henry Hagaman, who was a native of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., married Ellen Swarthout, and they were living in Dutchess county, N. Y., at the time Mary F. was born. Their family consisted of seven children, five of whom lived to mature years: Mary F. (now Mrs. Richards), Maria, Henry, Theodore and Isaac. Maria is married and lives in East Haven. Henry, Theodore and Isaac were landlords of the "Albemarle Hotel" in New York for years. Theodore was a banker and broker in New York and when he died was worth more than three-quarters of a million dollars. Isaac is now living retired in East Haven. Henry Hagaman, the grandfather of Mrs. Richards, was born in Poughkeepsie, and followed the business of hotel-keeping. The Hagamans are among the most noted old Dutch families in America.

Mary F. Hagaman has been twice married. Nathan Andrews, her first husband, came from East Haven, and belonged to the old and honorable Andrews family of New Haven county. He was a farmer and oyster dealer, as was his father before him, and his grandfather was also a farmer. The *New Haven Palladium*, bearing date of Oct. 7, 1879, spoke in the highest terms of the character and popular appreciation of Nathan Andrews when it announced his death: "Seldom does death remove from our midst one who was more universally beloved and esteemed than was Nathan Andrews. Many hearts were filled with sadness, and many eyes dimmed with tears, when last evening the news of his death was spread through the town. Many lost a true friend. He was a most honorable and upright citizen, and has held many local offices in this town, which he represented in the State Legislature of 1861. He was one of the

Board of County Commissioners in New Haven county from 1872 to 1875. He was possessed of many endearing qualities of mind and heart, and was affable to all. He was ever ready to sacrifice his own interests to promote those of his friends. In a word, he was a friend of all, the enemy of none, loved and honored while he lived, whose life work will long be remembered, and whose memory will long be cherished by those who knew him best."

Mrs. Mary F. Andrews was married the second time to Major J. P. Richards, Jan. 31, 1884, who died Sept. 28, 1897, after a long and painful illness, which finally developed into consumption. Major Richards was sixty-five years old at the time of his death, and had led a very active and busy life until his failing health interfered. Born in Germany, he came to this country in his youth, and made his home in New Haven, where the remainder of his life was spent. For a number of years he had been engaged in the meat business, having been located at first in a frame building that stood at one time on the corner of Court and State streets; then he was in the City Market, and for years carried on business in the store now occupied by Coe & Field; and was at last established in a building on Union street, owned by himself.

Major Richards was in his early manhood captain of the City Guard, and major of the Second Regiment. He was twice married. His first wife died in 1875, and he married Mrs. Andrews, as noted above, who survives him, and is still hale and hearty.

Major Richards was a man of fine character, honest heart and genial spirit. His business capacity was marked, his integrity manifest, and he possessed the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

THOMAS F. LUNNY, proprietor of the Waterbury Rubber Tire Coach Co., Waterbury, is a typical American hustler, and one of the most aggressive and progressive citizens of New Haven county.

Mr. Lunny is of Irish descent, his father, James Lunny, having been born on a farm in County Fermanagh, Ireland, whence he came to the United States in May, 1844, settling in Waterbury, Conn. Here he worked in a brass factory about ten years, and conducted a grocery business some thirty years, dying June 8, 1896, after living retired about ten years. In 1845, in Waterbury, he married Ann Kennaugh, who was born at Abellace, Queens county, Ireland, and came to America in 1843. She died Sept. 18, 1895, the mother of ten children, as follows: Mary married M. J. Brzezinski, a reporter in Waterbury; John G., a liquor dealer in Waterbury, married Elizabeth Gagen; James is a constable in Waterbury; Maggie, twin of James, died single; Frank and Katie (twins) died young; Patrick F. is city auctioneer in Waterbury; Thomas died in in-

fancy; Annie married Edward F. Flynn, of New York City; and Thomas F., twin of Annie, is the subject of this sketch. The entire family are members of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, and the father in politics was a staunch Democrat, as are also the sons, with the exception of Thomas F. and Patrick F., who are Republicans.

Thomas F. Lunny, the subject proper of these lines, was born in Waterbury, Conn., May 6, 1860, and attended the public schools of the city until he was thirteen years old, at that time commencing a course at Masson College, Terrebonne, near Montreal, Canada; he then attended Holy Cross College at Worcester, Mass., two years, and the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels, Niagara Falls, one year. Having now concluded his studies, Mr. Lunny opened a retail grocery business on East Main street, Waterbury, and carried on same about twelve years, or until the fall of 1889, when he abandoned that line and took up the hack business, commencing with a single horse conveyance driven by himself until 1897, in that year putting on another hack, in 1898 adding yet another, in 1899 adding two, and in 1900 five, besides an elegant and costly ambulance; in 1901, five more were added. His rigs are the finest in the State, and quite new, some of them having cost as much as \$2,600 each, while the ambulance, so he claims, is the finest in the New England States. All the hacks are handsomely and comfortably upholstered, and are equipped with electric lights and bells. The business is known as the Waterbury Rubber Tire Coach Co., and so great is the demand for conveyances that they are out at all hours of the day and night, there being a continuous call by 'phone for vehicles, and Mr. Lunny is always there himself to receive the calls. He attributes his wonderful success to hard work, perseverance and sound judgment in all his transactions, and he well merits the patronage accorded him by the public.

On Feb. 2, 1879, T. F. Lunny was united in marriage with Nellie Carroll, who was born in Wellsboro, Penn., a daughter of William Carroll, a native of County Queens, Ireland. Two children have graced this marriage: Mary K. and Arthur J. The family are all members of the Catholic Church, Immaculate Conception Parish. Socially Mr. Lunny is affiliated with the K. of P., the Knights of Columbus, and the Foresters of America, while in politics he is a staunch Republican.

JAMES MICHAEL DUNN, manufacturer of soda and mineral waters and bottler of California wines, with a place of business on Hanover street, Meriden, was born in Middlefield, Middlesex Co., Conn., April 9, 1859, and is of Irish extraction, the Dunns having long been native to the Emerald Isle.

Patrick Dunn, the father of James M., was born in Ballyadams, Queen's County, Ireland (of which community his father was also a native), and emigrated to this country at the age of sixteen years,



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locating at Middletown, and going from there to Middlefield, to work at farming. Farming became his life occupation, and he was for many years a resident of Middlefield. Among the very earliest Irish settlers in this part of the State, his honest disposition and industrious habits commanded the public respect. He came into the ownership of a farm, on which he died full of years and honor, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Middletown. He was always a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, and died in the faith in which he had lived. Mr. Dunn was married in Middletown to Mary Dorgan, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom James M. is the eldest. Michael is a meat dealer in Southington, Conn. Miss Maggie is a resident of Meriden. Mary is the widow of Prof. John Reagan, of Rockville. Bridget is a saleswoman in Meriden. John and William are residents of Meriden. Mrs. Dunn passed her closing years in Meriden, lovingly cared for by her children, died there, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Middletown. With her husband she belonged to the Roman Catholic Church, and was known as a devout Christian woman.

James M. Dunn received the education afforded in the public schools of Middlefield, where he grew up, and where he began working at an early age in the Metropolitan Washer & Wringer factory, spending two years there. His next engagement was in New Haven, with the L. Candee Rubber Co. The factory was destroyed by fire while Mr. Dunn was in connection with it, and he came back to Middletown to work on rubber boots until the rebuilding of the extensive works at New Haven, upon which he resumed his old place. There he was employed until he came to Meriden to take a position with Pitkin & Thomas, in the fish business; and later he became attached to the house of Preston & Brown, with whom he remained nine years. In 1887 he bought an interest with Michael Higgins & Son, as bottlers and manufacturers of mineral waters, and had been a year with this firm when the senior partner retired and it became Higgins & Dunn. At the end of the second year Mr. Dunn bought out the interest of Mr. Higgins, and became the sole owner of a very successful business, which has greatly increased under his admirable management.

Mr. Dunn was married Sept. 23, 1885, to Mary Elizabeth Higgins, who was born in Meriden, daughter of Michael and Mary Higgins. They have become the parents of three children: Charles P., who is a student in the parochial school; Walter, who died at the age of seven years; and Florence, a student in public school.

Mr. Dunn was one of the charter members of Silver City Council, No. 2, Knights of Columbus, and has been one of its officers for several years; he is also a member of Division No. 2, A. O. H.; the Foresters of America; the Elks; the I. O. H.; and also the John Dillon Literary Club, the Ama-

ranth Club, the Star Social Club and other social organizations intended to promote good fellowship and brotherhood. Mr. Dunn is a Democrat, politically. He and all his family belong to the Roman Catholic Church.

WALKER FAMILY. "Widow Walker," of Rehoboth, Mass., was one of the first purchasers of the town. Her name is on the list of those who, in 1643, gave in the value of their estates for a pro rata division of the lands. When she came to New England is not known, but records show that she was one of a company that went out from Weymouth, Plymouth Colony, under the leadership of Rev. Samuel Newman. She had two sons, afterward known as James, of Taunton, and Philip, of Rehoboth.

Of Philip Walker the earliest record made is a deed with his signature, dated at Rehoboth in 1653. In 1659 his occupation was that of a weaver. As the records of the town show, he held various positions of trust and honor, and in the time of King Philip's war his subscription to the town's fund for the prosecution of the war was twenty-six pounds. His wife, Jane Butterworth, bore him the following family: (1) Samuel, born in 1655, died in 1712; (2), Sarah, born in 1657, died in 1693; (3) Phillip, born in 1661, died in 1739; (4) Elizabeth, born in 1662, died in 1664; (5) Mary, born in 1663, died in 1694; (6) Experience died in 1674; (7) Elizabeth, born in 1666; (8) Michael, born in 1667, died in 1677; (9) Ebenezer, born in 1676, died in 1717; and (10) Martha.

Samuel Walker, the first of the above family, was married in 1681 to Martha Ide, who was born in 1654, and died in 1700. To them were born: (1) Samuel, who was born in 1682; died in 1712; (2) Patience, born in 1685, died in 1730; (3) Timothy, born in 1687, died in 1745; (4) Peter, born in 1689, died in 1760; (5) Ephraim, born in 1692, died in 1731; (6) Martha, born in 1696. By his second marriage Mr. Walker had the following family: (7) Elizabeth, born in 1702; and (8) Benjamin, born in 1703. Samuel Walker was admitted a freeman in 1682. He served under Major Bradford as lieutenant and captain in King Philip's war.

Peter Walker, of the above family, was married in 1712, to Mary Styles, who was born in 1691, and died about 1732. To them were born: (1) Mary, born in 1716; (2) Samuel, born in 1718, died in 1746; (3) Peter, born in 1718; (4) Patience, born in 1720, died in 1744; (5) John, born in 1721; (6) Hannah, born in 1722; (7) and (8) Grace and Esther; (9) Moses, born Nov. 2, 1725, died the month of his birth; (10) Moses (2), born Oct. 5, 1726, died in 1806; (11) Aaron, born in 1728, died in 1752; and (12) Grace, born in 1730.

Lieut. Moses Walker was a member of one of the companies of minute men from Rehoboth in the "Lexington Alarm," and he served during the war. On March 15, 1753, he married Sarah Bowen, who

was born Jan. 2, 1735, and died March 3, 1768. Their children were as follows: (1) Susanna, born in 1754, died in 1840; (2) Huldah, born in 1756; (3) Moses, born in 1760, died in 1849; (4) Sarah, born in 1763, died in 1852; and (5) Ethel, born Aug. 29, 1767, died Sept. 22, 1844.

Ethel Walker married in 1795 Susannah Carpenter, who was born in 1778 and died in 1857. They had the following children: (1) Ezra, born in 1797, died in 1850; (2) George, born in 1798; (3) William, born in 1801; (4) Martha, born in 1803; (5) Nancy, born in 1805; she died in 1849; (6) Henry, born in 1808; (7) Amos, born March 6, 1811, died Jan. 22, 1879, in Owosso, Mich.; (8) Abel W., born in 1814, died in 1837; (9) Leland, born in 1816; (10) Nathaniel C., born in 1818; (11) Harriet, born in 1821, died in 1844.

Amos Walker was born in Savoy, Mass., and through his own efforts secured his education. He graduated from the Medical Department of Williams College in 1834, and immediately after his marriage, in the same year, went to Brooklyn, Mich., where he made his home until 1846, when he located in Pontiac, Mich., successfully practicing his profession there many years. On Aug. 27, 1834, he was married at North Adams, Mass., to Mary Bliss, daughter of Ephraim; she was born March 20, 1811, and died Feb. 2, 1866. Their children were: (1) Mary Ellen, born in 1837, and died in 1869; (2) Abel W., born April 5, 1839, died Nov. 29, 1865, in Pontiac, Mich.; (3) Lawson Ethel, born in March, 1842, died Aug. 3, 1843; (4) Emory Judson, born Nov. 2, 1844, at Brooklyn, Mich.; (5) George R., born Nov. 2, 1848, and lives at Judsonia, Ark.; (6) Frank Bliss, born Oct. 15, 1850; and (7) Wealthy Evelyn, born Aug. 9, 1854, died Sept. 8, 1854.

Dr. EMORY JUDSON WALKER was married Feb. 23, 1870, at Pontiac, Mich., to Martha, a daughter of Charles Pittman, who was born March 18, 1847, and to this union have come: (1) Abel Wilmarth, born March 2, 1871, married Hattie Mansfield Beers, and is associated with the firm of C. S. Mersick & Company; (2) Charles Pittman, born Nov. 25, 1872; (3) Mary Evelyn, born Jan. 12, 1875, was married to Professor J. Glover Eldredge, of Moscow, Idaho; (4) Grace Elizabeth, born June 24, 1882; and (5) Emory Judson, born March 21, 1888, died Feb. 10, 1889.

Dr. Emory Judson Walker spent his early school days in Pontiac, Mich., and there made preparation for his college course, which was pursued at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Mich. He prepared for his medical education in his father's office at Pontiac, and graduated from Hahnemann College, Chicago, in 1868. At once after his graduation he took up the practice of his profession with his father at Pontiac, and continued there until 1875, when he removed to New Haven, where he has since resided. He was one of the incorporators of Grace Hospital Society at New Haven, and since its or-

ganization in 1889 has been a director and its secretary and one of the staff of attending physicians and surgeons. Dr. Walker is a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., of New Haven.

FRANK BLISS WALKER was married Feb. 23, 1876, to Mary Louisa, a daughter of Benjamin F. Mansfield, who was born Oct. 6, 1855, and died Sept. 14, 1888. To this union came the following children: (1) Elizabeth M., born Sept. 23, 1877; (2) Edward M., born Feb. 26, 1879, who is now first assistant engineer in the bridge department of the Michigan Central Railroad, and is located at Detroit, Mich.; (3) Minnie M., born March 29, 1883; and (4) Marguerite M., born Aug. 8, 1885. For his second wife Mr. Walker married Margaret Gardiner, a daughter of David Pierson Gardiner, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was born April 10, 1815, and enjoys the reputation of being the oldest member of the I. O. O. F. in New York, having been for over fifty years a member of Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New York.

Mr. Walker received his education in the schools of Pontiac, Mich., and at New Haven. He attended college at Kalamazoo, Mich., and in the summer of 1870 he came back to New Haven, to take up a tailoring business with F. R. Bliss, becoming a member of the firm of F. R. Bliss & Company six years later. On Jan. 1, 1899, the firm name was changed to F. B. Walker & Company. The two members of the firm are F. B. and Charles Pittman Walker. Through Yale associations the firm has a very large western trade, and for the last twenty years Mr. Walker has made extended trips through the West in the interest of his business. Since 1878 he has been a member of Calvary Baptist Church. In the associations of the Masonic fraternity he is a conspicuous figure, as he belongs to Hiram Lodge, Harmony Council and Franklin Chapter, and he is one of the charter members of the Union League Club. With four others he founded the Young Men's Republican Club. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Business Men's Association of New Haven. From 1870 to 1877 he belonged to the New Haven Grays.

CHARLES PITTMAN WALKER was born in Pontiac, Mich., and was married in New Haven, Oct. 19, 1898, to Carolyn Minerva, a daughter of Benjamin Andrew and Lizzie Thomas (Noble) Booth. Mrs. Walker was born July 8, 1877, and is the mother of one child, Richard Booth, born Aug. 16, 1899. Benjamin Booth, her father, was born in 1854, and was married in 1876, at Westfield, Mass., to Lizzie Thomas, a daughter of Jacob A. Noble, by whom he had the following family: (1) Carolyn M.; (2) Julia Noble; (3) Elizabeth Isabelle; and (4) Benjamin Noble.

Benjamin Booth, the grandfather of Mrs. Walker, was born in 1822, and died March 28, 1899. His marriage occurred in 1848, when Caroline Ann, a daughter of Samuel and Salina (Smith) Andrew, became his wife. To them were born:

(1) Benjamin Andrew; (2) Esther Amelia; (3) William Lincoln; (4) Clifford Herman; (5) Carrie; (6) Frank L.; and (7) Harry Colfax. Benjamin Booth was the son of Noah, and a grandson of Elijah Booth.

Caroline Ann Andrew was a daughter of Samuel Andrew; Samuel was the son of William, the grandson of William, and the great-grandson of Jonathan, who was a son of Samuel, a grandson of Samuel, and a great-grandson of William Andrew.

Charles Pittman Walker was born in Pontiac, Mich., Nov. 25, 1872. He attended the New Haven public schools, and was graduated at Hillhouse high school in the class of 1892. The same year he became associated with F. R. Bliss & Co., and later became a member of the firm as already noted. He belongs to Hiram Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., the Chamber of Commerce and is also a member of the New Haven Grays.

Mrs. Mary (Bliss) Walker, the mother of Dr. E. J. and Frank Walker, of New Haven, descends from Thomas Bliss, who was born in Belstone, England, in 1550, and on account of his Puritan faith suffered much persecution in his native land. His son, Jonathan Bliss, who was born at Belstone in 1575, was bitterly persecuted as a Puritan, and died from fever contracted from long imprisonment.

Thomas Bliss, also born at Belstone, emigrated in 1636 to America, and made his home at Boston, Braintree, Weymouth and Rehoboth, Mass., and at Hartford, Conn. He died in June, 1644.

Jonathan Bliss, born in England in 1635, is recorded as a freeman in Plymouth in 1655, and was one of eighty who made the Rehoboth North Purchase in 1666, building a house there the same year. By trade he was a blacksmith. He married Miriam Harmon, and his death occurred in 1687.

Jonathan Bliss, who was born Sept. 17, 1666, was a man of standing in the town, and was married first, June 23, 1691, to Miriam Carpenter, born Oct. 26, 1674, died May 21, 1706. In 1711 he married, second, Mary French. Mr. Bliss died in 1719.

Lieut. Ephraim Bliss was born Aug. 15, 1699, and was married Dec. 5, 1723, to Rachel Carpenter.

Ephraim Bliss, Jr., was born June 3, 1726, and was married Jan. 17, 1751, to Mary Moulton, who died Nov. 14, 1759. He was an "eight minute man" in the company of Capt. Bliss. He died in July, 1804.

Ephraim Bliss, born in 1753, was married in 1779, to Hannah Carpenter, of Rehoboth, who was born March 6, 1757, died Aug. 18, 1798. His second wife was Rebecca Smith. He died May 8, 1822.

Ephraim Bliss, Jr., born in Rehoboth, Aug. 17, 1782, was married Jan. 9, 1806, to Olive Ingram, born Oct. 29, 1785, died Jan. 1, 1849. Mr. Bliss removed to Savoy, Mass., where he engaged in farming. His death occurred in North Adams, Mass., in 1832.

Mary Bliss was born March 20, 1811, and was

married Aug. 27, 1834, to Dr. Amos Walker. She died Feb. 2, 1866.

Franklin Remington Bliss was born Oct. 24, 1826, at Savoy, Mass., and was married June 14, 1854, to Evelyn, a daughter of William Goodnow, of Lanesboro, Mass., by whom he had the following children: (1) Grace Evelyn, born in 1856, married Rev. T. M. Snyder, D. D., pastor of the Second Congregational Church, of Rockford, Ill., and their children were: Evelyn, who died in infancy; Franklin B.; Alice Dorothy; and Edward D. (2) Charles Franklin, born June 7, 1858, is the treasurer of the Farrell Foundry Company at Ansonia, Conn.; he has two children, Eleanor and Margaret. (3) Arthur Goodnow died in 1862. (4) Anna Louise, born Sept. 13, 1864, married Dr. Bliss Perry, of Cambridge, Mass., and known to fame as the editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*. (5) Helen Rockwell, born Jan. 11, 1869, married John H. Gray, of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., where he is professor of economics; they have two children, James Bliss and Evelyn.

Franklin R. Bliss was educated at North Adams, Mass., and for a time worked at the tailoring business. For four years he was a cutter at Pittsfield, Mass., and later was employed by William T. Jennings & Co. in the same capacity, and also by Milton St. John, both of New York. Coming to New Haven, to cut for Knevals & Hull, he became a partner with the firm. In 1858 he set up a business for himself, which he sold in 1899 to F. B. Walker & Company. He has been a member of the Calvary Baptist Church since its organization. In this church he is still very active, and is regarded as one of its most active members, taking an especial interest in its musical service. When this church was erected Mr. Bliss was treasurer of the Association, and so well was it financed that at its dedication its entire cost, \$110,000, had been paid, with balance of \$10,38 in the treasury, which the association ordered the treasurer to hand over to a mission Sabbath-school, which later became the nucleus of the present Sabbath-school of 800 members. Of the first twenty-nine names placed on his report, Mr. Bliss' is the only name of a man who is still alive. Mr. Bliss belongs to the Hiram Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and the Chamber of Commerce.

PAULUS JULIUS MEFFERT, proprietor of the Terrace Gardens at Meriden, was born at Suhl, Thuringen, Prussia, Germany, July 7, 1843, son of Frederick and Wilhelmina (Habermann) Meffert, the father a gun manufacturer and engraver. Both our subject's parents are now deceased. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Of their six children, Robert, Amanda and Beata reside in Suhl, Germany; Paulus Julius is our subject; Gustav is a gun manufacturer at Suhl, Germany; Ernest died while serving in the Franco-German war. The father married for his second wife Anna Cornelia

Kreeh, who died in 1900, the mother of three children: Hedwig, Lydia and Maria, all living.

Paulus J. Meffert received a good education in his home country, and found employment in the engraving department of his father's factory, where he was engaged in working out the ideas for a new kind of gun. Mr. Meffert came to this country in 1866, and was engaged at silver plating for some time with the Wilcox Silver Plate Co., where he had a good situation. In 1868 he took a place with the Meriden Britannia Co., and held same until July of the following year, when he went to Springfield, Mass., to be a gun engraver. Mr. Meffert remained in Springfield until 1870, when he removed to New York City, to become an engraver for John Ward, in Maiden Lane. There he was engaged eleven years, when he came again to Meriden, entering the employ of the Meriden Silver Plate Co., which he served from 1881 to 1897. In the latter year Mr. Meffert took possession of his present place, which had been conducted as a summer resort under the same name—the Terrace Gardens. Here he has made many and extensive improvements, and conducts the Gardens in such a manner as to win the good opinion and patronage of the people of Meriden, with whom he is very popular.

In 1899 Mr. Meffert was married in Meriden to Mrs. Christine Messner, widow of Jacob Messner. They are members of the Lutheran Church, and are kind-hearted and warm-souled people. He is independent in politics, is a member of the Saengerbund, the B. P. O. E. and other societies, and was among the founders of the German-American School Association and the Turnverein, as well as of the Saengerbund.

MARSHALL JEWELL ADAMS, M. D., who enjoys a large and lucrative practice in West Haven and vicinity, is an able representative of the medical fraternity. No profession offers better opportunities for bringing success than the one with which he is connected; yet this measure of success must come as a reward of thorough preparation and earnest effort. That Dr. Adams is recognized as a leading physician and surgeon is due to his untiring labor and deep researches along the various lines of medical knowledge.

The Doctor is a native of Connecticut, born Nov. 6, 1864, in Suffield, a son of Chester and Catherine (Woodworth) Adams, the latter of whom was born in Suffield, a daughter of Dyer Woodworth, who for many years kept the old tavern at Enfield Bridge, and died there at the age of eighty years. Chester Adams was born in Becket, Mass., and when twenty years old moved to Suffield, Hartford Co., Conn., where he followed agricultural pursuits, in course of time purchasing a farm in that town, which he conducted till 1865. In that year he removed to Windsor Locks, same county, and embarked in the commission business, but he died in

the following year, aged fifty-one. He and his wife had a family of five children, three of whom reached maturity and two survive, viz.: Adella, wife of E. W. Bull, of Tarriffville, Conn.; and Marshall Jewell. The mother died in 1898, at the age of seventy-five years, a member of the Baptist Church, as was also her husband.

Marshall Jewell Adams passed his earlier years in Tarriffville, Conn., where, at the common schools, he received a portion of his education, at the age of thirteen moving to New Haven, where he completed his literary studies at Hopkins' Grammar school. From New Haven he went to New York, and attended the Homeopathic College there, from which institution he was graduated in 1887; then returned to Connecticut, and commenced the practice of his profession at Fairhaven, remaining there until 1891. In that year he located in West Haven, where he has since practiced, having built up a thriving clientele, his specialty being surgery, in which he has had a wide experience, and to which he has given much time and study; he has been for three years senior surgeon at Grace Hospital, New Haven.

In 1891 Dr. M. Jewell Adams married Nettie Seeley, daughter of Charles Seeley, a sea captain residing in New Haven. Three children have been born to this union: Bernice, Helen and Marion. The family attend the Congregational Church. In politics the Doctor is a Republican, and has served on the school board and as health officer of the borough of West Haven. Socially he is affiliated with the F. & A. M., belonging to Annawan Lodge, No. 115, West Haven, and to Joseph Andrews Chapter of West Haven. He is a member of the Legislative committee of the Home Society, and since the court was established, has been assistant prosecuting attorney for West Haven.

Dr. Adams has written numerous articles on Surgery for magazines, medical works, etc. He is a member, and has been president of, the State Homeopathic Medical Society, also the New Haven Homeopathic Medical Society, and is examiner for the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Co., for the Improved Order of Heptasophs (of which he is a member), and for the New England Order of Protection (of which he is also a member). He is a great lover of dogs and horses, and possesses some good ones. Fond of hunting, he each year seeks health and recreation in a trip in the South.

BLACKSTONE. There died in the town of Branford, Conn., on Feb. 4, 1886, at the remarkable age of ninety-three years, Hon. James Blackstone, whose useful life of prominent citizenship covered only a little less than a century in that community, with which the family were identified for two centuries.

James Blackstone was born in 1793, in Branford, a descendant in the sixth generation from Rev. William Blackstone, a graduate in 1617 of Emanuel College, Cambridge, England. He re-



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ceived in that country, after graduation, ordination, but soon became of the Puritan persuasion, left his native country on account of his non-conformity, and became the first white settler upon the famous neck of land opposite Charlestown, which is now the city of Boston. Upon his invitation the principal part of the Massachusetts Colony removed from Charlestown and founded the town of Boston on land Mr. Blackstone desired them to occupy. Rev. Mr. Blackstone was the first inhabitant of Boston and the first man admitted a freeman in the town. Soon after 1635 he removed to Rhode Island, residing near Providence until his death, which occurred May 26, 1675. He was a religious man, with literary tastes, of correct, industrious, thrifty habits, and of kind and philanthropic feelings. He married, in July, 1659, widow Sarah Stephenson. From this immigrant settler Rev. William Blackstone, the late Hon. James Blackstone's lineage is through John, John (2), John (3) and Timothy Blackstone.

(II) John Blackstone, only son of Rev. William, married in 1692, and in about 1713 removed to Branford, Connecticut.

(III) John Blackstone (2), son of John, born in 1699, married, and died in Branford Jan. 3, 1785, aged nearly eighty-six years.

(IV) John Blackstone (3), son of John (2), born in 1731, in Branford, died Aug. 10, 1816, aged eighty-five years.

(V) Timothy Blackstone, son of John (3), born in 1766, in Branford, died there in 1849, when eighty-three years of age.

(VI) James Blackstone, son of Timothy, was reared on the homestead which had been occupied by five generations of the family, all of whom possessed the traits of character of the immigrant ancestor—industry, modesty and marked executive ability. James, like his forefathers, was a farmer. At twenty he was chosen captain of a company of Connecticut militia, and was in command of same for several months while serving as coast guard during the war of 1812-15. He was chosen to a number of town offices, serving as assessor and selectman; was several times a representative from his town in the General Assembly of the State; and in 1842 was a member of the State Senate from his district. His political affiliations were with the old Federal and Whig parties, and later with the Republican party. A man of fine intellect and good judgment, his counsel and advice were sought by persons of Branford and other towns. He was a man of character and remarkable ability, and "if his tastes had led him to a larger place for the exercise of his ability, no field would have been so large that he would not have been a leader among men." Mr. Blackstone was a cousin in the fifth degree to Sir William Blackstone, the great authority upon the common law of England, and the portraits of the two men bear a marked family resemblance.

James Blackstone's children were as follows:

(1) George, the eldest son, died unmarried in 1861.

(2) Mary, the eldest daughter, died May 10, 1900. She married Samuel O. Plant, and resided in Branford, living with her daughter, Ellen Plant. Her grandchildren, through her daughter Sarah, are William L., Paul W. and Gertrude Harrison.

(3) Lorenzo, the second son, lived for many years in Norwich, and died there in 1888. He had five children: (a) James De Trafford, who had one son, Lorenzo; (b) Mrs. Harriet (Blackstone) Camp, of Norwich, who has three children, Walter Trumbull, Talcott Hale and Elizabeth Norton; (c) Mrs. Frances Ella Huntington, of Norwich; (d) William Norton Blackstone; and (e) Louis Lorenzo, who died in 1893.

(4) Ellen, the second daughter, married Henry B. Plant, late of New York City, who died in 1900. She died in 1861, leaving one son—Morton L. Plant, who married and has one son, Henry B. Plant.

(5) John, the third son, died some years ago, leaving three children, George and Adelaide Blackstone and Mrs. Emma Pond.

(6) TIMOTHY B. BLACKSTONE, the youngest son, born in Branford, in 1829, married, in 1868, Miss Isabella F. Norton, daughter of Henry Barker and Emeline F. (Frisbie) Norton, of Norwich, Conn., who were descendants of early Connecticut settlers. Mr. Blackstone died in Chicago, Ill., May 26, 1900. He left the East nearly fifty years ago. After his marriage his home up to the time of his death was at No. 252 Michigan avenue, Chicago. For more than thirty years he managed, with consummate skill, the affairs of the most successful of all the great railroads of the West, and was best known through his presidency of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Co.

Timothy B. Blackstone was the donor of the handsome and costly library at Branford, Conn., which is styled "The James Blackstone Memorial Library." The building he had erected, and provided in endowment for the maintenance of the library, in memory of his father. The library building is one of imposing beauty, standing on high ground in the main street of the town. It is designed in the purest Grecian Ionic style, the architectural details being taken from the beautiful Erechtheum of the Athenian Acropolis; it is constructed of Tennessee marble of a very light tone. The public exercises of dedication were held in the building June 17, 1896, and the building was thereafter open for use. In June, 1901, the library consisted of 11,800 books. Over a hundred periodicals are taken for the main reading room, and twelve for a branch library which was opened in Stony Creek in February, 1900. Surely the people of Branford have reason to rejoice that James Blackstone lived there and gave to them a son whose affection for his native town, and filial devotion to his father's memory, led him to place

here this enduring monument of architectural beauty, this ever-flowing fountain of education, culture and refinement.

RAY. The Ray family of which Eugene Hamilton Ray, president of the Silver City Plate Co., is a descendant, is one of the old and respected ones of Middlesex county, where they have been established for more than 200 years. Their ancestral line as far as can be learned by careful research is as follows:

Three brothers, James, Peter and Joseph Ray, some records indicating that they were Portuguese, others Scottish, emigrated from Narragansett and settled in Haddam, Conn., as early as 1710. James, the eldest brother, lived to the age of 100 years, and he had three sons, namely: James, Benjamin and Joseph. No record of Peter's family is obtainable, but Joseph had eight sons, namely: Isaac, Nathaniel, Jeremiah, Joseph, Timothy, Elisha, Daniel and Jacob.

Peter Ray, a grandson of one of the three Ray brothers, was born Dec. 12, 1745, and died in East Haddam, Conn., Feb. 2, 1834. He was in the Revolutionary war according to facts obtained from Washington, D. C. He married Mehitable Johnson, born Nov. 14, 1743, and died Jan. 21, 1834. Their children were: Sarah, born Sept. 22, 1767, died March 12, 1847, married A. Dickerson; James, born June 30, 1770, died Feb. 7, 1818; Asa, born June 12, 1773, died young; Benjamin, born Sept. 14, 1775, died June 18, 1817; Martha, born Sept. 17, 1777, died Oct. 5, 1802; Asa (2), born April 20, 1782, died Sept. 16, 1883; Annie, born May 13, 1786, married Eber Ruttv, died Aug. 5, 1872, and he died in Meriden; and Ezra, born Aug. 17, 1779, died Aug. 4, 1832.

Ezra Ray, son of Peter, and grandfather of Eugene H. Ray, of Meriden, was born in Haddam, was a cooper by occupation and a member of the Baptist Church. He was an active member of the Democratic party. His death occurred Aug. 4, 1832, when he was aged fifty-three years. He married Prualla Bailey, born in Higganum, Conn., daughter of Sagari Reuben and Ruea (Palmer) Bailey, and their children were: Martha Ann, who married Ebenezer Slocum, had thirteen children, and is now living in Moravia, N. Y., at the age of eighty-eight; Alason, who died in Haddam; Emery, of Fall River, Mass., who married Eliza Congden, and had ten children; Ebenezer; Eber R.; Harriet, who married David Buell, of Haddam, and died there; Orrin, who died in Haddam; Samantha, who married David Buell (first) and (second) Chauncy Skinner, and is now living in Haddam; Rowena, who married Leonard Buell, had three children, and is now living in Haddam; and Reuben, who died young. Mr. and Mrs. Ray both died in Haddam and were interred in that place. They were both valued in the Baptist Church.

Eber R. Ray was born Jan. 7, 1819, in Branford,

Conn., and his younger days were spent in East Haddam, where he followed farming. Later he learned the stone cutting trade, which he followed in Haddam until 1875, when he came to Meriden and obtained the position of watchman at the Meriden Britannia factory. For twenty-three years he held this responsible position, giving true and reliable service, but defective hearing caused his resignation, and he is now living retired from activity. Mr. Ray is in his eighty-fourth year, but still retains his faculties and energy to a remarkable degree. He has lived a temperate and exemplary life, and has won the respect of all with whom he has become associated. A Republican in his political opinions, he has never sought any public office. In his earlier days he was third lieutenant of the First Artillery Company of the Sixth Regiment of the old State militia.

On Nov. 25, 1847, Mr. Ray was married to Flora L. Fuller, who was born in East Haddam, a daughter of Truman and Matilda (Lord) Fuller. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray were: (1) Ada M., born Oct. 5, 1848, was educated in Haddam and Hartford high school and lives at home. (2) Henry A., born Nov. 3, 1850, married March 13, 1885, Helena A. Joyce, in Toronto, Canada. By trade he is a stationary engineer, and fraternally is a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 422, A. F. & A. M., of Chicago, Ill. (3) Charles A., born March 4, 1852, died in East Hartford, March 12, 1900, from the effects of an accident on the electric street railroad in Hartford. By trade he was a carpenter and joiner. Socially he belonged to Pacific Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F. He left a widow, Mary (Wood) Ray, and two children, Esther I. and Carlotta Fuller. (4) Eugene Hamilton, born April 10, 1855, is mentioned below. (5) Flora B., born Jan. 24, 1870, was educated in the district schools and graduated from the Meriden high school and also the State Normal school, and is now a successful teacher at the Church Street school. Mr. and Mrs. Ray celebrated their golden wedding in 1897, and during their fifty years of wedded life the sun never set on their anger. They have been devoted to home and family, the latter justifying their natural pride. They both belong to the First Baptist Church.

EUGENE HAMILTON RAY, son of Eber R., was born in Haddam, where he attended the district school. He started out to make a career for himself by becoming a clerk in a store in Middletown, where his wages were three dollars a week, and where he spent three years, and then he started in to learn the trade of Britannia making with the Simons & Miller Plate Co. After two and one-half years spent there, he came to Meriden, working first with the Wilcox Silver Plate Co., where he remained twenty-two years. About this time Mr. Ray began to think of embarking in a business of his own. In company with a Mr. Graham he began work in the evenings and at off times, in the manu-

facture of notions which were in demand, gaining so much encouragement that in 1892 the Silver City Plate Co. was formed, Mr. Sheldon Beach coming in as a partner. This company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut, in 1897, when Mr. Ray was elected president; Mr. Graham, secretary; and Mr. Beach, treasurer. Twenty-five skilled hands are employed, and the business is not only firmly established, but is in a constantly increasing condition.

In 1877 Mr. Ray was married to Ella A. Griswold, who was born in Meriden, daughter of N. F. Griswold, a well-known citizen of that city. Three children were born to this union, viz: Stanley Griswold, a graduate of the high school; Fayoline Eliza; and Eber Irving, all at home. Mr. Ray is a Republican and has been a member of the city council from the Second ward, serving efficiently for four years on the committees on Health, Lamps and Sewers. He is identified with all enterprises looking to the city's advantage and enjoys a large measure of public esteem.

BAILEY. The Bailey family is an old one of Haddam, Middlesex county. Hinman says that the most of the Baileys of Connecticut descended from John Bailey, of Haddam. This John Bailey was one of the original twenty-eight purchasers and settlers of Haddam in 1662. These were generally young men who married about the time of settlement. Several are known to have come immediately from Hartford. John Bailey was a constable there in 1656. He had sons, Benjamin and John.

(I) Benjamin, son of John the settler, had sons John, Benjamin and Nathaniel.

(II) John (2), son of John, had sons John, Ephraim, Jonathan and David.

(III) Nathaniel, son of Benjamin, had sons Daniel and Ezekiel.

(III) John (3), son of John Bailey (2), had sons John, Nathaniel, Jeremiah, Amos, James and William.

(III) Ephraim, also son of John (2), had sons Ephraim, Jacob, Gideon, Stephen, Jabez, Caleb, Abijah, William, Ephraim and Reuben, and daughter Olive.

(IV) Reuben Bailey was born in the town of Haddam and there married Ruca Palmer, of Higganum, and their daughter Prualla married Ezra Ray. Reuben Bailey served in the Revolutionary war, as a private in the eighth company in Col. Douglass' regiment, under Capt. Cornelius Higgins, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant under Capt. Smith in 1777. He died in Haddam, June 26, 1826, at the age of seventy-two years.

Thus Mr. Eugene H. Ray is seen to be connected with some of the oldest and most prominent families of New England. However, a man does not need the assistance of an honorable ancestral line to attest his own value, his integrity, energy and public spirit making him one of the leading men of this city. He serves the town when he deems his

assistance required, and he is highly considered in the ranks of his party. For two years he was the chairman of the town committee, taking an active interest in politics, as he also does in Silver City Lodge, of the A. O. U. W. His family are members of the Universalist Church, and Mr. Ray is generous in his support of the same. Although he is not formally connected with any religious body, his life is fashioned on moral lines, and his standards are high.

FULLER. The Fullers of East Haddam, Conn., descended from Samuel Fuller, one of the passengers on the "Mayflower," 1620. Mr. Fuller was the son of Edward and Ann Fuller, both of whom died soon after they came ashore, and Samuel resided at Plymouth with his uncle Samuel, and was at Barnstable, as appears by the church records, as early as 1641, but it does not appear that he was a resident of the town until after Jan. 1, 1644. He was constable at Scituate in 1641, and occasionally served as jurymen. He was a pious man, and retiring in his habits, and he was the only one of the passengers on the "Mayflower" who settled in Barnstable. His death occurred Oct. 31, 1683, among the last of those who came to America on that noted vessel. His wife was not mentioned in his will, so it is likely she died before him. Mr. Fuller was married to Jane Lothrop, daughter of Rev. John Lothrop, in Scituate, April 8, 1635, the ceremony being performed by Capt. Miles Standish.

(II) John Fuller, called "Little John" to distinguish him from others of the name, son of Samuel the emigrant settler, born about 1655, remained on the parental estate at Scorton until 1689, when he removed with other families to East Haddam, Conn. His wife, Mehitabel, was admitted to the Barnstable church in October, 1688, and her sons, Samuel, Thomas and Shubael, were baptized, and on May 19, 1689, her daughter Thankful was baptized. Their next son, John, is recorded as born Nov. 10, 1697, at East Haddam. During the interval they had Deborah and other children, and the names of children born to John and his wife were: Charity, born Dec. 11, 1729, married Aug. 7, 1760, Silas Lovel; Isaac, born Sept. 9, 1731, married Susan Wadsworth; Seth, born May 29, 1734; Hannah, born April 9, 1736.

Haddam, Conn., was settled in 1662, and East Haddam in 1685. Rev. David D. Field, pastor of the church at Haddam, and who wrote a sketch of that town which was published in 1814, says: "John, Thomas and Shubael Fuller, brothers, from Barnstable, Mass., settled in East Haddam soon after the first settlers on the east side of the river," and he gives the following genealogy of the family:

John had sons John, William and Andrew.

Thomas had sons Jehial, Rev. Daniel (a minister in Mendon, Mass.), Oliver, Nathan, Jabez and Jonathan.

Shubael had sons Shubael and Jonathan.

William Ward Fuller, grandson of one of these three Fuller brothers who settled in East Haddam, was born Feb. 23, 1760, and died Dec. 27, 1823, in his sixty-fourth year. He married Nov. 8, 1781, Susanna Knowlton, who was born Oct. 21, 1759, and who died Oct. 30, 1820. Their children were: Obadiah, born Aug. 8, 1782, married Achsali Gates, Feb. 12, 1806; Lura, born Feb. 2, 1785, died March 5, 1788; Clara, born May 22, 1786, died Jan. 18, 1787; William Ward, born Feb. 2, 1788, married, June 14, 1811, Abigail Gates; Susanna, born Feb. 27, 1790, died Oct. 30, 1820; Beulah, born Sept. 21, 1791, married, Nov. 25, 1813, George B. Chapman; Truman, born Nov. 9, 1793; Stephen, born Feb. 10, 1796, married, Sept. 2, 1821, Eliza Howell, and died in November, 1885; Hiram, born March 18, 1798, died Sept. 15, 1818; and Flora, born Jan. 15, 1801, married Jan. 22, 1828, Chauncey B. Phelps.

Truman Fuller, son of William Ward Fuller, was born in East Haddam, Nov. 9, 1793. He married (first) Sept. 23, 1819, Matilda Lord, who entered into rest Jan. 13, 1848, aged fifty-six years. He married (second) Louisa P. Cook, June 18, 1848. He died April 4, 1875, at the age of eighty-one years. His children were: Stephen, born Oct. 7, 1821, married Laura A. Chapman, had two children, Edgar and Ida, and died in November, 1885; William Lord, born June 5, 1823, married Emeline Arnold, had children Francis and William, and died Oct. 10, 1882; Eliza K., born Feb. 13, 1826, died Sept. 22, 1897, married David S. Purple (no children); Flora L., born June 21, 1829, married Eber R. Ray; Henry T., who resides in East Haddam, was born Aug. 4, 1831, and married first Mary E. Emmons, and after her death Elizabeth Lewis, who had one child, George Lord.

The LORD Family, from which Mrs. Ray descended, was one of those which gained honor and substance in the first settling of New England. The first of the family to come from England and found a family in Connecticut was Thomas Lord, who came hither with his wife in 1635, and died in Hartford in 1678, at the age of eighty-seven years. His children were as follows: Ann, William, John, Robert, Irene and Dorothy.

William Lord, son of Thomas, married Tabitha (surname not given), and their son, Ezekiel Lord, was born in 1755, in Colchester, Conn., removing in 1815 to Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y., where he died in 1839. He married Anna Hungerford, Nov. 8, 1783, and she died July 4, 1849. Their children were: Lydia, born June 23, 1789, married Uriah Church, and died Sept. 22, 1862; Rhoda, born Aug. 23, 1791, married Frank Comstock, and died April 17, 1854; Lucinda and Matilda, twins, born April 1, 1797, the former married Hiram Hamilton, and the latter Truman Fuller, and died in August, 1858; Daniel, born April 4, 1787, married Amanda Chapman; William, born May 2, 1785, married

(first) Cressa Brainard, and (second) Lucy Brainard, and died Nov. 6, 1855 (he was in the war of 1812, and in 1838 was a member of the New York Legislature for the town of Hamilton).

EDWIN J. ALLING. Among the leading farmers of Oxford there is probably none more energetic or thorough-going than the gentleman whose name opens this sketch. He was born in that town March 18, 1834, a son of Eli and Maria (Baldwin) Alling, and is one of a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Nancy; Bennett, deceased; Grace; Mary Ann; Burr, deceased; Burr (2); Edwin J.; and Oliva N. Eli Alling was a native of Woodbridge, this county, and was a farmer by occupation. He was called out for army service in 1812.

Our subject was reared on a farm, and remained at home until nineteen years of age, when he went to New Haven, and there worked at the gilder's trade for four years. At the end of that time Mr. Alling returned to Oxford, remaining here until his enlistment in June, 1862. He became a private in Company B, 20th Conn. V. I., which was mustered into the United States service at New Haven, and first ordered to Washington, D. C. He participated in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and was then in Sherman's campaign, taking part in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Resaca, Buzzard's Roost, Allatoona, Peach Tree Creek, and the operations before Atlanta. During the last named engagement he was wounded by an explosive ball which struck him in the back, two pieces passing upward and three pieces taking a downward course. While going to the rear he was again wounded, by a buck shot, in the back of the head. It passed through the skull and has never been taken out. After spending some time in the field hospital, Mr. Alling was sent to the hospital at Chattanooga, Tenn., and later to one in Nashville, being confined in these three months. At the end of that time he was granted a furlough and returned home. Though he rejoined his regiment in October, he was physically unable to engage in active duty, and again returned home on a furlough. Later he went to Washington, D. C., where he was honorably discharged Jan. 13, 1865. Since then he has made his home in Oxford with the exception of two years, and in 1884 located on the farm where he now resides. Here he has eighty-eight acres under a high state of cultivation, improved with good and substantial buildings, and he also has another fine farm of sixty-five acres elsewhere. He carries on general farming principally, and as a thorough and skillful agriculturist is meeting with most excellent success in his labors. He has given considerable attention to fruit culture, having some eighteen acres in apples, peaches, plums, and strawberries and raspberries, his market being Naugatuck. In 1900 he had 1,000 bushels of hand-picked apples, and 150 bushels of strawberries.



Laura C. Murray



Edwin F. Murray

On Nov. 30, 1854, Mr. Alling was united in marriage with Miss Laura Bigelow, who was born in 1833, daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Porter) Bigelow, farming people of Colchester, and granddaughter of Joel Bigelow, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. To Mr. and Mrs. Alling have been born seven children: Edwin B., born Aug. 18, 1855, lived in Branford, and died Jan. 23, 1891; he married Mrs. Jennie Abbott, and they had three children, Edwin N., Jennie E., and Frederick N., the last named deceased. Wilbur S., born March 7, 1859, is a merchant, manufacturer and traveling man, and resides in Norwich, Conn.; he married May Tiffany, and they have three children, Edna F., Ward and Sidney B. Noyes E., born March 6, 1863, is a wholesale and retail dealer in rubber goods in Bridgeport; he married Emma Squares and has three children, Edna S., Madeline and Ruth B. Lizzie M. is deceased. Clarence E., born Aug. 5, 1870, resides at Waterbury; he married Susan Rider. Arthur E., born Sept. 19, 1873, is engaged in a rubber establishment in New Haven; he married Florence Wheaton. Franklin B. married Jennie L. Lum, and they have one child, Doratha. The mother of this family is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Fraternally Mr. Alling affiliates with Upson Post, No. 40, G. A. R., of Seymour, and politically is identified with the Republican party. He has served his town as assessor, road inspector, constable and grand juror, and his duties of citizenship are always most conscientiously and faithfully performed. A man of strong individuality and indubitable probity, one who has attained to a due measure of success in the affairs of life, and whose influence is always found on the side of right, this honored veteran of the Civil war assuredly demands representation in this volume.

GEORGE MORGAN is a well-known and respected citizen of New Haven county, whose experience through the Civil war is one to be remembered to his honor. He is a representative in the third generation of his name in the United States. Isaac Morgan, the grandfather of our subject, and his three brothers came from Wales when young men, Isaac locating in West Haven, Conn., William in the State of New York, George in the State of Vermont, while the other brother settled in the South and became the father of the famous guerilla raider, Gen. John Morgan.

Isaac Morgan married Sarah Downes, of Orange, Conn., and they became the parents of the following children: George W., the father of our subject; Martha, who married Allen Northrop, and died in New Haven; Jane, who married a Mr. Har-
mont, of New Haven; Julia, who married Wales Buckingham, a farmer of North Haven; one that died young; and Mary and Frances, both of New Haven. Isaac Morgan and his wife died in Orange and were buried there.

George W. Morgan was born in Orange, Conn., and after a meager education learned the trade of shoemaker, under Alva J. Durant, and followed that line almost all his life. Soon after marriage he removed to Oxford, where he continued many years, until he began to feel the confinement of a sedentary life and changed to a more vigorous one, engaging in the express business, and for a long time drove an express and mail wagon between Zoarbridge and New Haven, delivering many hundreds of papers weekly along this route. While living in Oxford he filled many of the local offices, among them that of road surveyor, and was a life-long Democrat. In 1857 Mr. Morgan removed to North Haven and located on the Sharon Bassett farm, and there spent his declining years. After settling down on the farm he resumed his old trade for a time, making custom shoes, but later devoted all his time to his farm until his death, which took place in December, 1896, when he was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. During his residence in North Haven he was one of the most valued members of the Congregational Church. He married Louisa Platt, a native of Orange, and a daughter of Nathan Platt, a farmer, and her death occurred in March, 1887. Our subject is the survivor of the two children born to his parents; the other, Ann, died young.

George Morgan was born July 4, 1835, in Orange, Conn., where he received excellent educational advantages, and upon the family's removal to Oxford entered a private school, later attending the high school of that place. Upon locating in North Haven, he was undecided as to his occupation, and spent some time at mason work, also becoming slightly interested in dentistry and in the daguerreotype business in New Haven, but found more congenial employment on the farm, and was working with his father at the opening of the Civil war. On Aug. 11, 1862, he enlisted in Co. D, 15th Conn. V. I., under the brave Capt. Samuel Hubbard, and later under Capt. William Burgess. Before leaving New Haven he was detached to serve in the commissary department, and accompanied the regiment in the brigade commissary department when it was sent to Arlington Heights. During the siege of Suffolk Mr. Morgan was on duty, being later detached to assist in the building of the slaughterhouse at Newport News and to help in the killing of from fifty to seventy-five head of cattle daily. At one time his department was required to supply food for 30,000 men. During the last year of service he was made military conductor of the railroad between Newbern and Morehead City, N. C., but at the battle of Kinston, in the same State, March 8, 1865, his usefulness was suddenly brought to an end by his capture by the enemy, and for eighteen days he knew what it was to be a prisoner of war. Sixteen were spent in marching, and two days in Libby prison, an exchange of prisoners being made then, and he received his parole on the day of Lee's

surrender, and was mustered out in 1865. After his return he assisted his father on the farm, taking entire charge of it after the death of his parents. This is a very valuable property, consisting of seventy-five acres, and our subject has been very successful in general farming.

Mr. Morgan was married to Bessie A. Bassett, of Hamden, her father, Henry Bassett, being a farmer of the vicinity. Mr. Morgan is a staunch Republican and takes a deep and intelligent interest in public affairs. Fraternally he is connected with Admiral Foote Post, No. 17, G. A. R., of New Haven. Among his friends and neighbors Mr. Morgan is highly esteemed, and is considered a most valued citizen.

JOHN B. McQUEEN. The McQueen name is an old and honorable one in the State of Connecticut, where it is borne by members who are prominent in business and professional life. The founder of this family, Capt. William B. McQueen, came from Scotland and settled in Branford, Conn., prior to the Revolutionary war, in which he took an active part and commanded a sloop in the interests of the colonists. Capt. McQueen was lost at sea.

James McQueen, son of Capt. William, and grandfather of John B., of New Haven, was born in Branford, Conn., and there lived an agricultural life. His son, Samuel, was born also in Branford, March 1, 1822, and died in New Haven, in 1879. In Essex, Conn., he learned the carpenter trade, to which he was apprenticed, and when about twenty years of age, came to New Haven. Here he engaged in building and contracting, accumulated means, was a leading Democrat, and a consistent member of the Congregational Church.

Father Samuel McQueen married Susan E. Barnes, who was born in North Haven, a daughter of Jared and Sarah (Hemingway) Barnes, of East Haven, and two children were born to them,—Almira T., who married Andrew G. Smith, a merchant in New Haven; and John B.

John B. McQueen was reared to young manhood in New Haven, and enjoyed educational advantages both in the graded schools of this city and an excellent private school. After completing his education, Mr. McQueen entered the dry goods store of Smith, Kimberly & Co., serving for a short time as an errand boy, but then entered upon a course of practical work, under his father, in the carpenter trade. In 1878 he had perfected himself sufficiently to begin the business of contracting and building, and with his brother-in-law, and a strong firm was formed, Mr. McQueen attending to the practical part, and Mr. Smith the financial part.

On June 10, 1873, Mr. McQueen was married to Martha E. Baldwin, who was born in New Haven, a daughter of Samuel and Mary E. Avis Baldwin, both of New Haven. Two children were born to this marriage, Arthur S. and Myra S., the latter dying at the age of three years. Arthur

S. McQueen graduated from the Yale Medical school with the class of 1901, and is now in the practice of his profession in this city.

In politics, Mr. McQueen has been a life-long Democrat, while socially he is connected with the order A. O. U. W. For a period he was sergeant of the New Haven Grays, and when the Governor's Foot Guards was re-organized, in 1893, he entered this order and holds the position of sergeant. The religious connection of the family is with the United Church.

EDWARD BEECHER (deceased). In every community there are citizens whose lives are an inspiration to their fellow men, who by the force of example inculcate the practice of those sterling virtues, that make so much for good citizenship. Edward Beecher was one of the most successful farmers in Bethany township. Orphaned at four years of age he came, at the age of thirteen years, to the farm which he subsequently owned, and which for a period of thirty-six years was his home. Though summoned by death when yet a comparatively young man, he had fought a good fight and had won that commendation and admiration from his fellows which keeps sacred his memory and perpetuates the force and worthiness of his career.

Mr. Beecher was born in the town of Seymour, New Haven county, May 14, 1841, one of a family of eight children. With his widowed mother he came in 1854 to the farm in Bethany, where he passed the remainder of his years. This farm was owned by his uncle, Anson Perkins, with whom our subject remained until the former's death, whereupon the property came into the possession of our subject. It is one of the finest farms of Bethany, and its operation by Mr. Beecher was attended by splendid results. He did not, however, busy himself on his farm. He was broad and liberal minded, and he took a deep and lasting interest in public affairs, becoming one of the leading citizens of the town. He was a believer in the principles of the Democratic party, and held many of the town offices. In 1879 he was nominated for the State Legislature and elected, serving with credit and distinction. Among the fraternal orders he was prominently connected with the Masonic lodge of Seymour. His death occurred Aug. 3, 1881, and in his demise the town of Bethany lost one of its most highly esteemed and revered citizens.

Mr. Beecher was married Jan. 1, 1866, to Miss Christina E. Tolles, daughter of Nehemiah and Polly (Beecher) Tolles, and by this marriage there was one daughter, Leita, who is now an accomplished young lady at home with her widowed mother. She was educated in the private school of Mrs. Cady at New Haven, and is a student of music at Yale, on the organ and piano. Since the death of our subject his widow, Mrs. Christina E. Beecher, has superintended the operation of the farm

most successfully. She has established by her wise and sagacious management the reputation of being one of the most successful farmers of Bethany, carrying on in connection with general farming an extensive dairy business, but at the present time Mrs. Beecher and daughter are living in New Haven. Besides her marked business abilities, she possesses many accomplishments and and graces of character, and is a recognized social factor.

JOSEPH PHOENIX, a well-known and leading French-Canadian citizen of Meriden, has been more than twenty-seven years a contractor in the fitting department of the Parker Brothers' gun shop. He was born June 1, 1851, at Chambly, near Montreal, Canada, and is a son of Narcisse Phoenix, who was a native of the same place and a farmer by occupation. In 1853, the latter settled with his family at Actonville, Province of Quebec, Canada, where were then located three other pioneer families. He proceeded to clear up a farm in the wilderness, and built a log hut, which for some years was the only shelter of himself and household. Being a resourceful and industrious man, he became a very successful agriculturist and leading citizen of the locality. He was deft in handling tools, and did his own carpenter work, where from his own sheep and flax fields he produced homespun cloth and linens, and provided comfortably for his family during the years of toil required in developing his 300-acre farm. He lived to see Actonville a town of two thousand souls, with its churches, schools and other evidences of civilization and progress, and he died upon his farm in 1888, at the age of sixty-seven years. A consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church, he was a staunch supporter of the Liberal party of Canada, and in every way was a useful and exemplary citizen.

At Chambly, Quebec, Narcisse Phoenix married Monica La Coss, a native of that place, daughter of Sinot La Coss. She endured patiently the hardships of pioneer life, for the sake of her children, whose childish wails were often mingled with the sounds of savage wild beasts which surrounded their forest home. She died in 1881, at Actonville, at the age of fifty-seven years, and was buried there. A faithful Catholic, she was a devoted wife and mother, a most industrious woman, whose children "rise up and call her blessed." They were nine in number, namely: Aglie, Napoleon, John, Joseph, Gideon, Eliza, Adeline, Sophia and Josephine. Of these Aglie, Eliza, Adeline and Josephine died in childhood; Napoleon married Eliza Munier and resides in Meriden, being an employe of Parker Brothers; John is a meat dealer at Waterbury, Conn.; Gideon married Josephine Dontieque, and died in Meriden; Sophia (now deceased), was the wife of Camille Duchaneau.

Joseph Phoenix grew up on the farm at Actonville, whither he was carried by his parents when only two years of age. He was early accustomed

to toil, and became acquainted with the use of carpenter's tools. At the age of nineteen years, he set out from home to make his own way in the world, and went to New Hampshire, where he worked as carpenter and joiner for upwards of a year. By this time, his spirit of enterprise was justified, in his ability to repay sixty dollars loaned by him by a friend when he set out to make his fortune in the United States. He next removed to Forestdale, R. I., and was employed for a short time in a cotton mill. In 1870, he started for Springfield, Mass., to find something more congenial to him in the way of employment. Meeting a man on the train who advised him to come to Meriden, he acted upon the suggestion. On arriving here, he was engaged by Mr. Charles Rich, a contracting carpenter, with whom he continued until the death of Mr. Rich. Within a few months after entering his employ, Mr. Phoenix was made foreman, and later became a sub-contractor. Upon the death of Mr. Rich, he began taking independent contracts, and was a successful builder, as his work testifies. He constructed many dwellings and the factory now occupied by M. B. Schenck & Co., on Center street. His last undertaking in this line is the handsome home of Charles A. King, on King street. In 1875 he accepted a position as contractor in the Parker gun factory, and has since so continued. His energy, probity and executive ability are indicated by this long connection, and he is everywhere honored and respected as an industrious and useful citizen.

In 1895 Mr. Phoenix purchased a tract of fourteen acres on Corrigan avenue, which was in a state of primeval wilderness. By dint of much labor and care, he has transformed it into a garden and vineyard, and a model homestead. He built a handsome house, and here enjoys the comforts of a rural homestead, together with all the advantages of urban life. From his large vineyard, he produces annually an abundance of fine wines, which find a ready home market, and serve to enhance his open-handed hospitality. His house, barns and grounds are fitted up with all modern conveniences, and he is surrounded by good horses and other domestic animals, being fond of these. He maintains an incubator and rears a large number of fowls for the market. A good shot, he is fond of the chase, and is often a member of shooting parties.

The example of Mr. Phoenix's life may well be studied by the ambitious American youth. When he came to the United States, he could not speak English, and had very little education in any language. Being ambitious and persevering, he gave much time to home study, and is a self-educated and self-made man. He is now a fluent conversationalist, and speaks intelligently on any topic of general interest, and his society is enjoyed and appreciated by a large circle of friends. In politics, he sustains the principles of the Republican party, but does not desire any official position. For

some time he was a member of Pacific Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F. With his family he affiliates with St. Laurent's (French) Roman Catholic Church, of Meriden. Being earnest in support of education, he was called upon to serve as a member of the school committee of the King Street School, and performed the duties of that position faithfully and well.

Mr. Phoenix was married in 1871, at Harrisville, R. I., to Miss Emile Dupuis, who was born in Northampton, Mass., daughter of Oliver Dupuis. Like her husband, she is industrious, and has been a constant aid and companion in his labors, helping to secure their fine home. She is a lover of domestic animals, thus showing a kind heart, and she has faithfully performed the part of wife and mother. Her first child, Joseph, died in infancy. The second Joseph, born Aug. 15, 1874, was educated in Meriden, studied French at Montreal, was a clerk in a wholesale fruit store at Hartford for a period of six years, and is now employed, as the other sons, with the father at the Parker gun shop; he is a Republican and a member of Pilgrims' Harbor Council, No. 543, Royal Arcanum. He was married at Hartford to Miss Mary J. Egan, who died Jan. 3, 1902, and was buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Hartford. William and Alfred Phoenix, twins, were born May 13, 1879. All these young men are possessed of musical ability, and are skillful performers on the guitar.

F. HOWARD HEMINGWAY, of New Haven, is a son of Willis Hemingway, for many years one of the most prominent merchants in that city. Willis Hemingway was a power in the financial world, and was a director of the Second National Bank, of New Haven, and had charge of many estates. He was a director and vice-president of the Cemetery Association, and one of the leading spirits of his day. His widow, who is still living in New Haven, was born in 1821, in Brooklyn, where her mother died of the cholera in 1830.

F. Howard Hemingway was reared in New Haven, and acquired his education in the public schools and Hopkins English School, finishing in Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1875. Leaving academic shades he applied himself to active work, and became his father's confidential clerk, remaining with him until the latter's death in 1898, when he founded his present business.

Mr. Hemingway was married in 1879 to Mary T. Clarke, a daughter of the Rev. Dr. Walter Clarke, of Buffalo. She is one of a number of children, and her mother, Mary Elizabeth Terry, was a daughter of Judge Terry, of Hartford. She had a sister who was the wife of Robert Coleman, the great iron magnate of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Elizabeth T. Clarke is still living in Buffalo. Mr. and Mrs. Hemingway have two children: Josephine Clarke, who was the historian of the class of 1901, when it graduated from Hillhouse High School,

is at home; and Walter Clarke. Mr. Hemingway is a Republican, and is prominent in social organizations, belonging to the A. O. U. W., the Royal Arcanum and the I. O. H. He is a director of the Cemetery Association, and is connected with a number of clubs and other social organizations. With his family he belongs to the Grand Avenue Congregational Church, of which he has been clerk for the last fifteen years, and he takes an active part in all church and Sunday school affairs. In 1898 he founded the F. H. Hemingway Company, and the large success that has attended this enterprise demonstrates at once his business ability and his personal character.

Georgiana, a sister of Mr. Hemingway, is the wife of Rev. Joseph Cook, of Boston.

EDWIN AUGUSTUS HAYES, a very successful business man of New Haven, who has largely hammered out his own fortune on the anvil of adversity, with hard and mighty stroke, is now engaged in a grain and feed business at No. 100 Broadway, in that city, and commands a wide patronage, not only on account of his integrity and honesty, but for his reliable goods and genuine worth of his character, displayed in his every-day life.

Mr. Hayes was born Oct. 11, 1855, in Bridgeport, Conn., a son of Charles Thomas Hayes, who was born in the same city Feb. 14, 1830. The father died in Mt. Carmel, Conn., Sept. 11, 1899. He was a saddler by trade, at which he worked in both Bridgeport and New Haven. In politics a Democrat, he was never a politician, and had no thirst for party honors. He married Laura L. Hickox, who was born in Bethany, Conn., daughter of Reuben Hickox, and to this union were born: (1) William C., a market gardener, whose home is in West Haven; (2) Frederick D., a farmer, who has his home in West Haven; (3) Edwin A., whose name introduces this article; and (4) Julia M., wife of Frank Warner, a farmer of Mt. Carmel.

Alonzo Hayes, the grandfather of Edwin A., was a millwright by trade, and is remembered as a very capable mechanic. For many years he was engaged as foreman of the bridge building department of the Housatonic railroad; he was also engaged in placing water-wheels, in which work he was very proficient. He married a Miss Stratton, and they had a family of eight children.

Edwin A. Hayes was brought to New Haven by his parents before he was six years of age, his childhood and youth being spent in that city. His education was secured in the common schools. When he was between nine and ten years old the family removed to Woodbridge, where he attended school about a year, at the end of that time entering the employ of D. N. Clark, at Bethany, who was a wholesale cattle dealer as well as farmer, and with him Mr. Hayes remained two years. He then engaged with P. P. Sperry, who was in the same line



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and also a butcher, and continued with him several years, when he engaged in farming on shares, in Bethany. In this work Mr. Hayes continued several summers, and then set up in the meat business on his own account. In 1879 he came to New Haven and engaged as a salesman with S. E. Merwin & Son, wholesalers of provisions. For twelve years he was with this firm, and during the first ten years of his engagement with them did not lose a day. In 1891 Mr. Hayes formed a partnership with Charles A. Crittenden, under the firm name of Hayes & Crittenden, purchasing the feed store of M. Warner, at No. 100 Broadway, which they conducted together until January, 1899. Mr. Hayes then bought the entire business, and is now engaged in handling feed, grain, hay, straw, flour and kindred lines. Doubtless it never entered his dreams when he was a small boy, or when he entered the store as a young man, seeking a foothold in the world, that some day he would own the building where he is now successfully conducting a rapidly growing business. During his working day he is enthusiastic, pushing and thoroughly devoted to his business. In the evening, in his own home, he is found a pleasant and social gentleman, whom it is a pleasure to meet.

Mr. Hayes is a charter member of Hammonasset Tribe, No. 1, Improved Order of Red Men, in which he has passed all the chairs, being now past sachem; is a member of the Great Council of Connecticut, of that order, and is deeply interested in its welfare. He is also a member of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard. In politics he is a Republican, though no politician.

Mr. Hayes was married, May 9, 1874, to Mae Etta Sperry, a native of Bethany, born Dec. 10, 1855, daughter of Alonzo and Rebecca (Hotchkiss) Sperry, of Bethany. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are whole-souled people, and enjoy the confidence of the community, where their many good qualities and sterling worth are well known. Their home life is ideal.

Mr. Hayes has just built a fine structure of brick, 65x26 feet, and 23 feet high, which he uses both as a barn and storehouse, at the rear of his residence, No. 466 Elm street. At Savin Point, just west of Savin Rock, West Haven, he has a fine summer cottage, where he spends the heated term. This was built in 1899.

FLOYD L. ANDREWS was born in Naugatuck, New Haven county, June 8, 1849, son of Samuel N. Andrews, a native of Milford, this county.

Samuel Andrews, father of Samuel N., went from Milford to Naugatuck, where he died at the age of seventy-seven. He was a farmer and a man of affairs in the community. He married Selina Smith and reared a family of five children: Samuel N., Caroline, George S., Esther and Frank S.

Samuel N. Andrews was reared in Naugatuck,

on the "mountains," and went to school in Middlebury. He married Amelia Thompson, who was born in New York, a daughter of Stephen Thompson, who settled in Oxford, Conn., and was a hatter by trade. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Andrews settled on a farm near Naugatuck, where they reared a family of five children: Ella married Charles H. Smith, and after his death became the wife of Clark Nettleton, of Naugatuck. Floyd L. is our subject. Noyes T. resides in New Haven, and is in the wholesale meat business. Esther married Warren L. Hall, of Waterbury, where he is a commission merchant. Frederick is in the meat business in Boston. Mr. Andrews was in politics a Democrat, and in religion a Congregationalist.

Floyd L. Andrews spent his youth on the farm in Naugatuck. He was a student in the local district school, and at the age of fourteen moved to the city with his parents. There he attended the high school, and attained a fair education. He worked in the store of his uncle, George S. Andrews, where he remained until he was nineteen, and at that age went into business for himself at Union City, continuing in that town for eleven years. In 1878 he came to Waterbury, and was engaged for two years in the retail meat business, at the end of that time going into the wholesale grocery establishment of James D. Dewell & Co., at New Haven, with whom he remained until 1896. That year Mr. Andrews and three others started in business in Waterbury, under the firm name of F. C. Bushnell & Co., wholesale grocers, and this firm is very prosperous and still active. Mr. Andrews is the manager of the store, which is a branch of the main establishment at New Haven.

Floyd L. Andrews and Miss Clara Spencer were married May 21, 1871. Mrs. Andrews was born in Naugatuck, the only child of Lawrence Spencer, at one time postmaster of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are the parents of one child, Bernice M., who is at home. Mr. Andrews is a Democrat. He is a man of decidedly domestic tastes, a good citizen, and enjoys an enviable reputation both in the social and business world.

EUGENE FREMONT LEONARD, a well-known contractor for the Wilcox Silver Plate Co., Meriden, residing in East Main street, that city, is a descendant of a prominent New England family. Four brothers and one sister of the name came from England in the early part of the seventeenth century, namely: James, Thomas, Henry, Philip and Sarah. They left behind them in their native home two brothers, William and John, and two sisters, Margery and Joan. Of the four brothers who emigrated to America, James settled in Taunton; Thomas was drowned in Piscataway; Henry located at Marshfield, and died at Taunton, Massachusetts.

From James Leonard, who settled at Taunton,

Mass., Eugene Fremont is descended. Lieut. James Leonard, son of James, the emigrant, had a son Eliphalet, who was born in 1702; he lived in Taunton. His son, Eliphalet Leonard (2), was the father of Jonathan Leonard, great-grandfather of our subject, who was a native of Canton, Mass., and became a well-known citizen of that town. He was quite an enterprising man. He erected the first blast iron furnace in the town of Canaan, Conn., where he carried on the manufacture of pig iron, continuing the forgoing business nearly all his life at Canton, Mass. While visiting a daughter, at New Orleans, La., he was taken ill with yellow fever, and died Oct. 20, 1839, in the hospital at Covington, La., and was buried there. Mr. Leonard was a Quaker in his religious views. He married a Miss Blackman, and they became the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters.

Jonathan J. Leonard, son of Jonathan, was born Nov. 30, 1798, in Canton, where he received his early education. He went to Amenia, N. Y., where he studied medicine under his uncle, Dr. Alpheus Leonard, but he followed the profession only a short time, on account of ill health. Giving up medical practice, he embarked in business at Stoughton, Mass., as a woolen manufacturer. Later he came to Connecticut, locating at Middletown, where he spent two years, after which he came to Meriden, locating near the present site of Hubbard Park. He became engaged in the manufacture of iron castings for coffee mills. Later he moved to East Meriden, and bought the property now known as the Parker Spoon Shop, engaging in the manufacture of castings and locks. During the gold fever he went to California, where he spent two years, but met with little success, returning in 1852, and engaging with the New Haven Lock Co. He died April 7, 1854, in New Haven, and was buried in Meriden. Mr. Leonard was a Democrat, later an anti-slavery man, and always a free thinker. He was no office-seeker, but took an active interest in affairs of his day, being a great debater and a deep thinker. He was a remarkable man and was widely known. On Jan. 27, 1822, Mr. Leonard married Eliza Eveline Hodges, who was born in Stoughton, Mass., Aug. 15, 1803, and was a descendant of a well-known, old and respected family of Massachusetts. Eight children blessed this union: (1) Eugene resides in East Meriden. He first married Lavina Curtis, and for his second wife Nellie Mizer, and his living children are: Charles Hodges, who resides in Ohio; William Thompson, residing in Ohio; and Ellen, who married Henry B. Birdsey, and resides with her father. (2) Marion married Charles Pomeroy, son of Noah Pomeroy. (3) George D. died in New York. He married a Miss Bradley and had two daughters, Georgia, now residing in Washington, D. C.; and Jennie, deceased wife of H. Atchison, of Washington. (4) Henry, father of

Eugene E., mentioned below, resides in Indiana. (5) John died in Kentucky. (6) Edwin died young. (7) A daughter died unnamed. (8) Emily Josephine is mentioned elsewhere. The mother of these died at her home in East Meriden, and her remains rest in the old Meriden cemetery.

Eugene Fremont Leonard was born Feb. 11, 1800, in Durham and came to Meriden when two years old. There he attended school and at an early age he went into the shops of the Wilcox Silver Plate Co., where he learned the trade of buffer, and where he has been engaged for the last twenty-eight years, thirteen as a contractor in the establishment. He was married in Meriden, in December, 1885, to Margaret Casey, of Meriden, and they have three children: Georgia May, Agnes Josephine, and Charles Allison. Mr. Leonard is a member of the Meriden Center Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F., Meriden Lodge, No. 35, B. P. O. E., and has been identified with the Red men. He is a Republican in political faith, but is no office seeker. The Golden Rule has been his standard throughout life, and he is as popular as he is well known.

JOHN S. MITCHELL, whose death occurred at Tarrytown, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1875, was for many years a resident and prominent business man of Waterbury, Conn. He took up his residence in Waterbury about 1841, when but little past his majority, and entered the employ of the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co. He soon evinced business ability of a high order, and in young manhood became the principal manager of that company's business, and was one of the leading business men of Waterbury. When about thirty years of age he became prostrated with a chronic disease, which compelled him to give up all business for a period, and ever afterward until death, with various intervals of comparative alleviation, his life was one prolonged struggle with disease and suffering. Yet in spite of it all, such was the force of his character that his life was active, busy, useful and successful, nay, ever elegant and beautiful—an elegant life in its culture and tasteful surroundings, and beautiful in patience, courage and uniform cheerfulness, with which he not only bore, but hid his sufferings so entirely that they formed no part of his personality to those who met him in the casual intercourse of daily life. He was possessed by nature of refined tastes, which a life of trial seemed more fully to refine and elevate. When he became able, after his first prostration, to leave the house, but still not well enough to transact business, he turned his attention as a pastime to floriculture, with great success. His green houses were for years the pride of Waterbury. Mr. Mitchell was one of the first trustees of Riverside Cemetery, for three years was chairman of the board, and to him this beautiful and attractive burial place owes much of its beauty.

After partially recovering from his first illness Mr. Mitchell again applied himself to business, and,

besides affording valuable counsel and assistance to various enterprises in which he was interested, he established and built up the house of Mitchell, Vance & Co., of New York, manufacturers of gas fixtures, so well known throughout the country. In this business, as in his other undertakings, his plans and views were broad and his energy untiring. The new business led him to change his residence from Waterbury to New York, and he finally fixed his home near Tarrytown, on the Hudson, in a beautiful edifice where his taste for rural pursuits had full scope, and there, as his failing strength compelled him to withdraw more and more from business life, he occupied himself in cultivating his grounds and adorning his home, waiting patiently for the end which for years had seemed near. Mr. Mitchell was a man of modest bearing, but of a studied courtesy, and bore a presence of dignity and mental strength. While a resident of Waterbury he was a member of the First Congregational Church, and took great interest in its charitable work, and especially in the portion of it relating to young persons.

Mr. Mitchell married the youngest daughter of Deacon Aaron Benedict, of Waterbury, and to them was born one child, a son of great promise, who died in boyhood.

BRONSON. The Bronson family begins its American history with John Bronson, of Hartford and Farmington, who was the father of Sergeant Isaac Bronson. That gentleman was born in 1645, and was married in 1669, to Mary, a daughter of John Root, of Farmington. Isaac Bronson was one of the original thirty subscribers, and it is thought he was a member of the first company that came to Waterbury. He united with the Farmington Church in 1684, and was active in establishing a church in Waterbury, being one of its seven pillars at its final organization in 1691. He was a sergeant in the train band, and a deputy to the General Court in 1697, and again in 1701. He died about 1719, and his widow did not long survive him.

Lieut. John Bronson, son of the foregoing, was born in 1673, and made his home in Waterbury. His position as lieutenant of the militia was bestowed upon him in recognition of his interest and ability in military matters. He was elected selectman, and he died about the close of 1746.

Benjamin Bronson, son of Lieut. John, was born Oct. 2, 1711, and was married March 4, 1738, to Lois, a daughter of Thomas Richards. His death occurred Nov. 16, 1745.

Major Samuel Bronson, son of the above, was born Dec. 10, 1742, and in December, 1786, married his second wife, Huldah Williams. Major Bronson died July 21, 1813.

Isaac Bronson, son of Major Samuel, was born Sept. 11, 1793. He lived in the town of Vernon.

William Bronson, son of Isaac, was born Oct. 16, 1826, at Vernon, where he spent his early school days, and while still a lad went to Berlin, where he

became foreman in the wheel room of the Henry Hooker carriage factory. In New Haven he was identified with the Hooker carriage house. For the last ten years of his active life he was identified with the Hub Clothing Company.

On July 2, 1856, William Bronson was married to Rebecca E., a daughter of Andrew and Rebecca Terrell, of New Haven. To this marriage were born: William Alfred, born Nov. 30, 1857; Robert Anderson, born Feb. 19, 1861; Samuel Griswold, born March 3, 1863, died Dec. 21, 1866; and Albert Lincoln, born July 23, 1865, died Sept. 15, 1865. Mr. Bronson lived on Bradley street, where he spent his last years. He died Oct. 28, 1881; and his wife, who was born June 1, 1834, died June 7, 1883.

WILLIAM A. BRONSON spent his school days in New Haven, where he attended the Lancasterian School, and began clerking in the drug business out of school hours with A. B. Hall, then located on State street. For a short time he was with Henry Merriman, and then accepted a clerkship with the Whittlesey Co., on Chapel street. In September, 1881, he bought the drug business on State and Bradley streets, and in 1883 removed across the street, where he remained in business until October, 1901.

On Feb. 16, 1893, Mr. Bronson was married in New Haven, Conn., to Florence G. Burchell, who was born Aug. 24, 1866. To this union have come: Harold Burchell, born Sept. 17, 1894; Ruth Marjorie, born Dec. 22, 1895; and Eleanor Terrell, born March 16, 1901. Mr. Bronson belongs to Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M. In 1894 he built his home at No. 305 Lawrence street, where he resided until May, 1902.

ROBERT ANDERSON BRONSON spent his early school days in New Haven. At an early age he began clerking for A. B. Hall, and was later employed by Henry Merriman. When he was twenty years of age he entered the store of McNeil & Washburn, at No. 84 Church street. In 1892 he became a member of the firm of E. L. Washburn & Co., druggists and dealers in surgical and dental instruments.

On Feb. 1, 1895, Mr. Bronson was married to Esther A. Law, of New Haven, and one child, Louise Terrell, born May 28, 1898, has blessed this union. Mr. Bronson belongs to Wooster Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Franklin Chapter, Harmony Council, New Haven Commandery and Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Chamber of Commerce.

BENJAMIN HULBURT ROBERTS, one of the prosperous and respected farmer citizens of North Haven, traces his descent from one of the staunch old New England families, being a grandson of Ebenezer Roberts. The latter took part in the Revolutionary war, and after that strife was over located in Middlesex county, where he engaged in farming. He served as justice of the peace and

became quite prominent in Westfield, where he died when ninety years of age. To himself and wife were born: Cornwall, Enoch, Bethuel, Elijah, Rena, Beulah and Rebecca.

Elijah Roberts, the father of Benjamin H., was born in Westfield, where he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred when he was twenty-six years old. His wife, Amanda Hulburt, was born in Westfield, a daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Plumb) Hulburt, and she lived to the age of fifty-two. She bore him a family of four children, namely: Hannah, who married William Rogers, and is now deceased; Benjamin H.; William, who died young; and Ellen, who married Edward Yeomans.

Benjamin H. Roberts was born Jan. 27, 1828, in Westfield, and as his father died when he was only four years old, his mother took her little family to the home of her father, and young Benjamin worked on his grandfather's farm and attended school for some years. Later he also worked for adjoining farmers, and when he was nineteen years old went to Meriden, entering the employ of the Meriden Britannia Co., casting spoons. After following this occupation for several years the young man returned to Westfield, and for two summers worked on the farm of his uncle, William Plumb, while during the winter he returned to Meriden and engaged in casting spoons. A better opportunity offering, Mr. Roberts entered the suspender factory of William Hale, of Meriden, where he remained for a number of years, working under contract, taking the material home, stamping the leather and webbing himself, and distributing the material among the women in the neighborhood. The area of his distribution covered three miles, and so carefully did he estimate his contracts and select his workers that his success was very satisfactory.

About this time his good old grandfather Hulburt induced Mr. Roberts to take charge of his farm and be the comfort of his declining years. The homestead was encumbered, and not being willing to allow the last years of his grandfather's life to be overshadowed by a worry of this description, Mr. Roberts paid the debt out of his own savings, and in his gratitude Mr. Hulburt transferred the property to the grandson and his mother. Being already of an advanced age, Mr. Hulburt died not long after his grandson relieved him of his burdens. Not satisfied with the field offered for his ability on the farm, Mr. Roberts obtained employment with Ferry, Benham & Co., of Meriden, manufacturers of powder-flasks and chargers. Although the services required were those of an expert, Mr. Roberts discharged his duties with very little preparation, being a natural mechanic. His work was done under contract, and again his careful management enabled him to reap a very substantial benefit from this connection. After eighteen months, however, being enabled to purchase the farm adjoining his own, Mr. Roberts returned to

Westfield, and for some years devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. Having improved his property, Mr. Roberts received many flattering offers, and finally disposed of it, removing to Meriden, where for fifteen years he was in the employ of the Meriden Britannia Co. at a first-class salary. In 1883, tiring of the confinement of his position, Mr. Roberts came to North Haven, and, purchasing his present farm from Nelson Warner, commenced to make many substantial improvements thereon. The property is now in excellent condition, and Mr. Roberts carries on a large market gardening business, being successful in this, as in all his previous undertakings.

In 1852 Mr. Roberts was married to Miss Eliza H. Douglas, who was born in 1827, in New Hartford, Conn., a daughter of Chester H. and Annie (Dawson) Douglas. To Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have been born: Emily M., who married Benjamin Van Doren, a teamster of Hamden; William B., who married Emma Butler, and is living at home, assisting his father; and Burton D., who married Nellie Morgan, and is now a grocer in Meriden.

Although a staunch Republican, Mr. Roberts has never sought for office, but upon the solicitation of his friends, while residing in Meriden, was collector and treasurer of the school district. Both he and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Congregational Church. They are excellent representatives of thrifty, successful and substantial New England people.

P. JOSEPH BOLAN, dealer in hardware, agricultural implements, iron, steel, builders, factory and mills supplies, etc., at Nos. 90, 92 and 94 Bank street, Waterbury, was born in Sandy Hook, Fairfield Co., Conn., Nov. 15, 1862, son of Lawrence and Mary (Dempsey) Bolan, both natives of County Westmeath, Ireland.

Lawrence Bolan came to America when a young man, and settled in New York, where he acquired some property. He there married Mary Dempsey, who died in April, 1863, the mother of the following children: (1) John D., who is working for his brother, P. Joseph, but who previously spent two years abroad and later was employed for fourteen years as a machinist by the Waterbury Farrel Foundry & Machine Co. (2) Annie, wife of James H. McGinness, of Waterbury. (3) Mary, wife of B. J. Brady, of Bridgeport. (4) Lawrence H., who died at the age of twenty-seven years. (5) Elizabeth, wife of Michael Meloy, of Bridgeport. (6) P. Joseph. The father of this family was a dyer by trade, and after removing from New York to Sandy Hook followed his calling until his death in August, 1877, at the age of fifty-three.

P. Joseph Bolan attended school in Sandy Hook until twelve years of age, when he went to Watertown, Litchfield county, and served four and one-half years as a bell boy in a hotel. While thus employed he earned sufficient means to pay for his



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schooling in Waterbury, and he diligently applied himself to the acquiring of a good literary training, before entering the commercial world. On June 14, 1878, he became a clerk for F. L. Allen, hardware merchant, who some time afterward sold out to D. B. Wilson. Mr. Bolan remained with the latter gentleman until February, 1885. The two then formed a copartnership, which was maintained for four years and ten months, during which time Mr. Bolan conducted the entire business of the firm. On Dec. 1, 1889, Mr. Bolan sold out to Mr. Wilson the stand at Nos. 13, 15 and 17 East Main street, and purchased from James Allen the oldest hardware establishment in Waterbury town, and located at Nos. 90, 92 and 94 Bank street, where he still continues to carry on this most lucrative business.

On Nov. 21, 1888, Mr. Bolan was joined in wedlock with Miss Maria Seery, who was born in Waterbury, Conn., a daughter of Thomas Seery, who came from County Westmeath, Ireland. Five children came to bless this union, but of these the two youngest died in childhood, viz.: Joseph, when two and a half years old, and Harry, at the age of one year. The survivors are J. Harold, born Jan. 2, 1894; Helen E., born March 1, 1896; and Francis J., born Nov. 25, 1899. In politics Mr. Bolan is a Democrat, but has never accepted office, although he has been frequently solicited to do so. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Heptasophs, the Catholic I. O. O. F., and the B. P. O. E. He formerly belonged to the Foresters of America. He is a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic parish, and contributes freely to its support. Socially he and his wife are highly esteemed. As a business man Mr. Bolan may be termed self-made, and he is one of the most energetic and progressive men of the city, while his reputation in business circles is untarnished.

DANIEL JOSHUA CLARK, foreman of the draw pull department in the large factory of Foster, Merriam & Co., and a veteran of the Civil war, is one of Meriden's honored native sons, born July 30, 1839.

William Clark, an original proprietor of Hartford, Conn., in 1639, was one of the twenty-eight purchasers of the town of Haddam, Conn., and first settlers there, in or soon after the spring of 1662. His children were: (1) Daniel, who was the father of William, Joseph, Daniel (2) and John. Of these, William had children: Peletiah, Benjamin and Uriah; Daniel (2) had children: Daniel, Hezekiah and James; and John had a son, John. (2) Thomas became the father of Thomas, Jonathan, David and Israel. From this source came a branch of the Middlesex county Clarkes.

Hezekiah Clark, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Johnson's Lane, town of Durham, Middlesex Co., Conn., where he grew

to manhood, and where he married Olive Lee. He settled in Cromwell, Middlesex county, where he engaged in farming and passed the balance of his days. His remains and those of his wife rest in Cromwell cemetery. Both were members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Clark was a stanch Democrat of the old school. They were the parents of six children, namely: Hezekiah P., Samuel W. L., Cornelia (who married a Mr. Brainard, of Middletown), Hannah (who died unmarried), Henry La Fayette (who was killed by an explosion at Parker & Perkins' shop in Meriden) and Andrew J. (who died in Cromwell).

Hezekiah P. Clark was born in the town of Durham, Middlesex county, where he grew to manhood on a farm, and received his education in the local school. When a young man he moved to Middlefield, Conn., and there married Julia Miller, a native of that town and daughter of Joshua and Rhoda (Nicholls) Miller, the latter a daughter of Sylvanus Nicholls, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. After his marriage Mr. Clark came to Meriden, about 1833, and located in the eastern part of the town, where he followed the trade of carpenter and joiner. He removed to the vicinity of Walnut Grove cemetery, and in 1839 located on Gravel street, where he built a home, and continued to reside there during the balance of his life. He continued to work at his trade until his death, which occurred in 1863, and his remains were interred in East cemetery. Politically he was a stanch supporter of the Democratic party. Living an upright and exemplary life, he sought to treat his brother man as he would be treated. In his home he was a kind husband and father, and his demise removed from Meriden a good citizen. His widow is still living, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, and she resides alone in her home on Gravel street, highly respected as a true woman. She is possessed of a remarkable memory, and has always evinced a strong mind and will. Five of her seven children are living: Delia, the first, now deceased, was the wife of Charles Ira Miller, of Middlefield; Hezekiah Minor married Alvira B. Willard, and both are deceased; Louisa is the widow of George Palmer, of Orange, Mass.; Daniel J. is mentioned below; Russell R. is employed by the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., of Meriden; Rhoda Augusta married Theodore Butler, of Meriden; and William is a foreman in the plating department of the Charles Parker Co., of Meriden.

Daniel J. Clark attended the district schools of Meriden, and remembers among his teachers Linus Baldwin, Alva Coe, of Middlefield, Walter Hall and Miss Laura Miller. While still a mere boy he worked one season on the farm of his grandfather, Joshua Miller, in Middlefield. For his labor he received one dollar and a calf, and was highly pleased with his reward; the calf grew to a cow which supplied the family with milk for several years. During two seasons he worked on the farm of Deacon

Samuel Paddock, receiving five dollars per month and board for the first season, and fourteen dollars and board for the second. In the meantime he attended school in winter. He was next employed two years by Philip Eddy, in the butcher business, and spent a year on a farm in Middlefield. Coming to Meriden, he entered the factory of Parker & Perkins, and continued two years as a polisher. For a time he was employed in a bit and auger factory at Plainville, and put in a year in a shear factory at Rocky Hill. Returning to Meriden, he again worked for Parker & Perkins and learned the trade of blacksmith. At this time the country needed soldiers to preserve its integrity, and he enlisted Aug. 25, 1862, in Co. A, 15th Conn. V. I., under Col. Dexter R. Wright and Capt. J. Bassett. He participated in all the battles and campaigns of his company and regiment, and was acting sergeant of the pioneer corps during the celebrated "black-berry raid," in which a part of the regiment was captured by the enemy. Mr. Clark served until the close of the war, and was mustered out at New Haven in 1865.

Returning to the arts of peace, Mr. Clark was again attached to the force of Parker and Perkins, with whom he continued some time. He was subsequently employed by the Wilcox Silver Plate Co. and the Meriden Malleable Iron Co., remaining with the latter establishment as machinist until 1870. Since that year he has been connected with Foster, Merriam & Co., being a machinist until 1885, when he was made foreman of the draw pull department, and continues to fill that important post, having charge of 115 hands. His fairness to all, and his kind and genial manners have made him popular with all his associates, and he is a valuable factor in the success of this great manufacturing institution.

Mr. Clark is appreciated by his fellow citizens, as evidenced in his selection to serve four years in the city council, from the Third ward, during which he acted on the Water and Park committees. In 1901 he was elected alderman, and is chairman of the License and Printing committees. He holds pronounced views on the liquor question, and was at one time nominated by the Prohibition party for mayor of Meriden. He is a member of the Sons of Temperance, in which he has held all the offices, and was deputy grand worthy patriot. He is a member of Merriam Post, No. 8, G. A. R., and was some time a member of Pacific Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F. He is a trustee and steward of Trinity M. E. Church, and is everywhere respected as a consistent Christian gentleman, actuated by high motives in all his acts.

On Jan. 11, 1860, Mr. Clark was married in Springfield, Mass., to Miss Harriet L. Barnes, who was born on the same day as her husband, at Stoddle Hill, in the town of Middletown, and is a daughter of Jairus and Lorinda (Johnson) Barnes. Mrs. Clark is an active supporter of her husband in

every good work, being an active worker in Trinity M. E. Church, a member of the W. C. T. U. of Meriden, a charter member and first vice-president of the City Mission, and also a member of the State Humane Society. While she cares for her household in an exemplary manner, she is a staunch advocate of woman's rights, and exercises her right under Connecticut law to vote on school matters. Devoted to her home and family, a kind and charitable neighbor, she believes in protecting her own and other's families in procuring the best school facilities, and she does not forget the dumb servants of man who are oftentimes abused. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are blessed in their three children: (1) Hattie Estelle is the wife of Charles M. Hull, a printer, of Meriden, and has three children: Elsie, Charles and Ruth (a twin of the first died in infancy). (2) Ambrose Burnside is a machinist, employed in Meriden; he married Nettie E. Waples, and has two children, Adelbert and Gertrude. (3) Emma Josephine married Willard F. Peck, and is the mother of four children, Clifford Wales, Alton Barnes, Harold and Grace.

Reuben Bartholomew, a farmer of the town of Harwinton, Conn., served his country as a soldier in the war of the Revolution. He was a son of Daniel, grandson of William (2), and great-grandson of William Bartholomew, who came from England to New England in 1634. His daughter, Huldah, born April 8, 1768, married Joseph R. Barnes, of New Hartford, and their children were: Bartholomew, Richard, Eunice, Huldah and Jairus.

Jairus Barnes, father of Mrs. Clark, was a carpenter and joiner by occupation, and engaged in contract building in Middletown, where he died. He was a member of the Congregational Church and a Republican in politics. His wife, Lorinda, was a daughter of Adna Johnson, and she died in Cromwell, Conn. Of their two children, Mrs. Clark is the eldest; the other, Philinda, who married Henry Sedgwick, is now deceased.

The Johnson family is an old one in Middlesex county. Phineas Johnson married Lois Scheels. He was a soldier in the Revolution, serving in several commands. From Aug. 16, 1776, to Sept. 4, same year, he was a private in Capt. Hickock's company, and was a non-commissioned officer in the Fourth Company, Conn. Light Infantry, in the command of Marquis de La Fayette, under Capt. Samuel A. Barker, of Branford, and Lieut. John Mansfield, of Wallingford; was made corporal of Capt. Chapman's company Feb. 1, 1783, and was a pensioner under the Act of 1818. His children were: Lorinda and Melinda, twins, born May 27, 1785; Ai, Nov. 16, 1786; Adna, Aug. 18, 1788; Lodicea, July 25, 1790; Emma, Jan. 23, 1793; Ozem, Dec. 29, 1795; Arden, July 31, 1797; Erwin, Oct. 15, 1799; Larmon, May 19, 1802.

Adna Johnson, born Aug. 18, 1788, died March 25, 1858. He married Hannah Smith, who was born Aug. 21, 1793, and died June 23, 1831. Their

children: Lorinda, born Dec. 20, 1810, died April 25, 1888, married Jairus Barnes, and was the mother of Mrs. Daniel J. Clark; Eliza J., born Jan. 20, 1813; Ira N., Nov. 20, 1815, died June 16, 1888; Lucinda, June 16, 1817; Maria, Feb. 5, 1819; Freeman Aug. 14, 1820; Melinda, April 24, 1822. Mr. Johnson was married a second time Oct. 27, 1831, to Amy Clark, who bore him: Edwin, July 27, 1832; Aden, Sept. 29, 1834; Chauncey W., April 22, 1837; Daniel T., Sept. 7, 1839. The mother of these died, and Mr. Johnson subsequently married a widow named Doolittle. There were no children by the last marriage.

GEORGE FREDERICK ROGERS, one of the stockholders and directors of the firm of C. Rogers & Bros., and one of the well-known citizens of Meriden, was born Oct. 1, 1862, in the city in which he has had his home.

George Washington Rogers, father of George F., was born in Chester, Middlesex county, Aug. 11, 1827, and was the son of the late Hervey Rogers, and eldest brother of Cephas B., Gilbert and Wilbur F. Rogers, of Meriden. His education was obtained in the district school of Old Saybrook, Wilbraham Academy and the Wesleyan University. In his early life he was a public school teacher, but soon turned his attention to the law, which he followed in Meriden for a number of years. In his professional practice he was associated with George W. Smith. While still a young man he was engaged in the newspaper business in Meriden, in company with the Hon. O. H. Platt, then the editor of the Connecticut *Whig*. In political life he became quite prominent, and filled many local offices in Meriden, serving several years as justice of the peace, and was deputy sheriff. Mr. Rogers was named doorkeeper of the United States Senate, and was present at the time Brooks made his brutal assault on Senator Sumner. Later he was appointed postmaster by President Lincoln, and filled this position with credit for eight years, serving under Lincoln and Johnson. Mr. Rogers died April 17, 1880, in Meriden, and his remains were laid to rest in the West cemetery. He was known in public life throughout the United States as a man of much ability, especially gifted in oratorical powers. He was liberal in church matters, and lived close to the Golden Rule. In his earlier life he was a Whig in sentiment, but later became a Republican, and he was closely associated with Horace Greeley. Mr. Rogers was married to Catherine L. Gale, a lady of much culture and refinement, and to this union were born six children, only two of whom are now living, George F. and Lilian Yale. The daughter is a lady of marked character and culture, of high attainments, and is now teaching the art of dancing in Meriden. Mrs. Rogers is still living, and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who are privileged to know her true worth.

George F. Rogers attended the public schools of Meriden, and when he reached the age of fifteen

years entered the employ of C. Rogers & Bros. By the faithful discharge of all his duties, his thorough mastery of the business and his oft-proved reliability has arisen to his present position. In 1899, when the company was incorporated, Mr. Rogers was named one of the directors. A young man of much character and most enterprising spirit, he takes a deep interest in the business, and is familiar with its every detail.

A Democrat until 1896, in that year Mr. Rogers voted the Republican ticket, and has acted with the latter party to the present time. In 1900 he was elected from the Fourth ward to the city council, where he is serving on the committees on License and Fire, and is a faithful worker for the best interests of the city. Mr. Rogers is a member of Pilgrim's Harbor Council, No. 543, Royal Arcanum, and Meriden Lodge, No. 35, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He believes in the Golden Rule as a large and noble expression of life, and strives to guide his steps by it. Socially he belongs to the Constellation Club of Meriden, and is chairman of its executive committee, and he is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

On Jan. 19, 1885, Mr. Rogers married, in Meriden, Miss Clara Louise Walkley, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y. They have had one child, Harold Gale, who was born Nov. 9, 1885, and is now a student in the city high school.

FRANK A. BECKLEY. For many years the name of Beckley has been connected in New Haven with successful business enterprises and has been and is borne by most worthy citizens. William Augustus Beckley, the late father of our subject, whose death occurred at his home in New Haven, May 11, 1892, was, for many years, a prominent business man and substantial citizen of that city. His descent, on his mother's side, was from one of the first families that came to settle New Haven.

William Beckley was born Oct. 16, 1827, at Cedar Hill, Conn., a son of Silas and Amelia (Atwater) Beckley. Until twelve years of age he lived with his parents at Cedar Hill and Whitneyville, and attended the John A. Lovell Lancasterian School for a period of three years. Subsequently he lived on two different farms, with his parents, in the town of Orange, and for two years attended a school kept by Amos Smith, in New Haven. At the age of seventeen he left home to learn the carpenter trade under Russell Alling, with whom he lived until twenty-one years old, and received as compensation \$30 for the first year, with an advance of \$5 a year until he had served out his time. After finishing his trade he went to Twinsburg, Ohio, where he passed one and one-half years, during which period he attended school one winter at the seminary of Rev. Samuel Bissell. After this experience he returned to New Haven, where his subsequent career was passed.

Upon locating in New Haven, Mr. Beckley for a dozen years was occupied in contracting and building, and erected upwards of 300 buildings in the city and vicinity. In 1860, associated with Nathan A. Sanford, he became engaged in the lumber business, the style of the firm being Sanford & Beckley. Some four and one-half years later Mr. Beckley bought Mr. Sanford's interest in the business, and shortly thereafter associated with himself his brother, Elihu A. Beckley, the firm name being W. A. Beckley & Co. for upwards of twenty-five years. The business was conducted all this time on the same corner, and by good judgment, fair dealing and careful management they were eminently successful. These gentlemen were substantial men of the community in which they lived, and held the esteem and respect of their fellow-citizens. W. A. Beckley was a member of the Church of the Redeemer. Socially he was a member of City Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Sassacus Encampment.

On Nov. 12, 1851, William A. Beckley was married to Cordelia Wheeler, and two children were born to this marriage: Annie J., who married Charles Brewster, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Frank A., the immediate subject of this record.

Frank A. Beckley was born in Westport, Conn., May 31, 1868, and received his education in the public, and also in the private, schools, for which New Haven is celebrated. At the age of sixteen he began to assist his father, and early displayed an aptitude for business. The William A. Beckley Co. was incorporated May 8, 1893, and Frank A. Beckley, already a valuable member of the company, was made its president. The other officers are: Charles B. Foote, secretary and treasurer, and Louis A. Lampson, general manager.

Mr. Frank A. Beckley was married, in New Haven, June 12, 1889, to Miss Louise Macdonald, a daughter of Charles Macdonald, of New Haven, and one daughter has been born to them, Doris C., born July 8, 1893. Mr. Beckley is a member of City Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He is one of the progressive, intelligent and successful young business men whose character is such as to promise a continuance of the prosperity which followed the methods adopted by his lamented father.

WILLIAM J. ADAMS, proprietor of "Yale Dairy Lunch," corner of Chapel and High streets, is one of the most successful restaurant men in New Haven, one whose success in the same length of time in that line stands without an equal in the Elm City. Close and careful attention to the details of his business have been prominent factors in his success, which has given him a most creditable position among the thrifty and reliable business men of his city. Mr. Adams conducted the first lunch wagon in New Haven, being the pioneer in that business.

William J. Adams was born March 9, 1857, in

Willimantic, Conn., son of Samuel G. and Mary E. (Bailey) Adams, and comes from an old and honorable family of New England. His ancestors took a prominent part in the Revolutionary war, and have been for generations the type of citizens that any community would be proud to claim. Samuel G. Adams was born in Lebanon, Conn., June 24, 1829, on a farm which is now near the city line of Willimantic, and which was then the home of his parents, Samuel and Jemima (Gardner) Adams.

Ebenezer Adams, grandfather of Samuel G., held a major's commission in the Revolutionary army, and in after years he was known as Col. Adams. He was a volunteer from Rhode Island under Arnold, and became a captain of artillery. One of the originators, he took a conspicuous part in the capture of Gen. Prescott in 1777, serving as captain under Col. Barton. "This exploit, though certainly one of the most hazardous attempted during the war, is just casually mentioned in history, accidentally brought in as it were, and yet it was very important in its results." For this act Lieut. Col. Barton was brevetted colonel, and a sword was voted him by Congress. This exploit was the capture of Gen. Prescott by thirty-eight men on the night of July 12, 1777. They crossed Narragansett Bay in four whaleboats under the command of Col. Barton, and, passing unobserved three British frigates, landed and made their way to a farm house five miles above Newport, R. I., where Gen. Prescott had his headquarters. The guards were surprised, the door of Prescott's room broken in by a negro of the party, who used his head as a battering ram, and the British commander was hurried away, half dressed, to Warwick Point, and afterward to the headquarters of Gen. Washington, in New Jersey. Col. Adams was buried on the old Adams homestead near West Kingston, R. I. He was twice married, and his second wife, who was a Miss Fanning, was the mother of Samuel Adams, and the grandmother of Samuel G.

Samuel Adams was born in the town of Richmond, Washington Co., R. I., and was a lifelong farmer. His first marriage, to Penelope Card, took place in Rhode Island, and they removed to Lebanon, Conn., to settle on a farm. There the wife died, and Mr. Adams married Jemima Gardner. He passed away at the age of seventy-four years, and his remains are resting in the cemetery at Willimantic. To the first union was born one child, Mary Ann, who became the wife of Dunbar Loring. By the second marriage there were the following children: (1) John Quincy, who lived to be about sixty-four years old, learned the carpenter's trade in Willimantic, where he lived and died; (2) Samuel G. was the father of William J.; (3) Elsie married William Bailey, and died in Willimantic. The father was a Democrat, but when he had cast his vote according to his best judgment he felt that his political duties were well discharged, and he never had aspirations for of-



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ficial honors. From his sixteenth to his twenty-seventh year he followed the sea, and, having saved his money, was able while still a young man to retire from the water and engage in the cultivation of his own farm at Lebanon, which he bought with his savings. At first it consisted of only ten acres, but he added to it from time to time as his circumstances permitted until he had come to own a choice farm of seventy-five acres. He obtained a start by his own labors and modest savings, which by thrift and industry grew into a very handsome competence.

Samuel G. Adams obtained his education at what was known as the Village Hill District school, in his native town of Lebanon, and had among his teachers a Mr. Abell, Joseph Foster, John Maxwell, Asaph Kingsley and Hon. Silas F. Loomer, late of Willimantic. Mr. Adams had but limited educational opportunities, as he lived three miles from the school house, and could attend only in the winter season, after he was able to do any work on the farm. At fourteen years of age he began work in a stone quarry, and two years later shipped from New London on a whaler, the brig "Columbus." For some three years he was several times at sea, but a sailor's life did not prove to his liking, and when he was about nineteen he gave it up entirely. For the ensuing two years he was employed in the bridge building department of the New London, Willimantic & Palmer railroad, then building, and which is now a part of the Central Vermont railroad. Mr. Adams was engaged for a number of years in getting out ship timbers and shipping his products to the coast by the new railroads, which had penetrated regions hitherto impossible to the dealer in ship material. In 1862 he began the business of house-moving, which has been his occupation to the present time, and in which he has gained a creditable reputation for himself all over the eastern part of Connecticut.

Mr. Adams was married, Feb. 18, 1850, in Greenville, Conn., to Miss Mary E. Bailey, a native of North Stonington, and a daughter of James and Emily (Green) Bailey. The young married couple made their first home on Village Hill, in the town of Lebanon. A year or two later they settled on the farm where Mr. Adams was born, and in February, 1881, removed to Pleasant street, in Willimantic, where they are found at the present time. This Pleasant street home has been greatly remodeled since it passed into the possession of Mr. Adams, and is now one of the most attractive on the street. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams have come the following family: Albert C., a farmer of Lebanon, lives on the old Adams place; Julia is Mrs. Alvin Lyman, of Lebanon, Conn.; William J. lives in New Haven; Mary Ann is the wife of Philip Bowen, a deputy marshal of New Haven; Nelson B. is associated with his father in business in Willimantic; Samuel is a market man in Willimantic. Three daughters died in childhood. Mr.

and Mrs. Adams have had a wedded life of over fifty-two years and in that time have made a host of friends, being highly esteemed in the community where they have lived so long and well. Samuel G. Adams is a Democrat, and served as a burgess while Willimantic was a borough, but has never been an office seeker. He is an active and influential member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and the local division of the Uniformed Rank of the Knights of Pythias bears his name as a token of the respect the brethren bear for him. Mr. Adams has extensive real-estate holdings in Willimantic, where he has built six houses and owns several others. Tireless energy and a boundless ambition to get ahead, backed up by an iron constitution and most industrious habits, have been the principal factors in his success. All his life he has been a hardworking man, but he is a remarkably well preserved and active man. His heavy head of dark hair, hardly streaked with gray, gives no evidence of his age, and his keen perception, quick decisions and retentive memory bespeak a wonderfully rugged intellect. Throughout his long business career his personal standing has been beyond question, and he has met every obligation without hesitation.

William J. Adams was educated in the schools of his native town. When a young man he began business for himself and on his own resources. Success greeted his efforts, and subsequently he took up the business of contracting, which included extensive work in the laying of concrete walks, in which line he did a great deal of work and met with success. This business he gave up in order to take up his present line, in which, as in about all his previous undertakings, he has been successful. It was in October, 1894, that Mr. Adams opened the first lunch wagon in New Haven. It stood on Chapel street, where the building of Lewis & Maycock is now located. A lunch wagon was then a decided novelty, and at once became immensely popular. The volume of business done in that small space would have been very acceptable to many merchants with their large store-rooms and thousands of dollars worth of stock. Encouraged by his success, Mr. Adams later established three other wagons of the same kind in different parts of the city. When the business became established he profitably disposed of them. Being obliged to surrender his original stand when the Lewis & Maycock building was to be built, he secured the quarters he now occupies, which were tastefully and attractively filled up at considerable expense. As proprietor of this place of business he is but repeating the success of his former venture. By a careful study of his line Mr. Adams has familiarized himself with its every detail, and with his business acumen he is not only able to make his business a popular one with the patrons, but also a profitable one to himself. He has also become the owner of

considerable real estate in his native city. Fraternally Mr. Adams is a member of the Knights of Pythias, of Willimantic, and of the Royal Arcanum of New Haven. Politically he is independent, not bound to any party.

Mrs. Adams previous to her marriage was Miss Lura Hyde, of Willimantic, a daughter of Nathaniel Hyde, in whose death, at the age of over ninety, Willimantic lost one of its best known and most highly respected old citizens. One daughter, Bernice, has brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adams. Mr. Adams' success in life has been won by his own efforts, not from a life of self-denial, as he takes all the pleasures and comforts that the pressure of his business permits.

GEORGE MILO BARNES. The Barnes family settled in New Haven county very early in its history. Thomas Barnes, the first of the family to come here, emigrated from England and made his home on what was then known as Muddy River, but what is now East Haven, where he signed the Constitution of the Colony in 1644. Daniel Barnes, his brother, was also a settler in the same community.

(I) Thomas Barnes was three times married, and became the father of five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Elizabeth, May 28, 1650; Thomas, Aug. 26, 1653; Abigail, Jan. 11, 1656; Daniel, 1659; Maybee, Jan. 25, 1668.

(II) Thomas Barnes, not above, was born in East Haven, where he lived, engaging all his life in farming. He married and became the father of twelve children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Mary, 1682; Thomas, July 21, 1684 (died young); Thomas (2), July 26, 1687; Sarah, 1689 (married Samuel Moulthrop); Rebecca, March 12, 1691; Abigail, June 10, 1693; Elizabeth, Nov. 10, 1695; Deborah, Feb. 1, 1698; Hannah, May 31, 1702; Samuel, April 11, 1705; Nathaniel, Jan. 11, 1707; Abraham, 1711.

(III) Samuel Barnes, mentioned above, passed his life in farming in East Haven, and made his home on the land which had come to him from his parents. He married Rebecca Parker, and became the father of seven children: Justus, born Jan. 3, 1730; Rebecca, April 28, 1733 (died young); Hannah, Sept. 5, 1735; Titus, Dec. 21, 1739 (he married Elizabeth Tuttle); Rebecca, July 27, 1741; Samuel, April 24, 1743; Isaiah, Jan. 1, 1748. The mother of these children died, and Samuel Barnes married Dorcas Turner, by whom he had two children: Dorcas, born Dec. 26, 1753; and Justus, born March 6, 1756.

(IV) Samuel Barnes, son of Samuel (1), was married in 1764 to Hepzibah, a daughter of Abel Collins, who became a captain in the Revolutionary war. They had the following children: Samuel, born Jan. 3, 1765; Jeremiah, born March 9, 1767; Elizabeth, born March 18, 1769; Chauncey, born Feb. 1, 1771; Elizabeth (2), born March 7, 1773;

Sarah, born Nov. 4, 1775; Polly, born June 29, 1777; Amos, born Oct. 14, 1779; William Collins, born Dec. 18, 1781. Samuel Barnes was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and rose to the rank of captain. He was a prominent landowner and farmer in East Haven, where he was one of the founders of the local Episcopal Church. He died in East Haven, where his ashes were interred.

William Collins Barnes was educated in the public schools, and became a sailor while a lad. While on a foreign voyage he was taken prisoner by the French and detained with the rest of the crew on an island in the Pacific ocean. No apology or compensation was ever obtained from France for this high-handed outrage. After his release he returned home, and spent the rest of his life as a farmer on the old homestead. He died in 1834, and was buried in the East Haven cemetery. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and stood very high in the community. William Collins married Nancy, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Bradley) Davidson, and granddaughter of Zebulon and Elizabeth (Hemingway) Bradley, whose brother, Abraham Bradley, was one of the first merchants of New Haven. To this union were born nine children: James; Amos; George; Dennis; Sarah, who married William Ames, of Fair Haven; Caroline, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Maria, who married James William Russell; James Dennis, mentioned below; and Elizabeth, who died young.

James Dennis Barnes was reared in New Haven, where he learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner. In 1853 he went to California, and was so pleased with that section that he remained and made his home on the Pacific coast, now residing in Eureka, Cal. He married Maria Kingsbury, and they had two children: Frederick, who died in California; and George Milo.

George Milo Barnes was born Jan. 31, 1849, and was reared in New Haven from the age of four years, and received excellent educational advantages, being sent to private schools in New Haven and in Worcester until he reached the age of eighteen years. At that time he began his business career, buying out a milk route between East Haven and New Haven, with which he was occupied for some two years. At the end of that time he sold out and came to Meriden to enter the office of James W. Russell, a carriage manufacturer, with whom he remained ten years as bookkeeper. In 1878 he abandoned this connection, and entered the meat business. He located at No. 310 East Main street, and has the leading market in the city. Mr. Barnes possesses those qualities which command success, and has been singularly fortunate in all his dealings. Since 1895 Mr. Barnes has also been connected with the livery business, in which he has been very successful.

Mr. Barnes was married, in 1873, to Rosa Faulkner, of East Haven, and to this union were born

two children, Frank H. R. and one who died in infancy. The former is associated with his father as a clerk. He was married Dec. 25, 1889, to Sadie Lawrence, a daughter of Jefferson and Sarah (Cochran) Lawrence, and a native of Meriden. To this union has come one child, Joyce Lawrence. George Milo Barnes is a Democrat, and is somewhat prominent in the ranks of that organization. As a business man he enjoys the confidence and esteem of the community, and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of East Meriden.

James William Russell was for more than forty years a well-known citizen of Meriden, where he took rank among the most enterprising and progressive men of the city. He was born in the town of Branford, Sept. 28, 1818, and was the only son of Frederick Russell, a well-known farmer of his day. Mr. Russell was educated in the public schools of Branford, and remained at home until he was seventeen years of age. He learned the trade of carriage painting, which he followed for a time in Milford and in the Southern States. When he was twenty-two he came to the town of Meriden, and, starting in business as a carriage and wagon manufacturer, built a fine brick factory on East Main street, employing some twenty men. For more than half a century he was one of the busiest and most active residents of Meriden. He died at his home on East Main street Dec. 9, 1885, and was buried in the East cemetery at Meriden. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and he was elected a member of the council and alderman for the Fifth ward, though he was no office seeker. He belonged to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, where he filled the position of vestryman. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. in Middletown.

James William Russell was married in 1848, in East Haven, to Maria A. Barnes, daughter of William Collins Barnes. She is still living at her home on East Main street, Meriden, and, notwithstanding her years, is quite active and energetic. Of a kind and loving disposition, she was much devoted to her husband, and still reveres and cherishes his memory.

JESSE O. EATON (deceased), one of the prominent and successful citizens of that part of North Haven known as Montowese, resided upon a farm which has been handed down from Governor Theophilus Eaton, who for twenty consecutive years was governor of the colony. It was in June, 1639, that Theophilus Eaton and his Puritan contemporaries formed their government, called the "House of Wisdom."

In his will Gov. Eaton mentions three children, Theophilus, Mary and Hannah, and of these, the first returned to England and afterward lived in Dublin, Ireland; Mary married Valentine Hill and removed to Piscataqua, N. H.; and Hannah returned to England with the widow of Gov. Eaton, but finally married William Jones, an English law-

yer and returned to New Haven in 1660, Mr. Jones afterward becoming Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut.

(II) James Heaton, by a second marriage of his father, the Governor Eaton mentioned above, married Sarah Streete.

(III) Theophilus Heaton, son of James and Sarah, married Sarah Earl in 1709.

(IV) Theophilus Heaton, son of Theophilus and Sarah, married Hannah Cooke, of Long Island, a devout and pious woman, and the family has in its possession a book written by her, a sort of diary, the penmanship being yet easily discerned. A religious denomination called the "Separate Church" existed in New Haven, and this scholarly and pious ancestress was one of the leading spirits. This book of Christian experiences has been read by many persons, and the late Rev. W. T. Reynolds, of North Haven, declared that for thirty years he had found appropriate texts in her little volume. Her husband was the great-grandfather of our subject, a large land owner, the house being located northeast of our subject's late home. The old home has been removed, but the farm which for 200 years has been in the family is still its property. But two children were born to the pious and worthy Theophilus and wife: Jonathan and Calvin, the latter being the ancestor next in line. Theophilus died in July, 1791, his wife, Hannah, surviving until 1794, and in her will she made her son Calvin her executor.

(V) Calvin Heaton was born on the old farm on Aug. 14, 1755, became a large farmer and did much trading, engaging extensively in the hay business, buying and pressing it, and finally shipping it to the West Indies. At one time he bought a vessel at New Haven, which at the time of purchase was undoubtedly unseaworthy. This was loaded with hay and went to the bottom on its first voyage, the loss of hay and mules being \$20,000, with no insurance, and this crippled the owner financially. Prior to this he was considered one of the wealthiest men of the locality, two others possessing equal wealth with him. This loss saddened the last years of a busy life, and his death occurred March 26, 1820.

(VI) Theophilus Eaton (the "H" having been dropped during the passing years) was born in the late home of our subject, his father, Calvin, having built the main part of it in 1780. His education was received in the district schools, and later he engaged in conducting a store in Montowese, but later bought the interests of the other heirs in the farm and lived there until his death, May 11, 1869. His wife had been Elmira C. Bronson, of North Guilford, and these children were born to them: Laura, who married Bethuel Brockett, a shoe manufacturer, whose factory was located on his farm in North Haven; Louisa, wife of William E. Brockett, who lived in North Haven; Esther, who married Brazil Bradley, lived in North Haven, and met her death from the hand of a former laborer on the

farm, the murderer being later hanged for the crime in New Haven; Rebecca, who married Julius Smith and now lives in North Haven; Julia, who married George Riley and lived in North Haven; Jesse O.; Elizabeth, who married Alexander Robinson, of Racine, Wis.; and Lois, who married R. A. Smith and lives in North Haven.

(VII) Jesse O. Eaton was born May 27, 1820, on the farm where he passed the greater part of his life, and in a house that stood immediately south of the present dwelling. His educational advantages were limited to those offered by the district school, and when he had finished the course there he settled down to the assistance of his father on the farm. When a dairy business was opened up, he peddled milk in New Haven, beginning in 1855 and continuing for twelve years. Leaving the farm at this time, he went to Hamden and entered a shop owned by the Churchills, who were engaged in the manufacture of augers, remaining in this employment for a number of years, but he finally returned to the farm, and upon the death of his father, purchased the interests of the other heirs, and was engaged in agricultural work until the last few years of his life, when he retired from active work, the labor being ably performed by his sturdy sons. The farm comprises 125 acres of fertile, well-cultivated land, and Mr. Eaton successfully carried on an extensive business in market gardening. This line is not pursued at present, but the dairy business is still retained, although the milk is all disposed of to dealers. Mr. Eaton passed away at his home in Montowese in June, 1901.

On Oct. 8, 1846, Mr. Eaton was married in New Haven to Mary Ann Bradley, born Oct. 1, 1825, a native of Cheshire, and her death, which occurred May 15, 1899, was a severe blow to her husband, her companionship having lasted through a half a century. A noble woman, a devoted wife and mother, she was sincerely mourned by the bereaved family. The two sons of this union have taken prominent positions in the county, and have been the best of testimony to the wisdom and care given their rearing by their devoted parents.

THEOPHILUS EATON, eldest son of Jesse O. Eaton, was born Nov. 28, 1849, and married Bertha M., the daughter of Willard Robinson, of North Haven, and now is manager of the farm. Prominent in political affairs, he has been successively on the board of education, selectman, registrar of voters, justice of the peace, and was elected by the Republicans as representative to the Assembly from 1889 to 1892.

ROBERT EATON was born Feb. 20, 1857, and after completing the course in the common schools was a student in the Hillhouse high school and the French Collegiate Institute. In politics he is a staunch Republican, a good political organizer and faithful worker. As president of the Young Men's Republican Club, of North Haven, and as chairman of the Republican town committee, he has be-

come very prominent, and is also well known throughout the State as assistant dairy commissioner, having been appointed such in May, 1891, by Com. Winslow. Both he and brother are socially connected with the North Haven Grange, of which Robert has been master, and both are connected with Adelphi Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Quinpiac Council, O. U. A. M., while Robert has also been a member of the board of relief and assessor. Robert Eaton was married to Carrie A. Grannis, of East Haven, and two children, Cora and Mary, belong to his home. All of the family are consistent and valued members of the Congregational Church.

During his vigorous years Jesse O. Eaton was a hard and persistent worker and enjoyed the healthful results of temperate living; and his only serious injury occurred from the thrust in his eye, made by a vicious animal, by which he lost the use of that member. Although eighty-one years of age he possessed at his death in many ways the youth of a man of many years his junior, and his retentive memory made him a delightful host. His friends were legion throughout North Haven.

CHARLES B. TILEY, D. D. S., a well-known dentist of Derby, was born in Goodspeeds, Conn., Nov. 27, 1861, a son of Stillman J. and Ophelia (Bates) Tiley. His early life was spent at Essex, Conn., and he later graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College. He then located in Derby for the practice of his profession.

Dr. Tiley was united in marriage with Lilla Morton, of New Haven, and they have become the parents of two children, Hazel and Morton. Fraternally the Doctor is a Mason, and is affiliated with Bridgeport Commandery, K. T., and Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

CORNELIUS JOSEPH DANAHY, prosecuting agent for Meriden and Cheshire, and assistant city attorney of Meriden, is one of the rising young members of the legal profession in New Haven county. He is a native of Meriden, born Aug. 10, 1870, son of John and Margaret (Sullivan) Danahy. The father served in the Civil war under Gen. Terry, of New Haven, and left an honorable record which reflected great credit upon himself and which his posterity can justly take pride in reviewing. Mr. Danahy was a man of education, industrious and energetic. He had an excellent library, which was made to serve the best ends.

Cornelius J. Danahy received his early education in the common schools of Meriden, and commenced his law studies in the office of United States Senator Orville H. Platt and his son, J. P. Platt, who were engaged in legal business under the firm name of O. H. & J. P. Platt. After three years' study under these able tutors he entered the senior class in the Law Department at Yale, graduating therefrom in 1893 with the de-



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gree of LL. B. He was admitted to the Bar at New Haven June 29, 1893, and became identified with the well-known law firm of O. H. & J. P. Platt, of Meriden. This connection brought him into cases of importance and he soon became a well-known figure in the courts of the State, and has ever since been foremost among the promising young members of his fraternity in the county. He is one of the youngest prosecutors in the State, and the ability with which all his professional duties are performed holds forth promise of high honors in the future. Among the many cases of importance with which Mr. Danaher has been connected the most important may be said to be the celebrated Bradley Court Martial, which lasted for three months, and resulted in an acquittal of Mr. Danaher's client. Through his studious habits, his industry and force of character Mr. Danaher has gained the confidence of the people and forged his way to a most creditable standing in the profession and community. He possesses that keen and bright wit characteristic of his nationality, is eloquent before the court and jury, and a young man of great promise.

Mr. Danaher's political affiliations have been with the Democratic party, and he is a prominent factor in local politics. In 1895 he was chosen secretary of both the City and County Democratic Committees. From 1893 to 1895 he served as assistant city attorney of Meriden, and during the same period as liquor prosecuting attorney of New Haven county, the youngest to hold that office in the State. He has served as president of the Catholic Club of Meriden, and in 1892 was business manager of the Young Men's Total Abstinence Society.

On June 30, 1897, Mr. Danaher was married to Ellen Jane Ryan, of Meriden, and they have one child, John.

JAMES GRANT, superintendent of the fire alarm telegraph system in New Haven, has discharged the duties of that responsible incumbency with a fidelity alike creditable to himself and satisfactory to his fellow citizens, and his administration has been characterized by marked improvements in the methods of the department. Mr. Grant began at the foot of the ladder, and has worked his own way to the high position he now occupies.

Our subject is a native of Scotland, born March 30, 1855, and his parents, James and Barbara (Peebles) Grant, were also natives of that country. His father, a carriage builder by occupation, died in Australia in 1899, at the age of seventy-nine, while his mother died at the age of forty-three. Of the seven children born to this union but three survive: Annie, Mrs. Den, of Australia; Isabella, Mrs. Heywood, living in New Zealand; and James.

James Grant lived in Florida and Alabama from the age of eleven to that of twenty, and during that time had but meager educational chances. Since

coming North he has made his home in New Haven, where he first took a position with the Western Union Company, later entering the employ of the Southern New England Telephone Company, with whom he remained until 1883. He assisted in putting in their first wires in New Haven, about six miles to a circuit. After leaving this employ he became a lineman of the City Fire Department, was promoted in time to the position of principal lineman, and was eventually made superintendent of the fire alarm wires. He now has charge of all the fire department wires in New Haven, including 167 fire alarm boxes, seventy miles of underground wires and sixty-five miles of overhead wires. The system introduced by him, known as the fast time system, is the only one of the kind in the country in which a "repeater" is used. Mr. Grant was also responsible for the system of call boxes of the police department, and was assistant in charge for a number of years. He occupies a high standing among public officials in his adopted city, and his long retention in so important a position is the strongest evidence of the satisfaction which his services afford.

Mr. Grant was married, in March, 1885, to Miss Rosa Rudolph, a native of Philadelphia, where her father, John Rudolph, who was engaged in the teaming business, died at the age of seventy-eight years. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Grant, James A. and David R. The family attend the First M. E. Church of New Haven. Socially Mr. Grant belongs to the F. & A. M.; Olive Branch, No. 84. I. O. O. F. (at Quinnipiac); Knights of the Golden Eagle; A. O. U. W.; and the Firemen's Mutual and Active Firemen's Associations.

GEORGE L. CLARK, foreman of the New Haven Webb Manufacturing Co., of Centreville, eminently deserves classification among the purely self-made men of Hamden who have distinguished themselves for their ability to master the opposing forces of life and to wrest from fate a large measure of success and an honorable name.

Mr. Clark was born in Milford, Conn., May 13, 1853, a son of Daniel and Charlotte (Prince) Clark, also natives of that town, where the mother died. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a most estimable lady. During his youth the father learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he followed in Milford for some years, and then removed to Iowa, where he continued to engage in his chosen occupation until his death. He attended the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a stanch supporter of the Democratic party. In his family were six children, namely: George L., our subject; Albert, a resident of Milford, Conn.; William, of Jersey City, N. J.; Charles, of Torrington, Conn.; Edward, of New Haven; and Mary, wife of George Morse, of Hamden.

George L. Clark was but three years old when taken by his parents to Iowa, where he passed his boyhood and youth, his education being acquired in the district schools of that State. At an early age he began the battle of life for himself as a farm hand, and was thus employed until after his return East at the age of seventeen years. After working for a short time on a farm in Milford, he took up the carpenter's trade, which he followed there for two years, and then came to New Haven, where he entered the employ of Horace M. Shipley, working as a journeyman principally in Naugatuck. In 1875 and 1876 he aided in the construction of the New Haven Webb factory in Hamden, and on its completion obtained a position as repairer with the company. He has been connected with the factory for the past quarter of a century, and has gradually worked his way upward until he is now serving as foreman. Our subject fills this responsible position in a most creditable and acceptable manner, and has the entire confidence and respect of the company and those working under him.

Mr. Clark married Miss Elizabeth Moss, a daughter of Joseph Moss, a weaver of Hamden, and to them have been born six children: Lillian, wife of Edgar W. Munson; Eva, wife of Charles Hall; Estella; Fannie; Charlotte; and Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are both prominent members of Hamden Grange, and both belong to Grace Episcopal Church at Centreville, of which he has been warden for the past two years and vestryman for several years. Fraternally he is a member of Day Spring Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 30, of Hamden, of which he is past master, and he has filled all the chairs in Montowese Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New Haven. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he is now efficiently serving as a member of the school board. He has filled the positions of justice of the peace and grand juror, and in 1889 was a member of the State Legislature. His official duties have always been most conscientiously and faithfully discharged, and in all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust reposed in him. His career is one well worthy of emulation and contains many valuable lessons of incentive, showing the possibilities that are open to young men who wish to improve every opportunity for advancement.

HENRY L. HOTCHKISS is a prominent manufacturer and banker of New Haven. For nearly two hundred and sixty years the name of Hotchkiss has figured more or less in the business and social life of New Haven, and for the past one hundred years, such names as Justus, Russell, Henry, Lucius and the subject of this sketch have played an important part in New Haven's history, and especially prominent through a long lifetime was the late Henry Hotchkiss, whose mantle fell upon his son, Henry L. Hotchkiss, who has proven

himself worthy of it. That branch of the Hotchkiss family in New Haven of whom we especially write, has descended from Samuel Hotchkiss, a native of Essex, England, and who came to New Haven as early as 1641.

Of his posterity, one Justus Hotchkiss, associated with his brother-in-law, Russell Hotchkiss, was engaged in the lumber business in New Haven early in the present century. Justus Hotchkiss died in 1812, and his only children, Henry and Lucius, were sent to Fairfield to attend the academy, and remained there until Henry reached the age of eighteen. Upon returning to New Haven, he was a clerk for his uncle, who was still in the lumber business, for three years, and on reaching his majority, became associated in the business as a partner. In 1828, the uncle retired from active business, and his two nephews succeeded him, and under the firm name of H. & L. Hotchkiss, continued the house until 1850. They were live, energetic and shrewd business men, and as the years passed, developed a large trade. They, too, in the meantime, were interested in other lines, among which was that of private partners from 1842 to 1852 in the business of L. Candee & Co., manufacturers of rubber shoes, Mr. Leverett Candee having secured the right of manufacturing under the Goodyear patent, one of the first in the world to make rubber shoes. In 1852, the business of L. Candee & Co. was organized into a stock company, with a capital stock of \$200,000, and Mr. Candee became its first president. In 1863 he was succeeded by Henry Hotchkiss, who was also made treasurer and held the latter office until 1869, when his son, Henry L. Hotchkiss, was chosen treasurer, although the father remained president until his death in 1871. Henry L. Hotchkiss then became president and has since continued in that office. Under the wise and careful management of these two gentlemen, the vast business of the corporation of today has developed to its present enormous dimensions. The plant consists of several large four and five story buildings, all equipped with modern machinery, covering an area of four acres. The company are engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of foot-wear; some fifteen hundred hands are employed, who make 20,000 pairs of boots and shoes per day, or upwards of 6,000,000 per year.

Henry Hotchkiss was a sagacious and far-seeing business man, and to him is given the credit of being among the earliest of New Haven's citizens to see the need of a wider field for the investment of the capital of the growing city. He was first in a marked way to exhibit the spirit of broader enterprise in the line of joint stock corporations, and other forms of business enterprise. He was one of the original corporators of, and a director in, the large Waterbury brass manufactory of Holmes, Booth & Haydens; an original corporator of the N. H. & New London R. R., now the Shore Line Railroad Company, and later a trustee and manager

for several years. For upwards of twenty years he was president of the New Haven County Bank, a position demanding at one time special financial ability on account of its large and complicated interests. He became the first president of the Union Trust Company of New Haven, at its organization in 1871, and held this office at the time of his death, his son, Henry L., succeeding him, a position which he still occupies. Henry Hotchkiss was greatly interested in New Haven's Colonial Historical Society, in which he was a director, and in his early life, was active in military affairs, and also in the New Haven Fire Department. Having no taste for civic honors, he never allowed his name to be used as a candidate for political office. During the Civil war Mr. Hotchkiss was fully in sympathy with the government, and realized the great necessity of saving the Union, exerted his influence in every way possible to uphold the great cause. Never making any parade of philanthropy, he was yet very helpful in a quiet way, especially to young men.

On May 22, 1823, Mr. Hotchkiss married Elizabeth Daggett Prescott, born May 3, 1803, and died in September of 1882. Mrs. Hotchkiss was a daughter of Benjamin Prescott of the shipping firm of Prescott & Sherman of New Haven, and a descendant in the sixth generation from John Prescott, who emigrated from England to Boston and Watertown in 1640, and who was the first settler of Worcester county, and the founder of Lancaster. He was an ancestor of Colonel William Prescott, of Bunker Hill fame, of Judge William Prescott, and of William H. Prescott, the historian. John Prescott was the fourth generation from James Prescott, of Standish, Lancaster. The line of Mrs. Hotchkiss' descent was through Captain Jonathan, Rev. Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, the latter born Oct. 27, 1757, in Salem, Mass. At the age of fifteen he left Salem and came into the family of Hon. Roger Sherman, whose wife was his sister, and in 1793 he formed a partnership with Roger Sherman, Jr., under the firm name of Prescott & Sherman. He was thus engaged up to the time of his death, October 23, 1839. In 1783 he married Hannah Blakeslie (daughter of Tilly and Thankful (Allen) Blakeslie), who died May 10, 1824. To Mr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss have been born six children, viz: Elizabeth S., died Jan. 26, 1896; Mary A. F., died Oct. 3, 1839; Martha married Dr. John O. Bronson, died Feb. 22, 1898; Susan V.; Mary A., married Captain Charles H. Townshend, formerly in command of a French passenger steamer plying between New York and Havre; Henry Lucius.

HENRY LUCIUS HOTCHKISS was born on Dec. 18, 1842, married on Feb. 25, 1875, Jane T., daughter of the late Henry Trowbridge and Mary Webster Southgate Trowbridge, the latter a granddaughter of Noah Webster, the lexicographer. Mr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss had the following family: Henry Stuart, born Oct. 1, 1878, graduated from Yale

scientific department, in 1900; Helen Southgate, born Nov. 24, 1880, married Elisha E. Garrison, a graduate of Yale in the class of 1897; Elizabeth Trowbridge, born March 26, 1885. Mrs. Hotchkiss died April 20, 1902. The *New Haven Register*, under date of April 21, 1902, said, editorially: "The death, after a protracted and painful illness, of Mrs. Henry L. Hotchkiss carries with it, to a very large circle of friends and acquaintances, more deep and profound sorrow than is occasioned by the average affliction of that character, sad though each may be. Mrs. Hotchkiss was a very remarkable woman in more ways than one. It is said of some men, who are more fortunate in the world of commerce than others, that whatever they touch turns to gold. It can be said of Mrs. Hotchkiss that she never came into contact with her fellow beings without adding to her rich store of friendships. She was such a true-hearted and generous woman herself that her presence inspired the kindest feelings and the warmest sympathies in others. Though a woman whose sphere in life carried her triumphantly into the most delightful and cultivated society, there were no restrictions placed upon her friendships. There are to-day friends who mourn her death in every section of the city, and justly so. The loss therefore is one in which the community shares, as must always be the case when a representative man or woman dies. To her family goes a keenness of sympathy which cannot help but console them in their grief and make them thankful that so noble a friend was spared to them through so many years of rich association."

DAVID EVANS, a representative dairyman and farmer, of Yale avenue, Meriden, was born in Llanarmon, County of Flint, North Wales, Jan. 27, 1842, and by industry and integrity has made himself an enviable position in his adopted country.

David Evans obtained his education in the subscription schools of his native community. He worked with his father on the farm, and while still a boy was employed in the local lead mines for some time. He continued, however, to make farming his main business until 1872, in which year he sought the larger life of the United States, landing at New York, and coming to Meriden, where he found employment at farm labor with Zina K. Murdock, with whom he remained several months. For nine years he lived in Shawnee county, Kans., where he was farming on shares at first, and later on land which he purchased. In 1882 he sold out, and coming to Meriden entered the finishing department of the Wilcox White Organ Co., engaging steadily in that work for eight years. At the end of that time he found himself blacklisted for unknown reasons and unable to secure employment in the town. As he had saved enough to build a home, on land already bought, he was not dismayed. This Meriden property he exchanged for a thirty-acre farm in

Middlefield, and for a number of years he was engaged in its cultivation, finding a market for his milk and other products in Meriden. In 1897, after a prolonged legal struggle with the Middletown Water Co., which sought his farm as an addition to its reservoir, he won his suit. He came to Meriden, where he bought the Gilbert farm, in Yale avenue, and at once entered the dairy business, having now a herd of Jersey cattle. He has made many valuable and extensive improvements on the farm, has built up a fine business, has a good outlook for the future, and is ranked among the valuable citizens of the day. On his farm there is a splendid silo, which is counted one of the best in the town, and attracts the admiration of those well versed in agricultural matters.

Mr. Evans was married in 1881 to Martha Hobson, who was born in Birmingham, England, daughter of William H. and Mary Ann (Hobson) Hobson, of Wallingford. To this union have been born four children, as follows: Hiram, Alice, Jennie and Henry George. Mr. Evans belongs to the Meriden Grange, and also to Center Lodge, No. 97, A. F. & A. M., at Meriden. In politics he takes an independent position, while in religion he accepts the faith of the Congregational Church, of which both he and his wife are members, affiliating with the Center Church at Meriden. Our subject is a hard-working and honest man, anxious to do right, and has had much to contend against in order to maintain himself.

LOUIS R. HEMINGWAY. No history of the people of East and North Haven would be complete without a full account of the Hemingway family. Throughout eight generations the ancestors and descendants of the late Merwin E. Hemingway have been identified with the best interests of these towns in business, social and political life.

The ancestral line reads thus: Samuel Hemingway married Sarah Cooper in 1662, and they had these children: Sarah, born July 26, 1663, married in 1684 Thomas Goodsell; Samuel, born Dec. 13, 1665; Mary, born July 5, 1668; Hannah, born Sept. 14, 1670, married John Howe, Jr.; Abigail, born Feb. 16, 1672, married in 1706 Joseph Holt; John, born May 29, 1675; Abraham, born Dec. 3, 1677; and Isaac and Jacob, born Dec. 6, 1683. Three brothers came to East Haven, and from them is descended this branch of the Hemingway family.

The great-grandfather of Merwin Hemingway, Samuel Hemingway, married Mehitable Dennison, and lived in New Haven. They had these children: Mary, born May 13, 1734, married Jacob Pardee; Jacob, born April 10, 1737; Samuel, born in January, 1739; Desire married Zebulon Farrer in 1768; Mehitable, born March 18, 1745, married Daniel Bradley in 1767; Samuel, born May 9, 1748; Eli, born Sept. 2, 1753; Sarah, born May 18, 1758, married Enos Hemingway, who was born in 1757.

Samuel Hemingway, son of Samuel and Mehitable,

was a hotel keeper in East Haven in the first house south of the North Haven line. This house was built of brick and is still standing. It is now the property of Dr. Bishop, of New Haven, and was long known as the "Hemingway Tavern." Samuel Hemingway was a slave owner, and by his first marriage came into a large property and built the residence now owned and occupied by E. M. Hemingway, in North Haven. He carried on farming on a large scale, and after an uneventful life died on his farm. In disposition he was quiet and retiring. For his first wife he wedded Hannah Morris, who bore him the following children: Stephen, a farmer in East Haven, first married Esther Bradley, and later a Miss Andrews; Eleazer, a hotel keeper, married Geziah Bradley, and lived in East Haven; and Esther, who married Roswell Davenport. For his second wife Samuel Hemingway wedded widow Sarah Bradley, and their children were: Jacob, who married Sallie Gill, and lived in North Haven; and Augustus.

Augustus Hemingway was born in East Haven in 1788, and was reared as a farmer boy, following agriculture all his life, dying in the house now occupied by his son Edward. His life was the quiet, unobtrusive one of the industrious farmer, and he reared his children carefully in the precepts of the Presbyterian Church, and the Whig party, although he never took any active part in politics. Augustus Hemingway married Juline Blakeslee, of North Haven, a daughter of Amos and Eunice (Cooper) Blakeslee, the former a farmer there, and their children were: Adeline, who died in young womanhood; Hannah M., who married Abijah Bradley, of North Haven, and later Solomon Linsley, of Northford, where she died; Willis B.; Eunitha, who married Levi Doolittle, a farmer of Cheshire; Julia, who married Elizer Atwater, a successful farmer of Cheshire; Augustus, who married Ann Maria Rogers, lived in Branford as a farmer and died when thirty-five years old; Merwin E., of North Haven; and Edward M., who married Lucy Brockett, a farmer on the home farm in North Haven.

Merwin E. Hemingway was born Oct. 18, 1831, in the house now occupied by Edward M. Hemingway, a brother. His educational advantages were limited to the district school and his home was on the paternal farm until the age of twenty-six. When twenty-one years old he established a milk route in the city of New Haven, which he successfully conducted for twelve years. During the Civil war he furnished the conscript camp, carrying both the first and the last quart of milk on those grounds. In 1857 he erected his late residence, his land then consisting of but a few acres, while now the estate consists of 200 acres, and carried on dairying and market gardening, employing a number of men in the various departments of industry.

In 1885, in connection with his son, Louis R.,



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Mr. Hemingway established a fertilizer business, in a small way, doing his first rendering in a hog kettle, while now the business has extended to such proportions that it requires the assistance of forty men, and the output is sold by brokers to the trade all over the world, the plant being used to render fat and make glue and fertilizers. It is one of the important industries of the city, and is well managed by the two sons of Mr. Hemingway.

On June 1, 1856, Merwin E. Hemingway was married to Mary Robinson, a daughter of Medad Robinson, a farmer of East Haven, and to this union were born: Walter M., who married Lottie Schwenk, and has one child, Charlotte Florence. Minnie A. married Herbert Moss, a coal and ice dealer in Cheshire, and has three children, Walter, Mildred H. and Beatrice G. Harry L. first married Rose Scholey, who died leaving two children, Merwin and Arthur; his second marriage was to Lena Shepherd, by whom he had two children, Lena and William; he lives at the old home, and conducts a meat market on Lloyd street. The second marriage of Merwin Hemingway was to Frances Winchell, a daughter of Grove Winchell, a farmer of Huntingdon, Mass., and they had two children: Clinton G., who displayed considerable business ability, but died at the age of twenty-eight (he married Lillian Mack); Louis R. is the subject of this sketch. Merwin E. Hemingway was for forty years a member of the First Congregational Church, in Fair Haven, with which his widow is also connected. He passed away July 17, 1900.

Louis R. Hemingway was born in North Haven Dec. 3, 1865, and spent his early life in his native town, where he attended school. Until the foundation of the business in which he is so prominent, he was occupied upon the farm. In 1885 he took an active part in the organization of what developed into the New Haven Glue Co., now L. R. Hemingway & Co., the firm consisting of his brother Walter and himself. The business has been successful and is growing yearly. They are manufacturers of glue, soap, fertilizers, etc., and dealers in grease, tallow, bones, etc., and are located at No. 24½ Fair street.

Mr. Hemingway was married to Miss Eliza Areson, of New York, a granddaughter of John Tallman Areson, who at one time was superintendent of the Long Island Railroad and the Brooklyn City Railroad, and to this union three children have been born: Paul Areson, Doris Winchell and Helen Tallman. Although Mr. Hemingway is an ardent Republican, he has always refused political preferment. Socially he is a member of Adelphi Lodge, F. & A. M., of Fair Haven.

JOSEPH HENDLEY TOWNSEND, M. D., is a descendant in the eighth generation from Thomas Townsend, who came from London and settled at Lynn, Mass., about 1637, and a descend-

ant in the fifth generation from Jeremiah Townsend, who removed from Boston, Mass., to New Haven in 1739. On his arrival in New Haven Mr. Townsend purchased the house and lot on the northeast corner of Elm and College streets, which property remained in the Townsend family until 1833, when it was sold to the First Methodist Church.

Dr. Townsend, the subject of this sketch, is the son of John Townsend, of New Haven, and Harriet E. Sears, daughter of Elisha Sears, of Middletown, Conn. He was born in New Haven Jan. 18, 1862, and received his early education in the public schools of that city, graduating from the Hillhouse high school in 1881. He then entered Yale College, graduating with the class of 1885, and from Yale Medical School in 1887, receiving the Campbell prize in obstetrics. After spending nearly two years in the City Hospital, he, in 1889, began the practice of medicine in New Haven, where he has since remained. Dr. Townsend belongs to the City, County and State Medical Societies. He is also a member of the State Board of Health of Connecticut, and is Surgeon of the 2d Regiment, Conn. N. G.

On April 28, 1896, Dr. Townsend was married to Mrs. Bertha (Goodyear) Bradley, daughter of General E. D. S. Goodyear, of North Haven, Connecticut.

WILLIAM CLIFFORD HOMAN, superintendent of the mechanical department of the Edward Miller Co., Meriden, and a noted designer and inventor, was born in Middletown, Conn., Feb. 21, 1852.

The Homan family belonged to the old settlers of Long Island, and it was identified with the industries of that section. Paul Homan, great-grandfather of William C., was a native of Long Island, was a ship-builder by occupation, and made his home in Riverhead, where he died.

Charles Homan, son of Paul, was born also in Long Island, there grew to manhood, and learned the trade of cloth dresser, following this at Riverhead, Suffolk Co., N. Y., where he built up a good business. He died in 1836. His wife was Esther Fithian, who was a native of Long Island, of English descent, and she died in New Haven in 1890. The children born to Charles and Esther Homan were as follows: George, Louise, William, Huldah, Benjamin, Charles and Esther.

William Homan, son of Charles, and father of William C., was born in Riverhead, Long Island, April 9, 1827, where his boyhood days were spent. At the age of eighteen years he came to Connecticut, located in New Haven, and learned the trade of brass molder, and also that of machinist. After completing his apprenticeship, he removed to Middletown, Conn., but a short time after returned to New Haven, embarking at this time in the grocery business. His special talents, however, were evidently in the direction of his trade, and after a few

years of indifferent success in his new line, he gave it up, went to Meriden, and in 1865 entered the factory of the Meriden Britannia Co., where for many years he was master machinist. Mr. Homan died in Meriden, Nov. 3, 1886, and he was buried in Walnut Grove cemetery. In political affiliation he was a Republican and served in the city council for four years, from the First ward. He was a consistent member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, was a man who won and held the esteem of all who knew him, and was a leading and public-spirited citizen.

On Jan. 6, 1849, William Homan was married in Middletown, Conn., to Augusta Savage, born in Middletown, daughter of Orrin and Nancy (Ames) Savage. She died Feb. 8, 1872, and her remains repose in Walnut Grove cemetery. The children born to William and Augusta Homan were as follows: Clara Augusta, born Feb. 16, 1850, married Alfred W. Curtis; William Clifford, born Feb. 21, 1852; Ellen Louise (Nellie), born Sept. 24, 1855; Ida and Eva, twins, born June 28, 1857 (the latter died young); Charles Edward, a resident of Meriden; Mary Esther, born June 15, 1865, died in New Haven, July 27, 1865; and Augusta May, born Jan. 30, 1872, died July 14, 1872. In 1876 William Homan married (second) Frances Savage.

William Clifford Homan grew up in his home in New Haven and attended school there until the family removed to Meriden in 1866. Soon after this change he entered the employ of Parker & Casper, in the silver plating business, but a short time later became attached to the Meriden Britannia Co., and worked in the mechanical department until 1881, becoming all the time more expert and skillful in his line of business. About this time he accepted a position with the Detrick & Harvey Manufacturing Co., of Baltimore, Md., as superintendent of machinery, remaining one year in that city. Upon his return to Connecticut, he located at Middletown, where he was engaged with the Stiles & Parker Press Co., as draughtsman and superintendent of machinery, continuing with that firm until 1887, when he returned to Meriden and entered the employ of the Edward Miller Co., as draughtsman and master mechanic. For the past fifteen years, Mr. Homan has filled this responsible position with marked ability and efficiency. He has devoted a portion of his time to invention and has completed and patented a number of useful articles, notably an electro plating apparatus, and many articles in brass and allied wares. Perhaps in no way was the last century so remarkable as in the invention and development of machinery, and Mr. Homan is a conspicuous example of the genius of the age. He has used his talents in the direction of his own line of business, and has made many inventions and improvements either in entirely new articles or in the improving of others, by which their efficiency can be greatly increased.

In 1876 Mr. Homan was married, in New Brit-

ain, Conn., to Clarine Olmstead Jones, born in Torrington, Conn., April 21, 1851, daughter of William B. and Aurilla (Morse) Jones. Mr. Homan is socially connected with the Home Club, of Meriden. He is a Republican, but no active politician, his energy and time being employed in other directions. However, he served one term in the city council. He, with his wife, belongs to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, generously supporting all moral and beneficent enterprises and dealing justly with all men. As an inventor he has gained renown, and as a citizen he enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens and the confidence of the great business concern with which he has so long been intimately associated.

CHARLES EDWARD HOMAN, brother of William C. Homan was born in New Haven Oct. 17, 1862, came to Meriden when but four years old, and there entered the district school. At the age of sixteen years he began work in the Meriden Britannia Co.'s shops, where he learned the trade of machinist under his father, and where he remained until May, 1887, when he entered the factory of Edward Miller & Co., as tool and die maker, also having charge of the electrical department. There he is still retained. On Dec. 31, 1891, he married Ellen Eliza Curtis, who was born in Meriden, daughter of Capt. Alfred and Julia (Phelps) Curtis, and half sister of Mrs. George Fay, of Meriden. Two children have been born to their union, one that died in infancy, and Esther Curtis. Mr. Homan and his family are members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and socially he holds membership in the Home Club.

SAVAGE FAMILY. John Savage, of Middletown, Conn., was made a freeman in 1654. As to his marriage there is an uncertainty. He married according to "Hartford in the Olden Time," Feb. 10, 1652, in Hartford, Elizabeth Dubbin, while in Hartford Records, in New England Genealogical Register 13, page 142, it is stated that on the same date James Wakelt was married to Elizabeth Dubbin.

(II) Capt. John Savage, son of John, also of Middletown, born Dec. 2, 1652, married May 30, 1682, Mary, born in February, 1665, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hubbard) Ranney, of Middletown. Mrs. Savage died Aug. 19, 1734.

(III) Thomas Savage, son of Capt. John, born Aug. 21, 1684, married March 21, 1711, Mary, born Dec. 8, 1685, daughter of William Goodwin, of Hartford (born in 1658 and died in 1733, son of William and grandson of Ozias) and Elizabeth (Shepard) Goodwin, daughter of John Shepard, of Cambridge, Mass. Ozias Goodwin was one of the first settlers of Hartford, Conn. Thomas Savage died Feb. 13, 1755 and his wife, Mary, passed away June 9, 1758.

(IV) Capt. Samuel Savage, son of Thomas, born in 1722, married Oct. 13, 1748, Sarah Kirby, born July 19, 1726, in Middletown "Upper Houses," daughter of John Kirby, granddaughter of Joseph

Kirby, and great-granddaughter of John Kirby, who it is supposed came in the ship "Hopewell" in 1635, as his name was registered as a passenger on that ship, Sept. 11, of that year, which was then about to sail from London, England, to New England. John Kirby, then a lad of twelve years, came from Warwickshire, England. On coming to New England he was for a time at Plymouth, there in 1643, and before 1645 had become a resident of Hartford, Conn. He was in Wethersfield, in 1647, and went to Middletown between 1651 and 1654. Here he remained until his death.

The children born to Samuel and Sarah (Kirby) Savage were as follows: Sarah, born Oct. 1, 1749, died unmarried Oct. 1, 1789; Hepsibah, born Oct. 17, 1751; Sibyl, born March 5, 1754, died unmarried Sept. 13, 1787; Samuel, born May 9, 1756, died Dec. 17, 1819; Thomas, twin of Samuel, born May 9, 1756; Ozias, born Aug. 1, 1758, died Aug. 6, 1763; Seth, born Nov. 27, 1760, died unmarried before Sept. 13, 1787; John, born Jan. 22, 1763; Hannah, born May 4, 1765, died Aug. 23, 1829, married Capt. Richard Treat, of East Hartford, born in 1762, died Nov. 11, 1823 (they had ten children); and Ozias, born 1767.

(V) Samuel Savage, son of Samuel and Sarah, born May 9, 1756, married Dec. 27, 1778, Sara (or Mary Cornwell according to Cromwell Church records), who was born Feb. 7, 1759, and died Aug. 31, 1827, a daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Cornwell, of Middletown, Conn. Their children were: Mehetable, born 1779, died Oct. 31, 1857; Samuel, born Jan. 2, 1782; Catherine, who married Jonathan Hall; Sally, who married Luther Mildrum, son of John and Lucretia (Kirby) Mildrum, of Wethersfield and Middletown, respectively; Hepzibah (twin of Mehetable), who married Seth Hall; Roswell; Rhoda, born 1795; David; Orrin, born Dec. 25, 1803, died 1828; and Seth, born 1790, who married Phebe, died before April 7, 1828, leaving three children, Maria, Mary Ann and Seth. Capt. Samuel, father of the above family, was captain of the 6th Regiment of Colonial Militia in 1772, and afterwards a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He died Dec. 17, 1819.

(VI) Orrin Savage, son of Samuel and Sara (Cornwell) Savage, born Dec. 25, 1803, died Nov. 23, 1828. In 1827, he married Nancy Ames, and to this union came one child, Augusta, born April 27, 1828, in Middletown, who married Jan. 6, 1849, William Homan, and died Feb. 8, 1872.

JONES FAMILY. The Jones family of which Mrs. Homan is a descendant is one of the old and honored ones of New Haven county. William Jones, the first of that name in New Haven, was a native of England and according to the historian Savage, was supposed to be a son of Col. John Jones, of England, whose second wife was a sister of Oliver Cromwell. William Jones resided in Boston in 1660, and then came to New Haven and was governor of the Colony. He died in 1706 at

the age of eighty-two years, and was the father of fourteen children.

Samuel Jones, grandson of Gov. William and son of Samuel, settled in Wallingford, where he married Sarah, who died Nov. 9, 1760. Their children were: Mary; William; Diadate, who died in early manhood; Hester; John and Daniel. He married (second) Esther Pratt, April 12, 1762.

Diadate Pratt, son of Samuel and Esther (Pratt) Jones was born in Wallingford, June 16, 1706, and in 1789, in Colchester, Conn., he married Polly Smith, of East Haddam, Conn., and after her death, Hannah Wickwire, of Middlesex county. He enlisted in the Revolutionary war, was a pensioner under the Act of Congress, 1818; he was sergeant of the Millington South Co. militia, in 1816, and later captain. His death occurred in 1847, in East Haddam, when he had reached the age of eighty-one years. The children of Sergeant Diadate Jones were: Diadate, born in 1790, died in East Haddam; Asa, born in 1792, died at White Haven, Pa.; Eliphalet, born in 1794, died at East Haddam; Wilson, born in 1796, died at East Haddam; Erastus, born 1798, died at East Haddam; Henry, born 1800, was a lumber dealer in Hartford; Warren, born in 1802, died at Norwich, Conn. (he was a minister in the Congregational Church and preached in Hartford, Glastonbury, and New London county); William Bradley, born in 1804; Hannah, born in 1806, married John Stark, of East Haddam; Mary Ann, born in 1808, married Lewis Hillard, and died in East Haddam; and Sarah, born in 1810 and died in 1854.

William Bradley Jones, father of Mrs. Homan, was born in East Haddam, Nov. 23, 1804, and was a brass worker in Torrington. He was one of the first makers of brass kettles in that place, later removing to New Britain, where he engaged in contract work and spent the remainder of his life. He died Aug. 1, 1874, and was buried in the cemetery at New Britain. He voted with the Republican party, and was a consistent member of the Congregational Church.

The first marriage of William B. Jones was to Caroline Stark, who died in 1836, leaving two children, namely: William Albert, A. M., who was a prominent educator in Terre Haute, Ind., was president of the Indiana State Normal School, and has recently resigned the superintendency of the Blind institution at Nebraska City, Nebraska, now residing on a farm near Hastings, that State; and Mary, who married John Morse. The second marriage of William B. Jones, was in 1839, to Aurilla Morse, who was born in Pennsylvania, daughter of Deacon Levi and Thalia (Sanford) Morse, and the widow of Lewis Perkins, of Litchfield, Conn. The children born to this marriage were as follows: Devereaux Dutton, deceased, who was a major in the Civil war, married Mary O'Brien, daughter of a Confederate general, and a well-known teacher in Nebraska; Aurilla Morse, married Albert Camp, of Roxbury,

Conn.; Edgar Bradley, a soldier in the Civil war; and Clarine Olmstead, who married William Clifford Homan. Mrs. Jones had two children by her first marriage, namely: Russell L. Perkins, who served as a soldier during the Civil war, and died in New Britain, Conn., an expert engineer; and Sanford, who was lieutenant-colonel of the 14th Conn. V. I., in the Civil war, and who died in Middletown, Conn., in 1874. Mrs. Jones died in New Britain, Nov. 15, 1878, and was interred in the cemetery in this place. She was a devoted member of the Congregational Church.

MORSE FAMILY. John Moss (Morse), born in England in 1604, probably came to New England with Hopkins, Eaton and Davenport, in 1637. He was one of the planters of New Haven, signing the Social Compact, 1639-40, and remained in New Haven about thirty years, then removed to Wallingford on the settlement of that town in 1670. He died in 1707, aged one hundred and three years, and was buried in Wallingford, Connecticut.

(II) John Morse, son of the settler, born Oct. 12, 1650, married Dec. 12, 1677, Martha Lathrop, and resided in New Haven and Wallingford, probably removing to the latter town with his father in 1670. He died March 31, 1717, and his wife passed away in 1677.

(III) John Morse (3), son of John (2), born Nov. 10, 1682, married Feb. 25, 1768, Elizabeth Hall, and resided in Wallingford. He died May 14, 1755, and she died Jan. 17, 1754.

(IV) Levi Morse, son of John (3), born Dec. 31, 1722, married Jan. 19, 1743-4, Martha Fenn, and resided in Wallingford.

(V) Levi Morse (2), son of Levi, born Nov. 16, 1746, married June 14, 1773, Martha Sherman, of Newtown, and resided in Litchfield, Conn. Their children were: John Sherman, born Feb. 10, 1774; Levi, born Sept. 19, 1775; Margery, born May 19, 1778; Aurilla, born Jan. 15, 1781; Stephan, born Nov. 26, 1782; Martha, born March 24, 1785; Polly, born Dec. 1, 1787; Olive, born Aug. 24, 1789; and Laura, born Oct. 15, 1791. The father of above family was a sergeant in the Revolutionary war. His wife, Martha, began drawing a pension Oct. 10, 1836, at which time she was eighty-six years old. She died in 1842.

(VI) Levi Morse, son of Levi and Martha Sherman, married Oct. 26, 1796, Thalia Sanford. Their children were: Barthena, born Sept. 16, 1797; Harriot, March 17, 1800; Philena, Oct. 13, 1803; Aurilla, Oct. 19, 1806; Thalia Ann, June 19, 1811; Levi Andrew, July 14, 1814; Polly, Nov. 25, 1817; and Levi, March 14, 1822.

JOHN E. WUSTERBARTH, senior partner of the well-known firm of Wusterbarth Bros., located at No. 106 Miller street, Meriden, manufacturers of "Yankee," "Improved" and "Boss" caves-trough hangers, light mantel goods, high-grade bicycles, etc., was born in Beacon Falls, New

Haven Co., Conn., Jan. 11, 1875, a son of Albert and Augusta (Ross) Wusterbarth.

Albert Wusterbarth was a native of the northern part of Germany, and there learned the trade of weaver. When a young man he came to America, and located in Meriden, Conn., where he engaged at his trade, later finding a better situation at Beacon Falls, Conn. In the latter city he married Miss Augusta Ross, who was also a native of Germany. In 1880 he returned to Meriden and entered the employ of Rogers & Bros., where he continued until the time of his death, in 1897, at the age of fifty-four years. His life had been an industrious and useful one, and he was sincerely mourned by his many friends. Thirteen children were born of his marriage with Augusta Ross, as follows: John E. (the eldest of the family), Adolph (partner with his elder brother in business), William, Edward, Robert, Henry, Bertha, Hattie, Harold, Albert, Elsie, Emil and Flora, all of whom with their beloved mother reside in Meriden.

John E. Wusterbarth was a pupil in the public schools until he was eleven years of age, but being the eldest in a large family he at that age accepted a position as cash boy in the mercantile house of Ives, Upham & Rand, receiving for his services five dollars per week. He continued with this firm for three years, in the meantime attending night school. The next business situation he accepted was in the casing department of C. Rogers & Bros., where he remained one year, and he then spent four years in the packing department of the Meriden Bronze Co., receiving at first one dollar per day, which was later increased by fifty cents. In his next position, which was with the Charles Parker Co., he was able to obtain ten dollars per week, and later entered the employ of the firm of Proudman Bros., in the bicycle business. Here he continued six years, and became a trusted foreman, and in 1898 he accepted a position with the Eclipse Bicycle Co., of Elmira, N. Y., as manager of their business in London, England, acceptably filling this important position for a period of two years. Mr. Wusterbarth had, however, no idea of making an Englishman of himself, and resigned the position in order to return to America, which he did in August, 1900. In the following September, in connection with his brother Adolph, he bought out the business interests of the Proudman Bros., and formed the firm of Wusterbarth Bros., engaging in the manufacture of high-grade bicycles and hardware supplies, in which they have been unusually successful, as the wide experience of our subject enables him to manage the business most advantageously.

ADOLPH WUSTERBARTH, the junior partner, was born at Beacon Falls, Conn., in 1877, and after a short time spent at school followed the example of his brother and obtained employment with the Meriden Bronze Co., thence going to the Charles



John E. Winstenbarth

Parker Co. He finally obtained a position as foreman for Proudman Bros., and remained in that position until he and his brother formed their present partnership. These young men are a credit to Meriden, almost self-educated, good and worthy sons, supporting the younger members of the large family until able to care for themselves, and their example entitles them to the esteem and respect which is theirs. Independent in politics, they vote for the man who best represents their ideas of right and of good government, and both are consistent members of the Lutheran Church.

SOLOMON T. RIGGS. The Riggs family is one of the old ones of New England, Edward Riggs, the emigrant ancestor, having come to America from England, with wife and six children, and settled at Roxbury, Mass., in 1634. Sergeant Edward, son of Edward, was an officer in the army during the Pequot war, and distinguished himself by saving his commander from the Indians. He settled in Milford, Conn., in 1654, later with a man by the name of Wooster, moving to Derby, which was the home and birthplace of Nathaniel Riggs, the great-grandfather of Solomon T. Riggs, of New Haven. Sergeant Edward gave shelter to the regicides Whalley and Goffe, in 1661. Nathaniel Riggs removed from Derby to Orange, Conn., where his grandson, Charles Henry Riggs, was born.

Burr Riggs, son of Nathaniel, married Annie Crawford, of New York City, and they became the parents of Charles Henry Riggs.

Charles Henry Riggs, the father of our subject, was born in Orange, Conn., in June, 1833, his death occurring in Hartford Feb. 9, 1883. He was reared in Orange, and became a machinist, a designer and a skilled mechanical worker well known in New Haven and Hartford counties. He married Rollina Terry Whipple, in New York City, who was born in Hartford county, Conn., daughter of James and Eliza (Terry) Whipple, both natives of Warehouse Point. The former was a son of James Whipple, who came from New London, and the latter was a daughter of Solomon and Betsia (Button) Terry. Solomon Terry was a cousin of Gen. Alfred Terry. After marriage Charles Henry Riggs and wife settled in Meriden, Conn., and later lived at several places, finally locating at Warehouse Point. The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Riggs were: Solomon T., our subject; and Medora R., born in 1858, who died in 1862. Mrs. Riggs is a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics, Mr. Riggs was identified with the Republican party.

Solomon Terry Riggs was born in Meriden, Conn., April 28, 1856, and spent his early youth in Warehouse Point, where he attended school, coming later to New Haven for more advanced instructions. As he wished to become a machinist, he worked in various shops for a time, but learned his trade in the railroad shops, in New Haven. In February, 1881, he entered into the employ of the

Winchester Repeating Arms Co., as a machinist, and has continued with this great establishment ever since. Since Jan. 1, 1891, Mr. Riggs has been engaged as one of the contractors in the cartridge department, having climbed step by step to this position of responsibility.

On May 23, 1878, Mr. Riggs was united in marriage with Annie Louise Alling, born in West Haven, daughter of Henry Munson and Louise (Thompson) Alling, the former of whom was born in New Haven, son of Jonathan Alling, and nephew of David Alling, of New Haven. Mrs. Alling was born in Huntington, Fairfield Co., Conn., a daughter of John Thompson. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, namely: Grace Whipple, who married Allen C. Curtis, and has one daughter, Grace Riggs, born Nov. 6, 1901; and Roberta Thompson. In political life Mr. Riggs adheres to the principles of the Republican party. He is actively identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a thirty-second degree Mason, enrolled in Olive Branch Lodge, No. 84, of which he is past master; Pulaski Chapter; Crawford Council; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, in which he is past eminent commander; and Pyramid Temple, Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Knight Templar Club. The religious connection of the family is with the Methodist Church.

The Riggs family is one somewhat noted for its longevity, four generations frequently gathering in the pleasant home of our subject. They enjoy the esteem of the community in which they are well-known.

OTTO GILBERT HAUSCHILD, a well-known citizen of Meriden, and a respected veteran of the Civil war, was born in Ellenville, Ulster Co., N. Y., March 25, 1841, son of Henry Hauschild, who was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1799.

Henry Hauschild, our subject's father, not wishing to serve in the army of his native land, left home, and at the age of twelve years became a sailor, being employed most of the time in the American merchant marine. After about nineteen years of this occupation he located in Ellenville, Ulster Co., N. Y., as foreman of the packing department of the Ellenville Glass Works, continuing to hold that position as long as he lived. His death occurred in 1865, and he was buried in the cemetery at Ellenville. For thirteen years he was an elder in the Reformed Church of North America, and for twelve years previously had been deacon of the local body. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican. In 1832 Henry Hauschild was married, in New York, to Mary Deistell, who was born in Salem, Mass., in 1809, daughter of John Deistell. The latter was a soldier in the war of 1812, was taken prisoner by the British, and carried to England, where he remained a prisoner of war until after the declaration of peace. His wife's ancestry ran back to the time of the "Mayflower," and her

forefathers sustained an honorable name in New England. To Henry and Mary (Deistell) Hauschild were born the following named children: Lucina, who married Philo F. Beers, of Danbury; Mary C., born in 1836, who died in 1856; William H., born in 1837, who died in 1856 at Ellenville, N. Y.; Otto G.; Alvan A., born in 1843, who was a brass molder in Norwalk, Conn.; and Mary D., born in 1848, who married Frank H. Chamberlain, of Norwalk, Conn. The widowed mother of this family came to Meriden, spending her last years with her son, Otto G. When she died in 1884, her remains were taken back to Ellenville, N. Y., for interment at that place, where she held membership in the Reformed Church, and was much esteemed by all who knew her for her many good qualities and Christian character.

Otto G. Hauschild attended the district schools at Ellenville, and when he was fifteen years of age entered the glass factory at that point, being there employed until he was nineteen years of age. His compensation did not exceed fifty cents a day. When he was nineteen he left his native town to go to Newark, N. J., that he might learn the iron molder's trade in the shops of S. D. Barnett & Co. Later he went to Norwalk, Conn., to work at his trade, returning from there to Ellenville, N. Y., where he was a partner with Charles D. Miller in the iron business until 1862. In that year he enlisted as a soldier in Company E, 20th N. Y. State Militia, which became the 80th N. Y. V. I. Mr. Hauschild made a creditable record in the army, and sustained a faithful soldier's part in eleven heavy battles, among which were those at Cedar Mountain, Bull Run and South Mountain. The regiment was a part of Patrick's brigade which covered Pope's retreat from Culpeper. On the battlefield of Antietam Mr. Hauschild was seriously wounded, and as his injuries were such as to incapacitate him for farther service, he was discharged in February, 1863. He was subsequently connected for a period of nine years with Company D, 4th Connecticut National Guard.

At the conclusion of his military service, Mr. Hauschild betook himself to Newark, N. J., and resumed work at the iron molding trade, which he followed until 1864. In February of that year he came to Norwalk, Conn., and entered the employ of the Norwalk Lock Co. In 1873 he founded the Riverside Foundry Co., in partnership with A. C. Arnold, Mr. Hauschild having charge of all the work that belonged to his trade. The firm was caught in the panic of 1873, and went under, after which Mr. Hauschild worked at his trade in the lock shop until 1879. In that year he came to Meriden to take a position with the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., which he has held to the present time, standing very high with the members of that extensive corporation. In 1880 he built his present comfortable and attractive home on Linsley avenue,

where he and his wife are spending the evening of life in contentment and happiness.

On June 15, 1864, Otto G. Hauschild married Deborah M. Haynes, who was born in Pawling, N. Y., a daughter of Andrew and Esther (Dibble) Haynes. To this union have come the following children: (1) Henry Belden, who died in 1887, was possessed of much artistic ability, and left fine examples of crayon and medallion work. (2) Howard O., born in 1867, died the following year. (3) Clifford A., born March 19, 1870, was educated in the Meriden schools, and in Morse's Business College, in Hartford. He was holding a position as bookkeeper with the Bradley & Hubbard Mfg. Co., when the Spanish-American war broke out, and he at once enlisted in Company L, 2d Connecticut Volunteers. He was made first corporal and company clerk, and wrote many interesting letters to the press during the war. At the present time he is holding a position as bookkeeper in New York. In politics he is a Republican, and socially he belongs to the Royal Arcanum. His wife, Clara Peck, was born in Colchester, Conn. (4) Winford Gilbert, born March 26, 1882, graduated from the grammar school in Meriden, and is now with his brother in New York.

Mr. Hauschild is a member of the Baptist Church, and was a deacon in the church, at Norwalk, for several years. In politics he is a Republican, and in 1886 and 1887 represented his ward as a councilman. In fraternal circles he is widely known, and has many friends, being a member of Merriam Post, No. 8, G. A. R.; Butler Lodge, of South Norwalk and Atlantic Encampment, Meriden, I. O. O. F.; Meriden Council, Chosen Friends; and Pilgrims Harbor Council, R. A., of which he is past regent; he is a life member of the Grand Council, Royal Arcanum.

The HAYNES Family, to which Mrs. Hauschild belongs, traces its history back to that John Haynes who was born in 1594, served as deputy governor of Massachusetts, and in April, 1639, became the first governor of Connecticut. He died in Hartford, Conn., March 1, 1653-54. He married (first) Mary Thornton, and (second) Mabel Harlakendon, widow of Samuel Eaton, of New Haven (who was a son of Gov. Eaton), and who died in July, 1655.

Caleb Haynes, one of the descendants of Goy. Haynes, was born Oct. 21, 1737, and died July 28, 1823. His wife, Sophia, was born May 7, 1737, and died Sept. 26, 1822. Their children were: Caleb, born Jan. 30, 1761 (grandfather of Mrs. Hauschild); Sanford, born in February, 1765; and Lucy, born in September, 1768.

Caleb Haynes, the grandfather of Mrs. Hauschild, married Deborah Lewis, who was born April 2, 1762. He died Feb. 6, 1841, and she died April 26, 1842. To them came the following named children: (1) Andrew, born April 23, 1783, died Feb.

3, 1857; (2) Sylvester, born Oct. 21, 1787, died Feb. 26, 1816; (3) Charles, born June 29, 1789, died Sept. 20, 1871; (4) James, born June 13, 1791, died Jan. 20, 1871; (5) Peleg, born Oct. 10, 1793, died Jan. 5, 1871; (6) Chauncey, born Oct. 8, 1795, died Jan. 16, 1861; (7) William, was born Jan. 17, 1798; (8) Sarah, born May 1, 1801, married Benjamin Sheldon, and died April 24, 1860.

Andrew Haynes married for his first wife, Phoebe Howard, who was born Dec. 22, 1787, and by her had the following children: (1) Maria, born Jan. 2, 1811; (2) Richard, born March 2, 1812; (3) Sallie, born Feb. 1, 1814; (4) William, born April 22, 1816; (5) Deborah, born Feb. 10, 1818, who died about 1844; (6) Amy, born March 16, 1819; (7) Belden, born March 16, 1822, who died about 1844; (8) Mary, born Oct. 14, 1823; (9) Garrison, born Oct. 26, 1825; and (10) Jane, born June 13, 1830. Mr. Haynes married for his second wife Esther Dibble, and they had three children: Deborah M. and Belden, twins, born in 1843, the former of whom became Mrs. Hauschild, as noted above, and the latter married Elizabeth Boyce, sister of Marion Boyce, now living in Glendora, Mich; and Laura, born in 1844, married July 18, 1873, Marion Boyce, of New Troy, Berrien Co., Michigan.

EDGAR H. SMITH, one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of the town of Milford, was born Dec. 12, 1849, at his present homestead, two miles out of Milford village.

The family were early settlers in that locality, and Hezekiah Smith, our subject's grandfather, was born at the homestead and passed his life there as a farmer. His wife, whose maiden name was Dickinson, was a native of Milford, and became the mother of eight children, as follows: Henry, a farmer; William, a wholesale boat and shoe dealer in Cleveland, Ohio; Isaac, who owned a plantation in South Virginia, but died in Milford; Hezekiah, of whom nothing is known; Nathan C., our subject's father; Sidney, formerly in the school supply business in Kansas and in Chicago; Susan, who became Mrs. Keith; and Ruth, who married Garry Smith, a farmer in Milford.

Nathan C. Smith, father of our subject, was also born at the homestead, where he followed farming in manhood. He was an excellent citizen, a devout Presbyterian, and an ardent advocate of temperance. In politics he was first a Whig, but his strong Abolition sympathies led him into the Republican party on its organization. He died in November, 1874, leaving a widow, Mrs. Georgiana (Ingersoll) Smith, and one son, our subject. The Ingersoll family is well known in Milford, and Mrs. Smith was born there, a daughter of George R. and Phoebe (Baldwin) Ingersoll.

Edgar H. Smith was reared upon the old farm, obtaining his education in the neighboring district school and the high school in Milford. In 1866 he

went to New York City, as clerk for Ingersoll & Glenney, dealers in men's furnishing goods at Nos. 695-699 Broadway, but since returning to the homestead, in 1875, he has devoted his attention to farming. The place contains about seventy acres, and under his intelligent management the products have gained a high reputation. He makes a specialty of dairying and conducts a milk route. Politically he is a staunch Republican, but he does not aspire to official honors.

Mr. Smith married Miss Emma L. Sniffin, of New York, daughter of Elisha Sniffin, a leading contractor and builder of that city. Eight children have blessed this union: Harry C., a traveling salesman for the New York Metal Ceiling Company; Edgar H., Jr., Agnes M., Clarence, Arthur, Ollie, Jennie and Mollie.

JOHN MILTON KINDER, the efficient superintendent of the Water Department of the city of Meriden, and alderman for the Fifth ward, is one of the well-known and highly respected citizens of that city, where he has long sustained a good name and standing as a man in the activities of modern life. He was born in Hartford, Conn., Sept. 10, 1847.

John Kinder, the father of John Milton, was born in Hyde, Cheshire, England, about 1822, and was reared to manhood in his native community, where he entered business life as a wool worker. There he was married to Mrs. Hannah (Kenworthy) Cottrell, a daughter of James Kenworthy, and a sister of that James C. Kenworthy whose history appears on another page. By her first marriage she was the mother of three children: Thomas, who resides in Taunton, Mass., and is foreman of the German silver department of Reed & Barton; Samuel, who is now dead; and Henry, who is employed with G. I. Mix & Co., at Yalesville, Conn. After the marriage of John Kinder to Mrs. Cottrell, they came to this country bringing with them her three children. Locating at Spoonville, Hartford Co., Conn., he became engaged in the spoon business with his brother-in-law, James Kenworthy. They were the first manufacturers of stamped silverware, spoons and forks, and their business was continued until the firm became involved in legal difficulties with the Rogers Brothers, by which they were compelled to go out of business. John Kinder betook himself to Hartford with his family, and entered the employ of William Rogers, with whom he continued for some time. Later he removed to Wallingford, to take a place with the Charles Parker Company, long prominent in the britannia ware trade, remaining with that house until 1865. In that year Mr. Kinder brought his family to Meriden, and entered the employ of the Meriden Britannia Co., with whom he remained until 1888, the year of his death. His remains rest in Walnut Grove Cemetery. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion he lived very close to the Golden

Rule. Mr. Kinder is remembered as a devoted husband and father, as well as a faithful and public-spirited citizen, and his sixty-six years of an earnest and useful life were marked by a spirit and disposition very much above the average. His wife died in 1885, and was buried in Walnut Grove cemetery. She is remembered as a devoted wife and a faithful mother, as well as a good woman, being much esteemed and beloved by those who knew her best. To Mr. and Mrs. Kinder were born three children: Edith, who married John A. Leeds, of Meriden; Mary, who married Charles W. Patten, of Meriden; and John Milton.

John Milton Kinder, whose name introduces this article, came with his parents from Hartford to Wallingford, where he attended school, and was prepared for active life when his parents sought a home in Meriden, in 1865. Here he entered the employ of the Meriden Britannia Co., to learn the solderer's trade, and here he labored for thirty-seven years in the same department, giving general satisfaction, and proving himself one of the most reliable and trustworthy men connected with that great institution. In February, 1902, he was appointed, under Mayor George S. Seeley, as superintendent of the Water Works, which position he is now filling to the eminent satisfaction of the general public. In political matters Mr. Kinder is a Republican, and though not a politician, was elected on that ticket in 1899, as a member of the city council, representing the Fifth ward, and serving on the Fire and Water committees, being clerk of the last body. Mr. Kinder was re-elected in 1901, and is now chairman of the Claims committee, and a member of the committee on Finance. Mr. Kinder is not formally united with any Church, but like his parents, holds to the Golden Rule, and is living an honorable and useful life.

Mr. Kinder was married in East Hampton, Conn., to Edith Brown, a daughter of H. B. Brown, senior member of the manufacturing firm of H. B. Brown & Co., of East Hampton, Conn. Mrs. Kinder is a lady of culture and refinement, and with her highly respected husband commands the confidence and esteem of the community to a marked degree.

JAMES RHODES LANYON, one of the most popular and influential young men of Cheshire, New Haven county, now serving as town clerk and State senator, was born in New Hamburg, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1870, and on the paternal side is of English descent.

James Lanyon, his grandfather, was born in the parish of Ludgvan, County of Cornwall, England, May 6, 1817, a son of William and Mary (Martin) Lanyon, who passed their lives in their native land, and died in the above named parish, aged eighty-one and eighty years, respectively. They were members of the Lanyon family, who trace their lineage in Ludgvan to a period as remote as the fifteenth century. Although poor, they were hon-

ored and respected members of the community. Force of circumstances limited the educational advantages of James Lanyon to a few years' schooling in his early youth. Like most Cornish boys, his labors were soon needed for the family support, and he early began to earn his own livelihood. At the age of sixteen he began work in the tin mines, and during the seven years he continued in that service he became a practical and skillful miner, the knowledge there obtained contributing to his future success. In 1840, when he was twenty-three years old, he came to America under contract with a London company to work the Bristol (Conn.) copper mines. After remaining in that employ two years he went to eastern Pennsylvania, where he was engaged six months in iron mining. At the solicitation of the owners of the baryta mines in Cheshire—the Mineral & Manufacturing Co., composed of N. H. Guston, James E. P. Dean and others—he came to that town to superintend their interests. He successfully managed the operations sixteen years, when the company sold its business to the Stamford Manufacturing Co., of Stamford, Conn. That corporation retained Mr. Lanyon as its sole manager in the town, and he superintended the largely increased operations until the suspension of work, in 1878. During this period he was a very busy man, the entire management of the many mines resting upon him, and he had in charge, after 1861, from two hundred to five hundred men. During that period these operations formed by far the most important industry in the town, and greatly increased its population. After 1878 Mr. Lanyon retired from the active duties of a business life, but remained a citizen of Cheshire until his death.

In 1844 Mr. Lanyon married Lucretia A. Brooks, a native of Cheshire, and a daughter of Billions and Eveline (Gaylord) Brooks, prominent old settlers of the town. Two of the three children born to them died in infancy, the other being Wesley A., father of our subject. In politics James Lanyon was first a Whig and later a Republican, and as an honorable and upright citizen he was called upon to fill several local offices, and also served as selectman and member of the State Legislature. He was domestic in his tastes, temperate in his habits, and faithful to every trust reposed in him. In early life he was a member of the Church of England, but later both he and his wife attended the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died Jan. 22, 1885, Mrs. Lanyon Nov. 9, 1895, and both were laid to rest in St. Peter's cemetery, Cheshire.

Wesley A. Lanyon, father of James R., was born Feb. 5, 1848, and was given good educational advantages, attending the district schools, the Cheshire Academy, and a select school of Stamford, Conn. He was first employed as book-keeper and assistant superintendent under his fa-

ther, and was connected with the mining company for fifteen years. Since then he has engaged in raising and feeding horses, and resides at the old homestead in Cheshire, where he has made many improvements. He leads a quiet, unassuming life, and is highly respected by all who know him. Politically he is a supporter of the Republican party, and religiously is an active and prominent member of the Episcopal Church, in which he has served as vestryman for the past twenty years, and as clerk of his parish for five years. In 1868 he was married, in New Hamburg, N. Y., to Miss Louise Lawson, a native of that place, and a daughter of James and Amanda Lawson, and by that union one child was born, James Rhoades. The father was again married, in Troy, N. Y., April 18, 1878, his second union being with Miss Harriet E. Allen, a native of Cheshire, Conn., and a daughter of Miles and Emily M. (Stacey) Allen. By this union there is one daughter, Edith L., born Sept. 16, 1880, who was graduated from the Cheshire high school in 1898.

During his boyhood and youth James R. Lanyon pursued his studies in the district schools of his native town, the Cheshire Academy, select school at Saybrook, and Loveridge Business College, New Haven, from which he was graduated. He has always made his home in Cheshire, and there he was married, in 1893, to Miss Mary L. Keeler, daughter of George and Sarah Keeler. They have a daughter, Marjorie L. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lanyon are members of the Episcopal Church and also belong to the Daughters of Rebekah, while he holds membership in Cheshire Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Oasis Encampment, of Meriden; and Temple Lodge, F. & A. M., of Cheshire.

Politically Mr. Lanyon is identified with the Republican party, and has served as chairman of the town committee. In 1894, when but twenty-three years old, he was appointed town clerk by the selectmen of Cheshire, to fill an unexpired term, and was the youngest person to hold that office in Connecticut. So capably and satisfactorily did he discharge the duties thereof, however, that in 1894 he was elected to the office, and has since been continuously re-elected, his present term not expiring until Jan. 1, 1904. In 1893 he was appointed notary public, and is still filling that position. In 1898 he was elected to the State Legislature, and represented the people of his town faithfully and well in that body. He is now representing the Sixth Senatorial District in the State Legislature, being the youngest member of the Senate, and is well known and very popular with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

HERMAN LAUFER, a worthy and much respected citizen of New Haven, was born at Zurich, Switzerland, Oct. 5, 1848, one of the two sons of Conrad Laufer, who was engaged in teaching, and later was employed in the government service, but

who never came to this country. The other son, Ernest, became a physician, and is a director of an insane asylum.

Herman Laufer spent his boyhood days in Zurich, where he attended the high school, and presently began the learning of the art of making mathematical instruments. This trade he followed in Vienna, Austria, and cities in Germany, and was also employed at this work in Paris. Mr. Laufer came to this country Feb. 3, 1872, and was employed by the Edison people at Newark, N. J., following his trade of making electrical instruments. On April 5, 1873, he came to New Haven to enter the factory of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., as tool maker. When Albert Tilton became superintendent, Mr. Laufer took up his work as contractor. In 1878 Mr. Laufer was married to Elizabeth Zils, of Naugatuck, Conn., a daughter of Peter Zils. He is a Republican, and belongs to Trumbull Lodge, and Franklin Chapter, A. F. & A. M. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F., Montowese Lodge, and to the New Haven Swiss Society.

CHARLES HAWKINS, one of the leading and influential citizens of Oxford whose life has been mainly devoted to agricultural pursuits, was born March 30, 1828, on the old Hawkins homestead at Quaker Farms, Oxford, which was once owned and occupied by his grandfather, Zachariah Hawkins, who was born Sept. 22, 1756, and became a large land holder and slave owner. During Colonial days he was also captain in His Majesty's Militia, and was very prominent in public affairs, serving as selectman and in various other offices. By trade he was a shoemaker.

Silas Hawkins, the father of our subject, was also born on the old homestead, which is now owned and occupied by his son, and throughout life followed the occupation of farming. Mr. Hawkins died at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years. He married for his first wife Sibyl Perry, who became the mother of seven children, Hannah, Lucy, Sally, Althea, Ruth, Ira and Eri. For his second wife Silas Hawkins wedded Sarah Minerva Loveland, and the children of this union were Silas and Charles. Ira Hawkins, son of Silas and Sibyl, married Sally Tomlinson, and, dying without issue, he gave the homestead to his brother Charles.

During his boyhood and youth Charles Hawkins pursued his studies in the common schools, and at the age of sixteen, after the death of his father, he went to Newtown, Conn., where for three months he worked at the hatter's trade. For a time he worked at shoemaking with a Mr. Peck, and then he worked for others for three years. About this time his brother died, and, as previously stated, left to our subject the old homestead, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his energies with marked success. Mr. Hawkins owns several different tracts of land, aggregating 170 acres, and carries on general farming

and the dairy business. He also has considerable city property on Hawkins street, Waterbury, and is one of the most prominent and successful business men of his community.

On Dec. 17, 1848, Mr. Hawkins was united in marriage with Miss Louise Jane Johnson, a native of Watertown, Conn., and to them were born six children, as follows: Sarah M., born Jan. 17, 1853, died at the age of ten years; Mary, born Feb. 10, 1855, died at the age of twenty; Charles Nathan, born Aug. 5, 1858, died at the age of six years; Ira L., born March 10, 1861, is a prominent tack manufacturer of Waterbury; Grace A., born Aug. 18, 1865, is the wife of Frank Roberts; and Robert, born Aug. 18, 1872, aids in the operation of the home farm.

Politically Mr. Hawkins is identified with the Republican party, and religiously is a member of the Episcopal Church of Quaker Farms. He is a worthy representative of that class of citizens who lead, quiet, industrious, honest and useful lives, and constitute the best portion of a community. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and is certainly deserving of honorable mention in the history of his native county.

FRANK WOODING STILES, contractor, builder and house mover, is one of the best-known men of the city of Meriden, where he was born April 28, 1849, and both his father and mother belonged to noted families of the early days in New England. Among his ancestors was John Beecher, one of the first settlers of New Haven, being one of the seven who located there in 1637. It was in that infant colony that he died before his family came to this county the following spring.

In New Haven county the name of Stiles has long figured prominently in both church and State records, and the immediate ancestors of our subject bore their full share of the dignities and responsibilities of former days, among them being Rev. Ezra Stiles, the distinguished president of Yale College, and Rev. Isaac Stiles, who was for thirty-six years the honored pastor of the Church in North Haven. Among his forebears was also Hon. Ezra Stiles, for years an honored citizen of North Haven, who occupied for sixty years the historic home of Dr. Benjamin Trumbull, who had been for sixty years the pastor of the North Haven Church, the successor of Rev. Isaac Stiles, and an eminent historian. The desk on which he wrote his four thousand sermons, is now in possession of the New Haven Historical Society.

Truman Stiles (2), of Meriden, a carpenter and builder, is in the eighth generation of the direct line from John Stiles, the emigrant ancestor, his lineage being through Isaac, Isaac (2), Isaac (3), Isaac (4), Truman and Sherman Stiles.

John Stiles, of the Millbroke family of England, son of Thomas and Marie Stiles, was baptized in St. Michael's Church, Bradfordshire, England, Dec.

25, 1595, and in 1635 came to Boston in the ship "Christian," when he was forty years of age. He was one of the first settlers of Windsor, Conn., where he died June 4, 1662-63, and his widow, Rachel, entered into her rest Sept. 3, 1674.

Isaac Stiles, son of John the emigrant, was born in Windsor, Conn., and settled about 1665 at Wethersfield, Conn. He removed to Stratford, Conn., after 1671, where he died Jan. 5, 1714-15. His wife, Hannah, survived him. He is said to have been the first male child born in the Colony of Connecticut.

Isaac Stiles (2), son of Isaac, was born in 1663, married Hannah Rose, who was born in 1666, a daughter of Robert Rose, of Stratford, Conn., who came from Ipswich, Eng., in 1634, in the ship "Francis." Mr. Stiles died in 1690, and his widow, May 9, 1693, married Samuel Hargar, of Derby, Connecticut.

Isaac Stiles (3), son of Isaac (2), was born April 5, 1690, and was married for the first time about 1718, to Abigail Adams, of Milford, Conn., who was born Sept. 25, 1696. She died prior to 1724, and Mr. Stiles married again. After living for a time at Stratford, Mr. Stiles removed to Woodbury, where he died April 16, 1787, his wife, Sarah, having passed away Dec. 19, 1771.

Isaac Stiles (4), son of Isaac (3), was born April 17, 1728, married Elizabeth (surname not given).

Truman Stiles, his son, born in 1767, in Southbury, Conn., married for his first wife, Sept. 23, 1793, Lavinia Leavenworth, and, for his second wife, Anna Jarrett, who was born in Southbury, Conn., in 1818. Mr. Stiles was a farmer and a trader, and died in 1839. His widow died in 1884, in Watertown, Conn. The children of Mr. Stiles were as follows: (1) Sherman, born in 1796, in Southbury, Conn., where he died July 31, 1838; (2) Charles Robert married and made his home in Buffalo; (3) Erastus was a farmer, and died from drowning (he was unmarried); (4) Nancy, born in Southbury, Conn., died unmarried in Bethlehem, Conn.; (5) Harriet married Abraham Bassett; (6) Samuel, born in 1818, died in Watertown, Conn. It is probable that all were born in Southbury.

Sherman Stiles, son of Truman, born in 1796, married Abigail Prindle, of French extraction. Mr. Stiles was a farmer and shoemaker, and lived at Rock Hill, Naugatuck. His widow died at Paris, Ill., Nov. 13, 1871. He was a man of sterling qualities, and was much respected by his fellow citizens. His children were as follows: (1) George E., born in Southbury, married for his first wife, Nov. 4, 1838, Marcia Peck; and for his second wife, Lavinia Lewis; (2) Caroline L., born March 24, 1822, in Southbury, married Nov. 28, 1841, in New Haven, Conn., George Atkinson, and lives at Paris, Ill.; (3) Truman, born March 30, 1824; (4) Elizabeth, born in 1826, married John Hall, and both died at Waterbury; (5) John E., born in 1828, mar-

ried and lived at Lafayette, Ind., where he died April 25, 1873; (6) Mary, born in 1831, in Southbury, also died at Lafayette, Ind., Feb. 7, 1865; (7) Ellen, born in 1834, is the widow of Frank Collier, and has her home at Naugatuck; (8) Charles is a resident of Newton, Kansas.

Truman Stiles, noted above, was first married April 23, 1848, to Eliza, a daughter of Calvin and Lucy Wooding, who died May 12, 1849. For his second wife he was married April 6, 1851, to Mary E., a daughter of Adonijah and Hannah P. Crowell, and resides at Meriden, Conn. To the first marriage was born one son, Frank Wooding. The children of the second marriage were: (1) William H., born April 29, 1852, married Grace L. Goddard; (2) George C., born April 12, 1853, married Annie L. Wooding, and died April 13, 1900; (3) Alida, born Feb. 26, 1858, died Jan. 2, 1863; and (4) Arthur M., born April 13, 1863, died Jan. 6, 1879. The mother is still living. Truman Stiles was educated in Woodbury, where he learned the carpenter and joiner trade, at which he worked as a journeyman in Woodbury, Waterbury and New Haven until 1847. In that year he came to Meriden, and after working as journeyman and foreman for Lyon & Billard, he, in 1864, started a contracting and building business. In this line he was engaged until 1881, when he retired and engaged in the vending of horse radish, a line which he still follows on a considerable scale. His home is on Butler street. In politics he is a Republican.

Frank Wooding Stiles was educated in the Meriden schools, and in the New Haven business college. When he attained man's estate he learned the carpenter and joiner trade with his father, and in 1872 began in business for himself as a carpenter and contractor. For thirty years he has extensively engaged in the building business, both in Meriden and elsewhere. In 1884 he added to his other lines that of house moving, and has all the appliances for that work. He handles iron stacks, boilers and heavy machinery of all descriptions, in various parts of the State, and is a well-known man in this line. Several extensive factories in Meriden have been constructed by him, and the moving of the smoke-stack of the Curtain Fixture factory was one of his noted achievements. The stack is an iron cylinder, riveted, and four feet in diameter. It stands one hundred feet in height, and is said to weigh about 22,000 pounds. One of the boilers upon which the stack rested had settled and it was thrown out of plumb about a foot. With the operation of bringing it back to a vertical position it was moved horizontally about fifteen feet. Mr. Stiles undertook the job, and introduced two steel girders beneath the base plate. After ten braces had been riveted to it, the stack and the boiler which had settled were blocked on four jack screws. The stack was brought to a vertical position by jacks under each end of the girders. Other appliances of an ingenious nature including a specially de-

signed shoe between the cast iron base plate and steel girder were introduced into the undertaking, and so quickly was the work carried on, that the girders were set, and the stack moved, so that the girders could be taken away, by five men inside of two days. The entire operation was very ingenious, being regarded as one of the engineering feats of the age, and reflecting much credit upon the mechanical ability of Mr. Stiles. Mr. Stiles has built many of the more prominent residences of Meriden, and in 1877 he constructed a fine home for himself on Butler and Hanover streets, rebuilding it in 1898. It is now one of the very finest on Hanover street.

Mr. Stiles is a Republican in politics, and he has been active in political matters for twelve years, and was many years chairman of the Third ward town and city committees. For the past three years he has filled the office of chairman of the Republican city committee. He was a member of the City Council from the Third ward in 1893 and 1894, and was clerk of the Lamp and Park committees for two years, besides serving on the street committee for the same period. The family attends the Baptist Church. Mr. Stiles belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, and holds the position of Great Senior Sagamore of the State. He has served ten years as Keeper of Wampum in the local tribe; for twenty-five years he has been a life member of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Stiles was married Oct. 13, 1875, to Elizabeth, who was born June 5, 1852, a daughter of John and Mary Aubrey, of English birth, and their children are: (1) Harriet M., who was born Nov. 4, 1876; (2) John F., who was born Feb. 6, 1879; (3) Bertha E., born July 26, 1881; and (4) Truman Aubrey, born March 13, 1895.

LEMUEL GOODRICH HOADLEY. For more than 225 years the name of Hoadley has had a place in the annals of New Haven county. For more than a hundred years Heli Hoadley, his children and grandchildren have been prominent and forceful citizens of New Haven, notably his children, Hervey Seward, George and John, and his grandson, George Edward. Heli Hoadley (2), (son of Heli), Hervey Seward (2) (son of Hervey Seward) and Lemuel G. and Wells C. (sons of John), are yet residents of New Haven, and nearly all actively interested in business. Sketches of the late George Hoadley, and of George Edward Hoadley, and their families appear elsewhere.

The sons of John Hoadley, Lemuel G. and Wells C., of New Haven, and Edward J., of Hartford, are descendants in the seventh generation from William Hoadley (as the name was then spelled), who was the first of the family in New England.

William Hoadley (Hoadle) was born in England in 1630, and he first appeared in this country at Saybrook in 1663. Three years later he bought property in Branford. His name is found on the

New Plantation Covenant in 1668, and between 1678 and 1685 he was a deputy at nine sessions of the General Court. He was one of the patentees of the town in 1686, and for many years was a selectman and one of the prominent men of the place. His death occurred in 1709. From this ancestor the lineage of the Hoadley brothers mentioned above is through Samuel, Timothy, Rufus, Heli and John Hoadley.

Samuel Hoadley married, in 1689, Abigail, daughter of John and Mary (Bullard) Harrington, born in 1668. Samuel Hoadley was one of the first settlers in the western part of the town, on lands he with others purchased in 1687. His home was in Hopyard Plain, where he was killed under a hay-mow in 1714. His widow died in 1745.

Timothy Hoadley, son of Samuel, was born in 1709, in Branford, where he was married in 1733, to Mary, who was born in 1710, daughter of John and Rebecca (Truesdell) Harrison. Mr. Hoadley was known as the "sergeant," and was the first of the family to settle in what is now the Parish of Northford in the town of North Branford. Sergeant Hoadley died in 1772, and his widow in 1795.

Rufus Hoadley, son of "Sergeant" Timothy, was born in 1741 in Northford, Branford, and was married, in 1767, to his first wife, Ruth, who was born in 1745, in Wallingford, a daughter of Jonathan and Thankful (Benham) Peck. Mr. Hoadley was a prosperous farmer, and made his home on the old Hoadley homestead in Northford. He died in 1811, and his wife died in 1787.

Heli Hoadley, son of Rufus, was born in 1776, in Northford, and was married in 1799, in Guilford, to Mabel Ann Seward, who was born in 1782, in Guilford, a daughter of David and Mabel (Field) Seward. Mr. Hoadley located in New Haven, where he was engaged in the manufacture of trunks, wheelbarrows, carts and similar goods, doing a flourishing business, and accumulating a goodly fortune. He died at the home of his son, John, in North Haven, Feb. 12, 1852; and his wife, Feb. 22, 1820. On Dec. 25, 1830, he wedded for his second wife, Mrs. White, of Middletown.

Hervey Seward Hoadley, son of Heli, was born March 15, 1804, in New Haven, and was married Nov. 13, 1830, in Berlin, Conn., to Catherine Helen, who was born Oct. 12, 1808, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Simons) Guernsey, of that place. She died March 13, 1837, and Mr. Hoadley was married a second time, Oct. 29, 1840, when Caroline Esther Guernsey, a sister of his first wife, was united in matrimony with him. She was born Jan. 12, 1807. Mr. Hoadley died Feb. 9, 1852. Until he was twenty-one years of age, he worked as an apprentice under his father, a noted wood worker in trucks, wheels and carriages. When he became of age he began life with a good trade and fifty cents in money. For a few years he worked at the bench, and then became associated with his brother, George, in the manufacture of carriages. His am-

bition soon asserted itself and he branched out into various enterprises. Success crowned his efforts, and at forty-five he had accumulated much property and was a wealthy man. A large carriage business was established by him in New Haven with branches in Augusta, Ga., and Mobile, Ala. Mr. Hoadley never held public office, but was foremost in public enterprises and improvements. An ardent admirer of Henry Clay, he gave the name of the distinguished Kentuckian to his oldest son. Mr. Hoadley died suddenly in Philadelphia, while enroute to the South on business. On the occasion of his death the New Haven "*Journal and Courier*," of Feb. 10, 1852, said, "The announcement of the death of Hervey S. Hoadley yesterday was received with universal regret in this city, where he has been long known and respected. As one of the most prominent business men of this city and interested in manufacturing, his loss can hardly be replaced. His death occurred at about twelve yesterday, in Philadelphia, where he was attacked while on his way South. Many young men commencing business have proved the generosity of Mr. Hoadley, and the whole community will mourn his loss." The children of Mr. Hoadley born to his second marriage, and all in New Haven, were as follows: Henry Clay, born in December, 1841, died Sept. 6, 1849; Caroline Helen, born March 22, 1842, was married Dec. 14, 1866, to Thomas G. Guernsey, of Bangor, Maine; and Hervey Seward, born March 1, 1846, is a resident of New Haven.

John Hoadley, the son of Heli, born March 28, 1814, was married Dec. 25, 1835, in New Haven, to Jenette, a daughter of Timothy and Lucy (Fowler) Tyler. She died Nov. 7, 1846, and he was married in North Haven, Dec. 6, 1847, to Mary Ann Noyes Culver, who was born Jan. 13, 1815, a daughter of Samuel and Rhoda Hall (Eaton) Culver. She died at Montowese, Dec. 6, 1892. Mr. Hoadley was by trade a carriage maker and trimmer, and for a quarter of a century was identified with that business in New Haven. During the latter part of his life for more than forty years he followed farming in the vicinity of New Haven, residing at Montowese. His children who lived beyond infancy were: (1) Charles A., born in 1838, died in 1854. (2) Hervey Seward, born in 1842, enlisted as a private soldier in Company A, 15th Conn. V. I., and was killed Dec. 14, 1862, at Kinston, N. C. (3) Mary Jane, born Feb. 26, 1843, married Julius E. Larkins, of New Haven, Sept. 16, 1863. (4) John Edward, born April 21, 1844, was married, first, Aug. 26, 1875, in Hartford, to Emma F. Endicott, who died in that city, Dec. 28, 1888, and he married, second, May 19, 1891, in Portland, Maine, Mrs. Ray (Allen) Buxton, a daughter of William and Lucy (Porter) Allen. Mr. Hoadley is a resident of Hartford, and was a manufacturer of the Moses cough drops, now sold in nearly 2,000 places of business in this country and Canada. His children are: Eva May, born Feb. 18, 1878; and Arthur

Endicott, born July 8, 1882. (5) Lemuel G., born Feb. 25, 1852. (6) Wells Carrington.

Lemuel Goodrich Hoadley, whose name introduces this article, was married Nov. 21, 1878, to Mary Bentley Fitch, who was born in North Haven, April 6, 1855, a daughter of Justus Johnson and Lucy Ann (Huntley) Fitch. One child, Florence A., born April 11, 1883, has blessed this union. For some years Mr. Hoadley followed the carpenter trade, and for fifteen years was a wholesale confectioner. For many years he has dealt extensively in real estate and money loaning. His work in buying tracts of land, building on a very extensive scale, has been of vast value to New Haven. He is prominent as a Mason, and an Odd Fellow, and is a member of the Young Men's Republican Club; religiously he belongs to the Baptist Church, as does also Mrs. Hoadley.

Wells Carrington Hoadley was born Sept. 2, 1853, and was married June 9, 1881, in North Haven, to Alice E., a daughter of Lucius and Betsy Melissa (Linsley) Brackett, by whom he has the following children: Harold Lucius, born Nov. 10, 1886; and Robert Wells, born Dec. 10, 1888. Mr. Hoadley has been engaged in the wholesale confectionery business in New Haven, and is one of the prosperous young men of that city.

Heli Hoadley, son of Heli Hoadley, born Feb. 18, 1836, was educated in New Haven. For some years he followed the sea, but now lives in New Haven.

CHATHAM FREEMAN, or "Old Chat," as he was commonly called in his later years, was born in Africa about 1750. He was stolen from his home when about five years of age and shipped to America, where he was sold into slavery. He used to relate to the children of the neighborhood his distinct remembrance of the day he was stolen, how he cried and begged the cruel thieves to let him go back to his mother. He was told that they would not take him away if he would bring his little playmate, Cato. This he did, but, of course, the promise was not kept, and the poor little black children were taken on the long terrible journey across the waters shut up in a kind of cage. Ignorant little Chat thought they were being fattened for killing, and charged Cato, who was younger, to eat sparingly and was very much provoked at him because he could see no object in becoming thin.

At the time of the Revolutionary war Chat was the slave of a farmer who lived in the eastern part of Meriden, and Cato was the property of some one in Wallingford. Chat's master offered him his freedom if he would substitute for his son, who had been drafted. He accepted the offer and served our country as a private soldier in the Connecticut line during the remaining seven years of the war, returning to Meriden at its close as free as the country for which he had so long been fighting.

Upon gaining his own freedom, his next thought was the freedom of Rhea, a slave girl whom he wished to marry. Accordingly he gave his time for another long term of years, and thus Rhea gained her freedom and became his wife. He used to say with great satisfaction: "She is truly my wife, for I've bought her with my own money."

One year when the crops in Meriden were a partial failure, Old Chat tried again and again to buy some corn, but in vain, as the farmers had hardly enough for their own use. The last appeal was made to Uncle Isaac, who refused as the others had done; when Chat put the case before him in the following words: "If your family had no food, and you could not beg, borrow, or buy, would you think it wrong to steal?" Uncle Isaac hardly knew what reply to make, but sold him the corn.

Chat and Rhea had one daughter, Katy, who married Robin Prim. Katy was a member of the Broad Street Baptist Church. The last of Old Chat's descendants died many years ago. Chat and his wife were regular attendants of the old Congregational Church on Broad street.

In 1826 on the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence at the Congregational Church, Chatham Freeman was one of the honored heroes of the day. People are now living who remember seeing him march into the church with the other survivors of the war and occupy with them one or more of the old fashioned square pews. His name was placed on the pension roll Sept. 16, 1818, and he lived to receive about fifteen hundred and twenty dollars. He died Feb. 13, 1834, at the age of eighty-four years, and it is thought he rests in the Broad street cemetery by the graves of his kindred in the corner where the poor were buried. His resting place is unknown, but the record of his honest, faithful life and noble deeds remains, and entitles him to the rank of a true hero.

HENRY CHRISTIAN PICKHARDT, a well-known real-estate dealer of Meriden, and one of its leading citizens, was born in Broad Brook, East Windsor, Hartford Co., Conn., Sept. 9, 1850.

Christian Pickhardt, the father of Henry C., was a native of Germany, born in Gimmersbach, in the Rhine province, where he attended school and learned the trade of wool sorter. The family is an old one there, and still operates a woolen mill. When Christian Pickhardt reached manhood, with many more of his countrymen, he emigrated to America, locating at Broad Brook, Conn., where he had no trouble in securing employment at his trade. Later he removed to the Naugatuck Valley, locating at Seymour, and here he started into the hotel business and followed same until the close of his life. His death took place while on a visit to his daughter, in Yalesville, in 1890, and he was buried in West cemetery, in Meriden. Although Mr. Pickhardt became an ardent Republican, he never sought office.

In his religious views he was liberal, living up to a standard which he believed to be right, and all his days was an industrious and honest man. His fraternal connection was with the German Order Harugari. He married Louisa Floto, who was also born in Germany, and who died in Bridgeport, Conn., the mother of three children: Charles, deceased; Henry C., of this biography; and William, now deceased.

Henry Christian Pickhardt removed with his parents to the Naugatuck Valley, and attended school in Derby, and also assisted his father in the management of the hotel. At the age of seventeen years, he came to Meriden and obtained employment as pressman with the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., and here he remained for several years, returning then to Seymour with the intention of attending school, as he was ambitious to have more advantages. With characteristic energy Mr. Pickhardt attended both day and night school, and fitted himself for a clerkship, in which position he remained for three years. Returning then to Meriden, Mr. Pickhardt embarked in the grocery business, carrying a line of German goods, and doing very well, a fine trade having been built up at the end of two years, but a disastrous fire destroyed his business. Then he made a trip to Europe, during which time he visited his father's birthplace and old home. While abroad he married Miss Matilda Schroeder, and with his bride, returned to the United States and located in Meriden. Here he accepted a clerkship in a grocery store, remaining two years, removing then to Bay State, Hampshire Co., Mass., and worked there in the cutlery factory for one year. Mr. Pickhardt then removed with his family to Ansonia, Conn., and for three years worked in Farrell's foundry, going then to the E. J. Day Rubber Co., of Seymour, finally returning to his old friends and associations in Meriden.

Here Mr. Pickhardt embarked in the life insurance business as agent for the Metropolitan and Hartford Life, the Equitable, of New York, and other leading companies, which he represented for some years, becoming then the manager of the real-estate business of Joseph Morse, while that gentleman was in the West. His management during three and one-half years convinced him that he could make a success of this line himself, and he has been engaged thus ever since. His business includes the sale, renting and general supervision of all kinds of property, and the collecting of rents, and on account of his strict attention to business, he has become well and favorably known through Hartford and New Haven counties. Perhaps no man in this locality has a better knowledge of the conditions governing the real-estate market than has Mr. Pickhardt, while his well-known integrity has gained him the confidence of owners of valuable property.

Mr. Pickhardt has three children, all living, Ma-

tilda, Etta and Henry. Mrs. Pickhardt is a lady of strong character, a most devoted wife and mother, and with her daughters belongs to the Congregational Church. Fraternally our subject is connected with Morning Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Seymour, and with Pacific Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F., of Meriden. As a citizen Mr. Pickhardt is held in high esteem, while his genial manner and domestic virtues make him highly regarded in social circles.

JOHN H. DAVIS is one of the prominent young men of Hamden, a leader in social and political circles, and a worthy representative of the agricultural and business interests of the town. Whether in public or private life he is a courteous, genial gentleman, well deserving the high regard in which he is held.

Mr. Davis was born March 28, 1868, on the farm where he now resides, son of Samuel and Emily (Mansfield) Davis, grandson of Avery and Hannah (Tyler) Davis, and great-grandson of Avery Davis. Avery Davis, Jr., was born in the town of Willington, Conn., where he was a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen. He reared an excellent family, consisting of seven children, viz.: Charles, Eliza, Mary, Edward (who is mentioned elsewhere), William, Samuel and John. The last named settled in Rockville, where he became a large real-estate owner. That city's growth rendered his land valuable, and much of it was cut up in lots and streets, Davis avenue in that city being named after him. He left considerable property.

Samuel Davis was born Sept. 22, 1822, in the town of Stafford, Conn., and his wife was born Jan. 8, 1828, in Hamden, Conn., a daughter of John and Martha (Burnham) Mansfield. Samuel Davis died Jan. 28, 1887, and his wife survived until Nov. 25, 1896. Both are buried in Whitneyville cemetery. When Samuel Davis was a young man he came to New Haven, and for some time was associated in business with Elihu Sanford, the father of Judge Edward I. and Dr. L. G. Sanford. After his marriage Samuel Davis was chosen superintendent of the New Haven alms house, a position he filled for eighteen consecutive years with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the tax payers of the town. On resigning this position he purchased the farm near Whitneyville where his son, J. H., now lives, and for a number of years was engaged in market gardening. He supplied most of the leading grocers of New Haven with produce, and was always noted for his uprightness of character and honest conduct. In 1874 he suspended active operations and removed to New Haven, taking up his residence at No. 285 Orange street, where his death occurred. He was a consistent member of the Congregational Church, and was one of its most punctual and regular attendants. He was held in



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high esteem by all who knew him. The Hon. N. D. Sperry, in referring to him, said: "None knew him but to respect and admire him. He was one of the most upright of friends, and noble hearted citizens of my acquaintance. I considered him a man of unusual character, and I regret exceedingly that he has been taken away." Politically he was a stanch Democrat, yet not a politician. He had the courage of his convictions, but he was not a man who was constantly trying to make converts to his political belief. He was self-made, and acquired a comfortable competence, in the accumulation of which he won an honored name to leave to his posterity. In his family were eight children, namely: Elihu S., a farmer and market gardener of Hamden; Avery, a miner of Leadville, Colo.; Charles L., a farmer of East Haven; Mary E., and Martha E., twins, the former the wife of Charles B. Bates, of New Haven, the latter (now deceased) the wife of Alexander M. Hall, of the same place; Susan, a teacher in the public schools of New Haven; Benjamin J., an Episcopal minister of Easton, Penn.; and John H., our subject.

John H. Davis was only five years old when his parents left the farm and moved to New Haven, and in the public schools of that city he acquired his education. On leaving school, at the age of fifteen years, he returned to the farm, and in connection with his brother, Elihu S., has since successfully engaged in market gardening. The farm comprises eighty acres of rich and arable land, pleasantly located on the Ridge road, three miles from New Haven, and under its present management is made to yield a valuable return for the care and labor bestowed upon it.

Mr. Davis has been twice married, first in 1891 to Miss Jennie G. Holmes, who was born Oct. 22, 1868, and died Nov. 26, 1897. They had two children, Kathleen and Marion. His marriage to Evalyn S. Collins, daughter of ex-Senator William A. Collins, of Columbia, took place July 18, 1899. Twin sons, John Hubbard, Jr., and William Collins, born Oct. 6, 1901, died in infancy. Since attaining his majority he has been a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and has ever taken an active and influential part in local politics. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to office, and he served as selectman of Hamden from 1895 to 1898, inclusive, and as a member of the State Legislature during the sessions of 1899 and 1900, during which he was a member of the committee on Cities and Boroughs. He is a member of the Young Men's Republican Club of New Haven; Hamden Grange; Sons of the American Revolution; Yale Conclave, No. 244, I. O. H.; Lodge, No. 46, A. O. U. W.; Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., of Hamden; Royal Chapter, R. A. M.; Crawford Council, No. 19, R. & S. M.; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; and Pyramid

Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Bridgeport. He is also a member and trustee of the Congregational Church of Whitneyville, and is one of the most popular and prominent young men of the community. Seldom is found a young man of his age who occupies as foremost a position in his town, and his acquaintances including prominent and well-known men all over the State. A thoroughly progressive man, and up to date in every particular, he is an excellent representative of an honorable father, and the type of a citizen to perpetuate the honorable name of Davis in the town of Hamden.

ROBERT WILSON, a noted iron worker of New Haven, Conn., has his place of business at No. 115 Commerce street, where he manufactures all kinds of iron articles for building, such as iron railings, doors, shutters, balconies and stairs, bolts and girders for bridges and buildings, awnings and hitching posts. He solicits orders from builders, and is able to meet any demand the trade may make upon him.

Mr. Wilson was born in Lancashire, England, Sept. 4, 1837, a son of Thomas Wilson, a native of England, and who lived and died in his native land.

Robert Wilson came to the United States when about ten years old, and in Brooklyn, N. Y., attended school for a time before learning the iron smithing trade. In 1855 he came to New Haven, and has made his home here to the present time. Until 1874 he followed his trade as a journeyman iron worker, and that year went into business for himself, and has since maintained a shop on Commerce street. From a comparatively small beginning he has branched out extensively and has a truly enviable reputation as a master workman.

Mr. Wilson married Gertrude Sperry, of Woodbridge, a daughter of William Fitch Sperry, and of this union there is one son, Robert W. Mr. Wilson is a Republican, and is fraternally associated with Hiram Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M. The family attends the Episcopal Church. Mr. Wilson is a hard-working man, and well deserves the success that has crowned his industrious and useful career.

FRANCIS WILLIAMS, a much respected citizen of Meriden, where his industrious years and patriotic services in the Civil war entitle him to the regard of the public, was born on the Williams farm in Middletown, Sept. 21, 1839, and is a brother of Selden C. Williams.

Francis Williams acquired his education in the district school and in the Meriden Academy, and worked at home on the farm until of age. When the war called the stalwart and the loyal to the front, to battle for the life of the Republic, he did not hesitate to make prompt reply, and enlisted Aug. 11, 1861, in Co. C, 1st Conn. V. I., under Col. Terry and Capt. Sanford, serving throughout the war

with honor and distinction, and was mustered out at its termination. He was in the battle of Port Royal, and was promoted to be first sergeant, on account of his signal bravery. At Bermuda Hundred he was captured by the Rebels, June 2, 1864, and was incarcerated in Andersonville, Charleston, and Florence prisons, where he was kept for six months, suffering greatly from the privations of these terrible places of confinement. In December, 1864, he was paroled, and was honorably discharged June 2, 1865.

After his return from the army Mr. Williams was unable to work for nearly a year, so greatly had he been reduced by prison life. When he had recovered from his chills and fever, he went to Middletown, where he worked for a time in a sewing machine factory, and then, coming to Meriden, secured a position in the factory of the Bradley & Hubbard Mfg. Co., being assigned to the machine department. Here he was employed for a number of years, when he had a good position offered him with the Malleable Iron Company. This he accepted, but after six years resumed his work with the Bradley & Hubbard Mfg. Co. Later in life he worked for the Charles Parker Company.

On Nov. 24, 1878, Mr. Williams was married in Bristol, Conn., to Harriet E. Downs, who was born in Wolcott, Conn., a daughter of Willard and Maria (Minor) Downs, and a granddaughter of Marcus Minor. Since their marriage they have resided on a farm in East Meriden, which Mrs. Williams inherited from her father. Mr. Williams belongs to the local post of the G. A. R. In politics he is an independent Democrat, and in religion holds to the Golden Rule as a sufficient law of life. He belongs to the Prisoners of War Association, and looks back to that dark experience with a feeling of brotherhood for all the unfortunate soldiers of the Union army, who were compelled to pass through it. Mrs. Williams is a lady of much refinement, and she and her husband are regarded as worthy and honorable people, thoroughly upright in all their ways, genuinely kind as neighbors and loyal as friends.

CAPT. AUSTIN P. KIRKHAM. In the eyes of an American there can be no higher honor than the record of service in the war which established beyond further question the permanent union of the States, and made our country truly "one and indivisible." Happily we still have with us many of the veterans of that struggle, and prominent among them is the highly respected citizen of Ansonia whose name opens this biography. Capt. Kirkham not only served with distinction himself, but his father, Isaac J. Kirkham, and three brothers were in active service, making a notable record for the family.

The first call for soldiers was promptly responded to by Isaac J. Kirkham and two of his sons, Austin P. and Guilford M., who enlisted

April 19, 1861, in Company D, 2d Conn. V. I., and served three months, taking part in the first battle of Bull Run, for service in which Austin P. received a gold medal. They were mustered out Aug. 7, 1861, but our subject immediately re-enlisted, in the navy, as master's mate, and while in that service participated in the engagements of Roanoke Island, Elizabeth City, Newbern, Plymouth and others. He resigned from the navy in the fall of 1863, and in February, 1864, enlisted in the 2d Connecticut Heavy Artillery, with which he served in the peninsular campaign under Grant. He was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864, a bullet passing through his head, but after an absence of forty-four days rejoined his regiment and was engaged in the defense of Washington when Early made his raid. He was wounded again at Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 19, 1864, the day of Sheridan's famous ride, and was captured, being taken first to Libby prison, later to Danville, and then back to Libby prison. He was one of three who volunteered to try to escape, and disarming the guard they succeeded in leaving and getting free, but were recaptured the next day, after they had walked five miles in the snow; Mr. Kirkham's feet were frozen causing him terrible suffering. He was released in March, 1865, rejoining his regiment in time to participate in the closing scenes of the war at Appomattox, and was mustered out of the service Sept. 11, 1865. He entered as a private, and was mustered out at the close of the war with the rank of captain. He was color sergeant in the 2d Conn. V. I. Isaac J. Kirkham, the father, re-enlisted with his two sons, Guilford and Leveritt, in Company A, 10th Conn. V. I., Isaac J. and Guilford enlisting as musicians. Leveritt, the youngest son, took part in the capture of Roanoke, Elizabeth City and Newbern, N. C., March 12, 1862, where he was wounded. He was removed to the hospital, and was discharged the following December, in consequence of wounds received in action. He died in Florida some years ago, and Guilford M. died in Goshen about 1894. Calvin C. Kirkham, the eldest son now living, resided in New Orleans at the outbreak of the war, and escaped with his wife (Ellen S. Chidsey) and infant son, George C., on the last steamer (the "Ohio Belle") that went up the Mississippi river in 1861. They were captured at Napoleon, Ark., and held prisoners six weeks, but were then paroled, and up to the present date (1901) have not been exchanged. He came East, leaving his family at East Haven, enlisted in the navy as landsman, and was immediately appointed paymaster's clerk, in charge of the paymaster's department on the U. S. S. "Satellite." He was in the campaigns of the Potomac and James rivers, on the "Satellite," which was destroyed later, and assisted in destroying the forts and batteries on the Potomac, James and York rivers, and in covering the retreat of McClellan. He was pro-

moted to the rank of acting master's mate by Gideon Wills, Secretary of the Navy, but his health failed and he resigned. He now (June, 1901) resides in East Haven with his wife and two sons, George C. and LeRoy J., and is the present town clerk and collector of taxes for that town.

The Kirkham family is of Revolutionary stock, and our subject's ancestors were early settlers in Guilford, Conn., where the name frequently appears on the town records. Isaac J. Kirkham, our subject's father, was born in Guilford May 26, 1809, and removed to Ohio in early life, returning to Connecticut in 1844. He died at Derby in 1872 and his wife, Delana Elizabeth, died at Ansonia in 1893. This worthy couple had eight sons and two daughters, some of whom were born in Connecticut and some in Ohio. Calvin C. and Austin P. are the only survivors.

Austin P. Kirkham, who is now town and city clerk of Ansonia, was born in Middlefield, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1837, and is now one of the oldest residents of Ansonia. Soon after the war he was appointed United States postal clerk between New York and Boston, which position he held a few years, but he resigned to enter the employ of his brother, Leveritt G. About 1881 he removed to Ansonia, where he has since resided. In 1890 he was appointed chief clerk in the United States postal card agency, but after serving four years was removed from office, soon after the Cleveland administration took the reins of government into their hands. He returned to his home in Ansonia, and at the following election was chosen town and city clerk; at the end of the term of two years he was again elected, for his present term. In this office, as in all the affairs of life, he is most courteous and affable, giving respectful attention to everyone alike, regardless of their station in life. Being of a sympathetic nature, he is ever ready to listen to the story of the weak, the oppressed and the unfortunate, and his purse is ever open to assist any sufferer or to promote any good cause. His life has ever been one of unselfish sacrifice for the good of others, and in the four years' struggle for home and country through which he passed his genial disposition and cheery smile did much to brighten the spirits and raise the hopes of those with whom he came in contact. This brief sketch conveys but a faint idea of the man, but his innate modesty is averse to praise, no matter how well deserved. His highest ambition is to please those around him and in this attempt he has gone beyond his strength, but although he has been a constant sufferer for years he is a marvel of patience. He will ever be remembered by hundreds whom he has helped in many ways. Upon the field of battle and in the navy, while amidst the awful carnage, he was cool, calm and collected. He saw no danger. He thought not of himself, but of others. The deeds he did are not to be recorded here, but in that great

book kept by the recording angel will be found written high upon the scroll of fidelity to country and love of fellow man the name of Capt. Austin P. Kirkham.

Capt. Kirkham was married, March 12, 1857, to Miss Eunice A. Smalley, of West Dennis, Mass., and they had two sons: Frank A., born Dec. 25, 1857, and Charles A., born May 30, 1864. Frank A. Kirkham was educated in the common schools in Derby, learned the trade of a silver burnisher, later worked as a clerk in the grocery business in Ansonia, and then took a position in the Industrial Insurance. At the present time he is located in Marlboro, Mass. He has been twice married, and has one child by his first wife, Irene (Conklin), of Sloatsburg, N. Y., now deceased. His present wife, Louise Tugner, was born in Zurich, Switzerland; they had one child, who died in infancy. Charles A. Kirkham received a common-school education and learned the trade of machinist and toolmaker, and for a number of years has been employed by the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co. He married Miss Sylvia Downes, of Newtown, Connecticut.

HON. WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, of the law firm of Williams & Gager, of Derby, and for a number of years past State's Attorney for New Haven county, is, as his official position would indicate, one of the leading members of the New Haven County Bar.

Mr. Williams was born June 7, 1850, in the town of Bethany, Conn., son of E. J. and Laura J. (Baldwin) Williams. His advantages for obtaining an education were meagre indeed, and his only schooling was limited to a few years attendance at the district schools of the neighborhood in which he passed his early boyhood—in Durham, Conn. At seven years of age he left home for the varied fortunes of a farmer's boy, working on a farm in the summer season, and attending school through the winters. He then worked in a woolen mill or a grist mill, or sold goods from a peddler's wagon, as the exigencies of the time might determine. In 1870 he went to live with the late Judge Harris P. Munson, of Seymour, under conditions which admitted of his studying law in the Judge's office and under his direction. For the first two years about one-half of the time was passed in work and the other in study, and the third year was given assiduously to legal studies and to those preliminary attempts at legal practice allowed to law students before justices of the peace. He was examined for admission to the Bar at the November term of court in 1873, and passed, and at the following term of the Superior Court at New Haven, in January, 1874, he was admitted to practice law in all the courts of the State.

Mr. Williams was appointed, under the new liquor law of 1874, prosecuting agent, and came

under obligation to the State to administer the law faithfully. Its intent and spirit were manifest, its language was plain, and it threw on the prosecuting attorney an onerous responsibility, especially in those towns which refused to grant licenses. Liquor men in some of those towns were defiant, and sought in various ways to intimidate the prosecuting attorney, and, failing to quiet him, turned their efforts to removing him from office. But in all the long struggle Mr. Williams retained the support of the moral and law-abiding forces of the Commonwealth to such an extent as to vindicate completely his course as a faithful protector of the public good. He issued from the struggle bearing the confidence and honor of the best portions of society, and really laid the foundations for rising to higher distinctions than he had yet attained to, for in the judgment of men of high virtue he bore himself honorably throughout, and won a good name over all the State.

In the spring of 1880 Mr. Williams opened a branch office at Birmingham, retaining his practice at Seymour, and also his home, until the spring of 1882, when he settled permanently in the town of Derby. In April, 1885, he became a member of the law firm of Wooster, Williams & Gager, succeeding in the old firm of Wooster, Torrance & Gager David Torrance, whose acceptance of an appointment to the Bench of the Superior Court had made a vacancy. The co-partnership thus formed so remained until broken by the death of Col. Wooster in September, 1900. This firm is one of the strongest and most successful law firms of the State, and among the ablest, as was also the old firm, and an invitation on the part of such men extended to Mr. Williams to succeed a man like Judge Torrance, and join such men as Col. Wooster and Mr. Gager, is of itself an eloquent tribute to our subject's ability, as is also the official relations he has sustained to the county and to Connecticut since January, 1896, when he was tendered and accepted the high, honorable and important office of State's Attorney for New Haven county.

Socially Mr. Williams is genial, pleasant and deservedly popular. He is a member of New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T., and also a member of the Knights of Pythias. His political affiliations have been with the Democratic party, but in 1896 he voted for William McKinley for president.

Glancing backward over this sketch one readily observes what native worth and steady industry, with the upward gaze, may accomplish. Given the aspiring mind and heart, and the patient toil of years, and the young man thrown upon the world with no resources outside of himself may come to eminence in the professions, and to esteem in the community where he lives.

On May 5, 1874, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Iris E. Munson, daughter of Hon. Harris P.

Munson, his preceptor. She died in September, 1876, and on June 17, 1878, he was married to Miss Nellie A. Johnson, of Oxford, Conn. From their elegant home is dispensed a generous hospitality. The residence, built in 1887-88, at No. 115 Atwater avenue, Birmingham, is one of the busiest places in Derby, and is beautifully located, overlooking the city of Ansonia.

PEASE. The Pease family of Connecticut is one of the old Colonial families of this Commonwealth. It is the purpose of this article to briefly treat of the New Haven branch whose head was the late Thomas H. Pease, for half a century an active merchant and substantial citizen of the Elm City, and who was succeeded in business by his son, Salmon G. Pease, book seller and stationer at No. 102 Church street.

Born March 3, 1849, Salmon G. Pease, now of New Haven, is a descendant in the ninth generation from Robert Pease, who was a son of Robert and Margaret Pease, of Great Baddow, County of Essex, England, and who came to America in the ship "Francis" from the port of Ipswich, England, in 1634, landing at Boston. Mr. Pease located in Salem, and there died in 1644, aged thirty-seven years. His wife, Marie, and other members of his family probably came later. From this emigrant settler the lineage of Salmon G. Pease is through John, Robert (2), Samuel, Nathaniel, Calvin, Salmon and Thomas H. Pease.

(II) John Pease, son of Robert the settler, was born in England in 1630, and came to New England when a lad. He is first of record in Salem, when mentioned in connection with his father's estate, in 1644. He married (first) Mary Goodell, daughter of Robert Goodell, of Salem. She died Jan. 5, 1669, and he married (second) Dec. 8, 1669, Ann, daughter of Isaac Cummings, of Topfield, Mass. Mr. Pease settled in that part of Salem called Northfields, uniting with the First Church of Salem in 1667. He is supposed to have removed in about 1681 to Fresh Water Brook, which was a part of Springfield, Mass. In about 1682 he removed to Enfield, Conn., where he was active in the Church. He died there in 1689. His wife, Ann, died in the same year.

(III) Robert Pease (2), son of John, born May 14, 1656, in Salem, married Dec. 16, 1678, Abigail Randall, and settled in Northfield. In 1681 he removed his family to the Connecticut Valley, settling in Enfield, of which town he was one of the first constables. He died there in 1744, aged eighty-eight years.

(IV) Samuel Pease, son of Robert (2), born Dec. 30, 1686, in Enfield, married Elizabeth Warner, and settled in his native town, where he died in 1770.

(V) Nathaniel Pease, son of Samuel, born Sept. 29, 1728, in Enfield, married April 24, 1755, Eunice Allen. Between 1760 and 1764 he re-

moved from Enfield to Norfolk, Conn., being among the first settlers of the town. He died there March 28, 1818, at the advanced age of nearly ninety years. His wife died March 21, 1807.

(VI) Calvin Pease, son of Nathaniel, born Sept. 14, 1757, in Enfield, married Sally, daughter of Titus Ives. Mr. Pease was a farmer and for many years an inn-keeper in Canaan, Conn., where he died. He was a patriot of the Revolution.

(VII) Salmon Pease, son of Calvin, born June 14, 1783, in Norfolk, Conn., married Matilda Huntington, daughter of Dr. Thomas Huntington (Yale, 1768), of Canaan, and was a resident of Canaan until the fall of 1826, when he removed to Charlotte, Vt., and there died July 23, 1857. He was a farmer.

(VIII) Thomas H. Pease, son of Salmon, born Oct. 24, 1815, in Canaan, Conn., married (first) April 16, 1838, Catherine N. Coon, of Brooklyn, N. Y. On April 17, 1848, he married (second) Elizabeth Graham, of New Haven, and June 2, 1852, married (third) Eliza Morris, of Bethel, Vt. Mr. Pease lived to be almost seventy-five years of age, dying in New Haven, Sept. 15, 1890. His early years were passed in Canaan, Conn., and Charlotte, Vt. For a period he was engaged in business in Albany. Later he had a position on the New York *Observer*. Still later he became associated in New York City in the book business with C. S. Francis, and subsequently was engaged in that business alone on Broadway, corner of Lispenard street. In 1842 he came to New Haven and engaged in the same line, and for the long period of nearly fifty years continued in that business, and was one of New Haven's highly respected and esteemed citizens. His first location was in the old Miles tavern on Chapel street, near where now is situated the "Young Men's Institute" building. After doing business in that location for thirty-six years he removed in 1878 to the present location of his successors, No. 102 Church street. At that time his son, Salmon G. Pease, became associated in business with him, and succeeded him on the father's death. The elder Mr. Pease was a member of the United Society. He was an Odd Fellow, a member of Wooster Lodge, F. & A. M., and of the Union League of New Haven.

Four children were born to Thomas H. Pease, as follows: Caroline M., Mary H., William B. and Salmon G. Of these Capt. William B. Pease, born Jan. 30, 1844, enlisted Aug. 11, 1862, in the 15th Conn. V. I. Later he was appointed lieutenant in the 8th U. S. C. T., and served till the close of the Civil war. On March 7, 1867, he was commissioned first lieutenant in the 11th Regiment U. S. A., and is now a retired captain of the United States Regular Army. SALMON G. PEASE entered Yale College in 1868, just one hundred years after the graduation from that institution of

his great-grandfather, Dr. Thomas Huntington. He succeeded his father at the latter's death, and successfully continued the same line until he retired Jan. 1, 1902, just sixty years after the establishment of the business by Thomas H. Pease, and he was succeeded by "The Pease-Lewis Company."

WILLIAM J. ATWATER. The name Atwater has been associated with the history of New Haven from its earliest settlement, and of the well-known business men and citizens of the last century the late William Atwater, and his sons, Henry J. and William J., stood deservedly high in the social and business life of the city. William J. Atwater is still active in business, being the senior member of the firm of W. J. Atwater & Co., dealers in masons' and builders' supplies, a business established by his brother and himself fifty years ago. His son, E. I. Atwater, is at present the junior member of the firm.

David Atwater, the emigrant ancestor of the New Haven families bearing that name, came from Kent, England, and was one of the first planters at New Haven, his name being affixed to the Plantation Covenant June 4, 1639. In the first division of lands among the settlers he was assigned an extensive tract in what was known as Cedar Hill, where he died Oct. 5, 1692.

William J. and Henry J. Atwater, sons of the late William Atwater, are descendants in the seventh generation from David Atwater, their first American ancestor, their line being through David (2), Joshua, David (3), Jared and William Atwater.

David Atwater (2), son of David the planter, was born in 1650, spent his life in New Haven, and died in 1736.

Joshua Atwater, son of David (2), was born in 1687, married Anna Bradley in 1721, and settled on a portion of the original farm, where he died in 1773.

David Atwater (3), son of the foregoing Joshua, married Elizabeth Bassett in 1744, when he was twenty-one years of age. She was the mother of all his children. His second wife was Mrs. Abiah Cooper. David Atwater (3) was one of the committee who after the close of the Revolution took action as to the proper treatment of the Tories, and his name appears among the signers of the document pertaining thereto. The family has a record of his wife, who was the great-grandmother of William J., having provided food for more than fifteen hundred of the American soldiers during the period of three weeks while they were passing through this section.

Jared Atwater, son of David (3), was born in 1758, and married Eunice Dickerman. They lived on Cedar Hill, where he died in 1813.

William Atwater, son of Jared, and the father of William J. and Henry J. Atwater, was born June 17, 1805, and was left fatherless at the age

of eight years. His mother had a numerous family, and when he was sixteen years of age young William left his native home on Cedar Hill and came to New Haven to learn the carpenter's trade. He acquired his knowledge of the business under the direction of an older brother, and from the time of his majority carried on the building trade in New Haven for ten years, at the end of which period he returned to his native town. There he purchased a farm, and for eighteen years was engaged in its cultivation. At the end of that time he came to New Haven and embarked in the mercantile business with his sons, Henry J. and William J., the firm being H. J. Atwater & Co. By close attention to their business, good management and upright dealings, these gentlemen greatly prospered, and the house is now the oldest in the city conducted under the same name. The elder Atwater became quite wealthy, and owned considerable real estate and many fine homes. He contributed largely to the improvement and progress of the community in which he lived. His was a busy and useful career, and as a man and a citizen he was held in high regard and great esteem by his associates. His religious connections were with the Congregational Church, and with his wife he belonged to the Chapel Street Society when he first lived in New Haven; at Hamden they belonged to the Whitneyville Congregational Church; on their return to New Haven they became members of the Third Congregational Church, and still later joined the Humphrey Street Congregational Church, while it was still a mission. Mr. Atwater gave the entire lot for the church edifice and donated about one-fourth of the entire expense of construction of the church. Upon his death he left a permanent fund for the support of the Gospel. In his political views Mr. Atwater was a Republican, and he served in the ranks of that party from its first organization.

On May 21, 1828, Mr. Atwater was married to Eliza, daughter of Joel and Eunice Ford. She died April 7, 1878, and on April 15, 1879, he was married to Mrs. Mary C. Hemingway, of Fair Haven East. His children, all of the first marriage, were: (1) Henry J., born July 18, 1829, who died in 1884; (2) William J., born Feb. 10, 1831; and (3) Mary J., born Feb. 16, 1833, who became the wife of Herman D. Clark. The father passed away in April, 1897.

William J. Atwater is now the only member of his family living. He was educated in New Haven and in Meriden, where he was a pupil of Henry D. Smith. He started in the grocery business, which he continued for a year, and then went into business with his brother and father, as noted above. For fifteen years they continued in this line, and then sold out and went into the paper business under the same name. After the brother's death William J. carried on the business until the death of his father, at the age of ninety-

one. Then he sold out the brother's business, and has been associated with his son.

Mr. Atwater married for his first wife Olivia Atwater, who lived only one year and two months after marriage. His second wife was Harriet Barnes, a daughter of Horace Barnes, a shipping merchant of New Haven, and to this union came three children, two of whom are living: Edward L., in business with his father; Elizabeth, who married Henry L. Sterrett, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and William (deceased).

Edward Irving Atwater was educated at the New Haven Business College, was with H. C. Warren, the banker, for two years, and then entered his father's office. He married Lila Mather Brooks, who was born in Cheshire, and they have two children, Margaret and William Irving.

William J. Atwater began life as a Whig, but united with the Republicans on the organization of that party. For two terms he has served on the board of public works; was police commissioner one term; has been alderman two terms; and wherever he has been found he has never failed to prove himself a competent and public-spirited official. Mr. Atwater is a Mason; a member of the I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs; belongs to the Knights of Honor; and to the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Atwater has extensive interests in some of the most successful western mining companies, and is extensively interested in New Haven real estate. He and all his family are connected with the Church of the Redeemer, Congregational.

JACQUES. The Jacques family has for forty years been prominently identified with the history of Waterbury, where the late John Josiah Jacques, M. D., a successful physician and business man, and a substantial citizen, figured for upward of a third of a century, and where the boyhood and business career of his son, Eugene Leslie Jacques, have thus far been passed in a manner that has given him an excellent outside acquaintance and popularity enjoyed by few men.

The Jacques family is of French Huguenot origin, the earlier generations of the Waterbury family living in Rhode Island, in which State the great-grandfather of the late Dr. John Josiah Jacques was a criminal lawyer, and was for thirteen successive terms a representative in the General Assembly of that State. More recent generations of the family reside in the town of Tolland, Connecticut.

JOHN JOSIAH JACQUES, son of Amos and Mary (Kenyon) Jacques, of Tolland, Conn., the former a farmer and builder, was born Oct. 11, 1831, in Tolland, one of four children—three sons and a daughter—the sons all becoming physicians, and the daughter the wife of a physician. The children other than Dr. John J. were Dr. Calvin W. Jacques, of Manchester, Conn.; the late Dr. A. J.



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Jacques, of Bridgeport, Conn.; and Narcissa, who married Dr. I. J. Sperry, of Hartford, Conn. Dr. John J. Jacques was reared on his father's farm, and in the schools of the locality received the rudiments of an education. He began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. Sperry, later attending the medical college at Worcester, Mass., from which institution he graduated. He began the practice of medicine at Plymouth Hill, Conn., where he remained two years; then settled in Waterbury, where he passed the rest of his life, and had a career both useful and successful. Sometime late in the 'sixties or early in the 'seventies Dr. Jacques opened a drug store on Bank street. This store he subsequently sold, and he then bought what was known as the Park drug store on Park place, and continued there until his death, giving simple prescriptions and dispensing drugs to a large number of people whose faith in him and his practical theories never wavered. He was a careful, good business man, and accumulated considerable property, leaving as a monument to his enterprise and public spirit the beautiful opera house bearing his name, erected in 1886 at a cost of \$50,000. For some thirty years prior to his death the Doctor was in poor health.

Dr. Jacques was a man of strong personal views which would not allow him to permit questions of the hour pass without note, and this characteristic made of him an earnest political mover. At one time he was well known throughout the State as a political speaker whose power with the people was great, a power that was often proved in Waterbury town and city meetings, where he mercilessly attacked persons and things which could not meet with his approval; and he was generally on the winning side in the long run. He occasionally delivered medical lectures. He was a railroad commissioner one term, and served as postmaster of Waterbury under President Johnson. During the Greeley campaign he bolted with many other good Republicans and went to that leader, and from that day forward he was a staunch independent Democrat, never afraid to stand by his principles, antagonize whom he might.

On July 8, 1851, Dr. Jacques was married to Susan L. Marsh, daughter of Guy C. and Lamira (May) Marsh, of Hartford, and a direct descendant of Roger Williams. The Doctor died April 10, 1887, and his wife Jan. 25, 1901. One son, Eugene Leslie Jacques, was born to them.

EUGENE LESLIE JACQUES, son of the late Dr. John J. Jacques, was born April 30, 1855, in Plymouth, Conn. His education was received in the public schools of Waterbury, at the private school of H. F. Bassett, and at the academy in Ellington, Conn. Young Jacques was a business boy, and along in the middle 'sixties was connected with Alvin Ayers on the Ayers' *Monthly*, a juvenile paper edited and published by young Ayers when eleven years old. At the age of eighteen young

Jacques became associated as a partner in the drug business with his father, and they continued together until the death of the latter in 1887.

Eugene L. Jacques, who has achieved great success and become widely known as a theatrical manager, began his career as such in 1874, at the time of the coming of the Theodore Thomas Concert Company to Waterbury, where in the selling of some twelve hundred tickets he evinced the energy and capability that in time led to his appointment as the local representative at Waterbury of Alexander Calhoun, of Hartford, who was the circuit manager for Connecticut in that line. Not long thereafter Mr. Jacques, in connection with E. L. White and E. L. Frisbie, Jr., started the business of local theatrical manager on an independent basis. Mr. Jacques later bought his partners out and conducted it alone. The City Hall was used for such purposes until the building of the Jacques Opera House in 1886. This was afterward remodeled by Mr. Jacques, and is now one of the finest play houses in the State. One of the earliest of Mr. Jacques' successes was with Neal Mowery, the celebrated polo player. The exhibition was given with horses and Indians on the meadows, and drew an immense crowd. At one time or another through Mr. Jacques the community has been given the privileges of seeing and hearing the principal theatrical stars of the time. Among many he played here were Lawrence Barrett in "Richelieu" and "Hamlet;" Kate Putnam; George S. Fox, the original "Humpty Dumpty;" Charles Furbisher's Fifth Avenue Company (the "Daly" of the period), in which Ada Deanes was a star; Jarrett & Palmer's "Sardanapolis;" Mary Anderson; Booth; Jefferson; Modjeska; and Fanny Davenport. In 1891 Mr. Jacques built the Auditorium, which he remodeled in 1897. He is popularly known in theatrical circles as "Jean Jacques." Outside of this line of business Mr. Jacques is variously occupied and active. He owns and manages the Diamond Bottling Works of Waterbury, making his own syrups, and manufacturing the well-known brand of Naugatuck ginger ale. Mr. Jacques is a member of the Waterbury Club. He is a thirty-second degree Freemason, and a member of the Mystic Shrine, Uniform Rank of Odd Fellows, Independent Order of Red Men, and Knights of Pythias.

On June 5, 1889, Mr. Jacques was married to Anna L. Ames, of Boston, and two children have come to them, one dying in infancy, and Marie Mercedes, born in 1894.

FITCH W. BURWELL was a prominent representative of a family whose various members have for half a century stood high in the business life of New Haven. The name is an old one in New England and in the Commonwealth of Connecticut, and Fitch W. Burwell traced his descent to (1) Edmund Burwell, born in 1485 in Sutton, County of Suff-

folk, England. (II) Edmund Burwell married Margaretta Alford. (III) William Burwell, born at Sutton, England, where he died, married Lora Wilson, of Essex. (IV) Thomas Burwell, born April 29, 1560, at Sutton, married Feb. 29, 1589, a lady named Poentys.

(V) John Burwell, born Oct. 5, 1602, at Sutton, died Aug. 16, 1649, at Milford, Conn. He appears as a free planter of Milford, Conn., in 1639, having come to the American Colonies that year, and was married prior to his immigration to a lady whose Christian name was Alice. Some of their children were probably born in England, and of them: John died in 1665; Zacheus married, in 1663, Elizabeth Baldwin, and settled in Newark, N. J.; Capt. Samuel, born Oct. 11, 1640, married Sarah —; Deborah married and had a family; Capt. Ephraim, born May 19, 1644, married and had a number of children, one of whom, Samuel, settled in Newtown, Conn.; Nathan, born Feb. 22, 1646, married in 1674 Temperance Baldwin, and settled at Newark, N. J.; Elizabeth died unmarried.

(VI) Capt. Samuel Burwell died May 15, 1715. Throughout his life he was a man of influence and position in Milford, and was an officer of the train band. His first wife was a daughter of Benjamin Farm, one of the most influential men of the Colony, and a descendant of Richard Baldwin, of the County of Bucks, England. For his second wife he married a daughter of Rev. Roger Newton, and granddaughter of the famous Rev. Thomas Hooker, of Hartford. Burwells were large landholders in Milford, and Burwell Farms, now Woodmont, was so called because of the ownership of this family, having been granted to Lieut. Samuel as his share of the land. On this property he, in 1690, built a house, which was taken down about 1812.

(VII) Samuel Burwell, born at Milford in 1667, died in May, 1712. On Aug. 11, 1695, he married Deborah Merwin, who was born April 24, 1670, and died Oct. 10, 1706. She was a descendant of Miles Merwin and Richard Platt, early settlers of Milford.

(VIII) Samuel Burwell, born in 1702 at Milford, was married Jan. 12, 1726, to Abigail Good-year, granddaughter of Deputy Governor Good-year.

(IX) Samuel Burwell, born Dec. 12, 1729, at Milford, died in 1816. He married Abigail Arnold, daughter of Rev. Jonathan Arnold.

(X) Samuel Burwell, born in 1761 at Milford, died in 1806. He married Comfort Law, who was born in 1762, and was a descendant of Richard Law, of Stamford, Conn., in 1687; and of William Andrew, of Cambridge, Mass., in 1682, whose grandson, Rev. Samuel, was an acting president of Yale. Through Gen. Benedict Arnold she traced her line of ancestry to Cadwan, king of the Britons, who died in 675.

(XI) Benedict Burwell, son of Samuel and Comfort (Law) Burwell, was born at Burwell Farms Feb.

26, 1785, and died April 14, 1863. He spent his early school days at Burwell Farms, where he engaged in farming. He was a deacon in the Old South Church in New Haven, on Columbus avenue. On Nov. 24, 1808, he married Dolly Welch, and they had the following named children: Caroline Welch, born Oct. 29, 1809, died July 13, 1893. Charles, born Aug. 21, 1810, died Oct. 6, 1813. Charles Benedict, born Nov. 10, 1813, died March 25, 1896; he married Jan. 14, 1844, Harriet A. Gay. Welch F., born April 6, 1816, died Jan. 28, 1876. Fitch W. is specially mentioned below. Calena, born April 20, 1821, died March 13, 1832. Mary E., born July 15, 1823, married Robert Blair. Sarah Jane, born Feb. 12, 1827, married Thomas Barrett, who died in the battle of Fredericksburg, and they had one daughter, Caroline, who married P. S. Gehrich, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and has one daughter, Helen, born in Brooklyn; for her second husband Mrs. Barrett married Dr. Halsey.

Fitch W. Burwell, son of Benedict and Dolly (Welch) Burwell, was born Nov. 5, 1818, and died Dec. 12, 1897. On April 29, 1843, he married Maria Chapman, daughter of Robert Chapman, of Norfolk, Va., and to them came children as follows: Charles D., born in 1844 married Martha Wilkinson, and resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Eleanor D., born in 1847, married (first) Charles Chapman, of Louisville, Ky., and is now the wife of Edward G. Merwin, a bookkeeper in the Mechanics Bank at New Haven; Frank, born in 1852, and Caroline May, both died in childhood. Fitch W. Burwell spent his childhood in Milford, and at the age of eighteen began his business career in New Haven, with the jewelry firm of Benjamin & Ford, and afterward with Mr. Freeman, of Norfolk, Va. Later he engaged in the jewelry business for himself in Norfolk, Va., remaining there until 1854, when he returned to New Haven and built a beautiful home at No. 146 Columbus avenue. Having always been interested in photography, he embarked some \$50,000 in the Willard Mfg. Co., manufacturers of photographic supplies, and unfortunately lost the greater part of his investment. In addition he furnished several studios, and had them managed by expert photographers. In 1893, about four years before his own demise, Mr. Burwell lost his dearly beloved wife. He was a man of prominence in New Haven, and his death was deeply felt in the community.

On his mother's side Mr. Fitch W. Burwell was descended from Capt. Thomas Tibbals and Thomas Welch, who were among the first planters of the town of Milford, the second settled in the county. "Most of the pioneer settlers of Milford came from Essex, Hereford and York counties, in England, and rendezvoused in New Haven in 1638 and 1639, preparatory to taking up their abode in the Wepawaug country. After the purchase of the lands in the spring of the latter year active preparations were made to occupy and improve them; the body

of planters moved by land from New Haven, following the Indian footpaths, driving their domestic animals before them. Sergeant Thomas Tibbals piloted the company through the woods to the destination, 'he having been there a number of times before.' For this service the town, in 1670, voted him as a free gift two parcels of land lying in Westfield, 'both parcels containing ten measured acres.' The names of both Capt. Tibbals and Thomas Welch appear on the first list of the forty-four freemen or pioneer planters of Milford. "Matters had so far progressed by Nov. 20, 1639, that a meeting for civil organization and regulation was held, when forty-four persons, by reason of being accepted church members, were recognized as free planters, having a free voice in the town's affairs."

Thomas Welch was one of the founders of the Milford Church in 1639, was a freeman in 1665, and a representative to the General Court that same year. He had married Hannah, daughter of Thomas Buckingham. Mr. Welch died in 1681, and his widow in 1684. Captain Tibbals died in 1703. The memory of both is perpetuated in the stone bridge at Milford, erected and dedicated in 1889, on the occasion of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the town. Savage says that Thomas Tibbals, aged twenty, had embarked in the "Trulove" in 1635, the last ship in that year from London. He was a soldier in the Pequot war, 1637.

WILLIAM HITCHCOCK, general merchant and druggist, also agent for Adams Express Co., Mt. Carmel, town of Haddam, is a native of that locality, born Dec. 9, 1846, and comes of good New England ancestry.

(1) Matthias Hitchcock, the first of the name in America, was born in England about the year 1610. In 1635 he left the shores of his native land on the bark "Susan and Ellen," landing in Boston, whence he came to New Haven with the first settlers, and his name appears on the records of the New Haven Colony. He was one of the five purchasers of South End Neck (now known as East Haven), where he lived after 1651; he died on his farm Nov. 16, 1669, his widow, Elizabeth, passing away in 1676. Their children were as follows: (1) Ellakim (or Eliaser) married Nov. 4, 1666, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Merrick. (2) Nathaniel, a sketch of whom follows. (3) John married Jan. 18, 1676, Abigail, daughter of Nathaniel Merriman. (4) Elizabeth, born June 4, 1651, married (first) January, 1672, Anthony Hand, and (second) John Nash.

(11) Nathaniel Hitchcock (son of Matthias), born in New Haven, was a large landowner in both New Haven and East Haven, in which latter place he died about 1698. He married Jan. 18, 1670, Elizabeth, born in New Haven, Oct. 8, 1652, a daughter of John Moss, and died in East Haven, in 1706. Their children: (1) Elizabeth, born March

17, 1672, married a Mr. Bishop, and died about 1730. (2) Nathaniel, born July 28, 1678, married Rebecca Morris. (3) Abiah (or Abigail), born Oct. 26, 1680, was married to a Peck. (4) John, a sketch of whom follows. (5) Ebenezer, born April 9, 1689, married Anna Perkins. (6) Mary, born Jan. 20, 1692, married Aug. 7, 1710, Samuel Barrett.

(111) John Hitchcock (son of Nathaniel), born in East Haven Jan. 28, 1685, was quite a prominent citizen, holding many public offices, and from 1739 to 1747 was a member of the Legislature; from 1742 to 1753 he was a deacon in the First Church of New Haven; and was a land owner and farmer. He died in New Haven Oct. 14, 1753, and is buried in the Grove Street cemetery. He was twice married, first on March 4, 1704, to Mary Thompson (daughter of Stephen Thompson), who died Feb. 27, 1708; he married (second) May 29, 1711, Abiah Barrett, who died in New Haven Oct. 14, 1760. His children: (1) John, born Jan. 1, 1708, married Esther Lord. (2) Mary, born March 6, 1712, married James Bell. (3) Samuel, born Nov. 5, 1713, married Mary Perkins. (4) Abiah, born Aug. 6, 1715, married Feb. 22, 1737, John Alling. (5) Joseph, born Feb. 13, 1717, married Hannah Ball. (6) Thankful, born Feb. 9, 1719. (7) Sarah, born Feb. 20, 1721, married April 2, 1741, Enos Thompson. (8) Abigail, born Sept. 22, 1722, married Nov. 24, 1743, William Scott. (9) Amos, born June 12, 1724, married Dorcas Foote. (10) Comfort.

(IV) John Hitchcock (son of John), born Jan. 1, 1708, in New Haven, owned land at Mt. Carmel, town of Hamden, where he farmed during the greater part of his life; he died in New Haven July 27, 1764. He was twice married, first time March 1, 1732, to Esther, daughter of Matthew Ford. She died in New Haven, and he married (second) Martha ———, who on Dec. 7, 1766, married (for her second husband) Zinah Kimberly. Children born to John Hitchcock: (1) Stephen. (2) Mary married Feb. 12, 1755, Nathan Alling. (3) Thankful married March 4, 1761, Noah Wolcott. (4) Isaac, a sketch of whom follows. (5) John, born June 10, 1747, married Phebe Tyler. (6) Ichabod, born July 5, 1749, married Rebecca Pardee. (7) Abiah married Hezekiah Warner. (8) Mabel married Dec. 28, 1770, Amos Alling. (9) Ebenezer. (10) Esther.

(V) Isaac Hitchcock (son of John), baptized in Cheshire, Conn., June, 1745, lived in the town of Hamden, where he owned land, farmed and passed the rest of his days. He married Hannah Stiles, and had children: (1) Lydia, born Aug. 21, 1776. (2) Ichabod, sketch of whom follows. (3) Peter. (4) Isaac.

(VI) Ichabod Hitchcock (son of Isaac), born May 8, 1777, in the town of Hamden, was a land owner and farmer there all his active life. He married March 13, 1800, Roxanna Thompson, and the

names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: (1) Lewis, Aug. 6, 1801; (2) Leverett, sketch of whom follows; (3) Hannah, April 28, 1805; (4) Stiles, Feb. 9, 1807; (5) Henry, March 5, 1809; (6) Merrill, Oct. 31, 1811; (7) Albert, Dec. 20, 1814; (8) Horace, May 12, 1818; (9) One, name not given, March 9, 1820; (10) Roxanna, Dec. 24, 1821; and (11) Harriet, March 6, 1824.

(VII) Leverett Hitchcock (son of Ichabod, and the father of the subject proper of these lines) was born April 12, 1803, in the town of Hamden, New Haven county, and there received his education. A man of considerable prominence, he was elected to various public offices, all of which he filled with credit to himself and general satisfaction to the public; at one time was a member of the State Legislature, selectman of the town, and for thirty-four years was continuously elected town clerk; was also postmaster at Hamden for twenty-five years. In politics he was a liberal Democrat, and he was equally liberal in all matters pertaining to church and school; was a good citizen, honest, upright and loyal, and an excellent public official, gifted with much intelligence and sound common sense. He died in 1881 in Hamden, and was buried there.

On Sept. 7, 1828, Leverett Hitchcock married Emily Chapman, and five children were born to them: (1) Frances is the deceased wife of A. O. Beach. (2) Margaret married George Thorpe, deceased. (3) Edward resides in Illinois. (4) William is mentioned below. (5) Emily. The mother of these died in 1872 in Hamden. The family have always been Episcopalians in religious faith.

(VIII) William Hitchcock (son of Leverett, and the subject proper of these lines) attended the district schools of Hamden, and at an early age commenced working in the Mt. Carmel Axle shops, remaining in that employ until September, 1863. About that time, when but a little over sixteen years of age, he enlisted in the Third Independent Battery, Connecticut Light Artillery, under Gen. Abbott, and served with his regiment until July, 1864, being stationed at City Point, Richmond, and at Grant's headquarters. On returning home from the war he found employment at turning spokes in the shops of N. P. Thompson, at Bristol, Conn., and worked there seventeen years, then went into the axle shop. In 1882 he embarked in the general mercantile business at Mt. Carmel, also opening out a drug store, soon afterward being appointed agent for the Adams Express Co. In 1885 he was appointed postmaster at Mt. Carmel under Cleveland, and again in 1893, performing the duties of office faithfully and diligently, and to the general satisfaction of the public. In politics he is a Democrat, and in church matters is liberal. In municipal affairs he has filled various offices of trust, such as selectman, member of the board of relief, etc.

In 1872, at Bristol, Conn., William Hitchcock

was married to Mary, daughter of Thaddeus Bristol, and three children were born to them: (1) William, at home; (2) Emily, wife of Charles Bassett; and (3) Miss May, living at home.

Since the above was written, Mary, wife of William, died March 28, 1901; and William died May 20, 1901.

WILLIAM D. RICHARDSON, manager of the Hellmann Brewing Co., Waterbury, was born in Ansonia, Conn., March 6, 1865, a son of Charles J. and Grace (Parmelee) Richardson, the former of whom was born on shipboard, and the latter in Ansonia.

When a young man Charles J. Richardson located in Ansonia, where he followed the trade of brass roller. He married Grace Parmelee, of English descent, who bore him two children, William D. and Mae L., the latter of whom is married to Rowland Greenwood and resides in New Haven. Charles J. Richardson and his wife are now living in quiet retirement in New Haven.

William D. Richardson passed his boyhood days in Ansonia, and was educated in the public schools. At fifteen years of age he entered a clothing store as clerk, and held that position until 1883, when he went to San Francisco, Cal., and there for two and a half years filled a similar position. Returning to Connecticut, he clerked in a clothing store in Danbury two and a half years, and then came to Waterbury and formed a partnership with F. E. Hartwell, in the clothing trade, at No. 113 Bank street. They carried on a lucrative business at that locality for two years, and then for a like period were located in another part of the city.

On Nov. 27, 1889, Mr. Richardson married Miss Emilie Hellmann, a daughter of Martin Hellmann, the head of the Hellmann Brewing Co., and to this union have been born two children, Lillian and Gladys. Not long after this marriage took place Mr. Hellmann was called away by death, and his widow, with the assistance of her son William and Mr. Richardson, conducted the business until 1895, when a joint stock company was formed, of which Mrs. Hellmann became president; William Hellmann, vice-president; and Mr. Richardson, secretary and treasurer. Since the creation of the stock company the output has increased from 17,000 to 45,000 barrels per annum, and is shipped all over the State of Connecticut, as well as elsewhere. The plant is immense, and turns out three varieties of ale, and five of lager beer, in the manufacture and handling of which about fifty men are employed.

In politics Mr. Richardson is a Democrat, but has never been an office seeker. He is a man of splendid physical appearance, and is extremely popular, and, being of a free and generous disposition, is a general favorite in the community, and is a member of all the local fraternal and social societies, including Nosahogan Lodge, I. O.



L. Richardson

O. F.; Speedwell Lodge, K. of P.; Toantic Tribe, I. O. R. M.; Lodge No. 265, B. P. O. E. (of which he was Exalted Ruler one year), and all the singing societies—in fact about twenty associations in all. Too much credit cannot be given Mr. Richardson for the success he has made for himself, for he has proven that “life is worth living.” He began without a cent at the bottom of the hill on the summit of which stands the temple of fortune, and he has proven his ability as a business man, setting an example to the impecunious of the rising generation well worthy of emulation.

LEWELLYN DEANE, whose death in Garfield Hospital, Washington, D. C., Sept. 17, 1894, at the age of sixty-six, removed one of the able patent attorneys of the Capitol City, was one of those who pass untarnished through the business world, their characters strong enough to overcome the temptations that beset their paths. He was one of nine children born to his father, who was a lawyer, and to his mother, daughter of Judge Paddlefoot.

Mr. Deane was born in Brunswick, Maine, and received his education in Bowdoin College. After leaving school he went to Washington, where he engaged in the Patent Law Business, and for the remainder of his life was thus employed. He took a deep interest in religious matters, and was a prominent worker in the Church at the corner of Tenth and G streets, Washington—a church that is now in a most flourishing condition.

Mr. Deane was twice married. His first wife, formerly Mrs. Rich, died leaving a son, Dr. F. G. Deane, now a leading citizen of Williamsport, Penn. On May 17, 1894, Mr. Deane wedded Sarah M. Benedict, who was born in New Haven, a daughter of Henry W. Benedict. No children were born of this union.

Truman Benedict, grandfather of Mrs. Deane, was one of the early coal merchants in this section of the State, in which line he engaged as early as 1830. He died at the age of eighty years, a highly esteemed citizen, and of the large family of children born to himself and wife, but one is now living—George, who is in the coal business in New Haven.

Henry W. Benedict, son of Truman, and father of Mrs. Deane, was reared in the city of New Haven, and received his education in the common schools. He was early thrown upon his own resources, and with practically no influential or financial backing, became one of the prominent men of the times, and was for many years the most extensive coal dealer in the city. He took an active part in Church affairs, being a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which he was for some time a most efficient warden. Through his instrumentality St. Paul's Mission was started, and he did much good work for that branch of his own parish. He was an extensive dealer in real estate, and from time to time a number of important pieces of city property passed through his hands. He married Sarah

E. Hemingway, of East Haven, a daughter of Capt. John Hemingway, who ran the first packet from New York to New Haven. Four children were born of this union: Henry, in the wholesale coal business in New Haven; Mrs. Deane; Frank, of the firm of Benedict & Downs, coal merchants; and Mrs. George I. Fowler, whose husband is engaged in the real-estate business on Long Island. The mother of these passed away at the age of seventy-one.

Mrs. Deane is one of the popular ladies in her social set in New Haven, and is greatly beloved by all who know her. Beautiful in character, and humanitarian in tendency, she has been the fairy godmother to many a struggler on life's pathway. In her religious belief, she is a member of the Congregational Church.

JOHN ALONZO LEEDS is one of the solid and substantial citizens of Meriden, where his honorable and industrious career and his well-established integrity have given him an enviable standing. For nineteen years he was a machinist in the employ of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Company, and since 1880 has served as constable and city sheriff of Meriden, and has been a special policeman for twenty-four years.

John A. Leeds was born in Vernon, Tolland county, Conn., Aug. 20, 1841, and is a son of Don Alonzo and Eliza Ann (Minard) Leeds, natives of Connecticut. On the paternal side he is descended from one of the first families of Stonington, Conn., whose ancestors came from Leeds, England, and on the maternal side he is a representative of the Gates family, a long-lived race of people, the emigrating ancestor of whom located in Salem, Connecticut.

Don Alonzo Leeds was in his earlier life superintendent of a woolen mill in Talcottville, and later was engaged in the same capacity in Rockville. In 1856 he removed with his family to Yalesville, where he was employed by Charles Parker in the spoon department of his factory, and at a later period was with G. I. Mix, in the same line. In 1857 he came to Meriden to take a position with Edward Miller as a brass turner, and two years later entered the employ of Stedman & Smith, as a machinist in their sewing machine factory. For seven years he was employed by Charles Parker as a machinist. He retired in 1896, and died two years later. His children were two in number, Mary, the deceased wife of Russell Williams, and John A., whose name introduces this review.

John A. Leeds was educated in the public schools and in the Meriden Academy, from which he was graduated in 1860. In 1859, while still in school, he began his apprenticeship at the machinist trade, but his progress therein was interrupted by the troubled times of the Civil war. He enlisted in the Union Army, Sept. 6, 1861, and was mustered into the service as a member of

Company C, 7th Conn. Vol. Infantry. He participated in the battle of Port Royal, the bombardment of Fort Pulaski, the battle of Pocotaligo, and other important events, and in December, 1863, before his term had expired, he re-enlisted as a veteran in the same company and regiment. He was in the front of battle at Drury's Bluff, and June 2, 1864, was taken prisoner on the picket line at Bermuda Hundred, and sent to Andersonville, where he remained three months, and was then removed to the Stockade at Florence, S. C. Three months later he was paroled, and reached home Dec. 16, 1864, weighing only ninety-six pounds. March 20, 1865, he was exchanged, and hastened to rejoin his regiment, from which he was discharged July 25, 1865. After the war Mr. Leeds at once applied himself to the completion of the trade so capably applied in the succeeding years.

Nov. 28, 1867, Mr. Leeds was married to Edith L., a daughter of John L. and Hannah (Kenworthy) Kinder, of Meriden, and to them was born two sons, Fred A. and Frank H. Mrs. Leeds died March 18, 1895, and tender memories of her affection and devotion as a wife and mother remain in the hearts of her family and friends. Mr. Leeds belongs to the Episcopal Church of Meriden, and fraternally he is a member of Meridian Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M., at Meriden, of which he was master in 1882; and of Columbia Lodge, No. 5, O. U. A. M.; and, as might be expected, when his long and creditable military experience is considered, of Merriam Post, No. 8, G. A. R. In his political relations he is a decided Republican.

JUDGE EDWIN BAKER GAGER, lawyer, of the firm of Williams & Gager, at Birmingham, in the town of Derby, and instructor in Yale Law School, New Haven, has throughout his practice, covering a period of twenty and more years, been a member of one of the strongest and most successful law firms of the State, successively Wooster, Torrance & Gager, Wooster, Williams & Gager, and, since the recent death of Col. Wooster, Williams & Gager.

Mr. Gager was born Aug. 30, 1852, in the town of Scotland, Windham Co., Conn., son of Lewis and Harriet (Jennings) Gager, farming people of that town, whose lives and character were such as to command the respect and esteem of the community in which they lived, each descending from old English families of the Colonial period of New England.

William Gager, the progenitor of the New London and Norwich family of the name, from which descended the subject of this sketch, came to New England in 1630, in the fleet with Winthrop. He was elected a deacon in the church at Charlestown, but died in September of the same year from a disease incident to the diet on the voyage, as did also his wife and two of his children. He seemed to be reckoned by Gov. Win-

throp as one of his family, a Suffolk man, and the former in his will remembered by bequest the latter's son. William Gager is characterized by contemporary journalists as "a skillful surgeon, a right goodly man, and one of the deacons of the Congregational Church."

John Gager, son of William, the settler, removed to Saybrook, Conn., with the younger Gov. Winthrop, and thence accompanying his patron to New London, where his name is found on the oldest list of inhabitants extant. He joined the company of Norwich proprietors and removed to the New Plantation in 1660. At New London he had a grant of 200 acres of land from the town, located east of the river, removed to it soon after 1650, and there dwelt until he joined in the settlement of Norwich and removed thither. His home lot in the new town bears date of the oldest surveys, viz.: November, 1659. He served as constable in 1674 and 1688. His wife's Christian name was Elizabeth, and of his nine children six were born in New London. Three only were sons, namely: John, born in 1647, died in 1691 without issue; Samuel, born in 1654, married in 1695 Rebecca Lay, relict of Daniel Raymond, of New London; William died when young. John Gager, the father, died in 1703, after a residence of more than forty years in the town, and at that time Samuel was the only one of his three sons living. In 1693 a portion of the original house lot of eleven and a fraction acres in Norwich was added to the old burying ground on the river side, established in 1661, and here rest the remains of that wealthy pioneer and others of the family. And though the grounds were seldom used for burial purposes after 1700, Samuel Gager requested that he be buried there, and from his tombstone, which was standing in 1825, was taken the following inscription:

"By the Bodies of his Parents

Here lies the body of Mr. Samuel Gager.

A steady counsellor, a friend of piety;
was an enemy of vice, a lover of pure
public worship, and being blessed with long
life left the world with a comfortable hope
of life eternal, on the 11th day of June,
1740. In the 86th year of his lineage."

William Gager, son of Samuel, born in 1704, was graduated from Yale in 1721, and in 1725 was settled as pastor of the Church in Lebanon. He died in 1739.

So much for the early generations of the Gager family. On the mother's side our subject is descended from Jonathan Jennings or Ginnings, an early settler of Norwich, who had land granted him in that town in 1677 and other grants in 1684. He was made a freeman at the first town meeting ever held in the town of Ancient Windham, and at the time when there were but twenty-two freemen in the town. Windham was incorporated a town May

9, 1693, and the first town meeting was held May 30, 1693. Mr. Jennings was a land surveyor, and with Jonah Palmer assisted the legatees of Ungar in surveying and laying out a portion of the lands from the west Canterbury line to the east Mansfield line, when that territory was first surveyed and numbered. He was a wealthy man for that day, owning a number of 100-acre tracts of land. He was born about 1653, married (first) Susannah, who died in 1700, (second) in 1701 Mary Howard, who died in 1703, (third) in 1703 Hannah, widow of John Abbe, who died in 1725, and (fourth) Elizabeth. A daughter, Hannah, born Feb. 15, 1689, says the late William L. Weaver, in his *Genealogies of Ancient Windham*, was the first white child born in the town. A son Ebenezer, born Feb. 18, 1691, says the inscription on his tombstone, was the first male child born in Windham. Jonathan Jennings died in 1733.

Edwin B. Gager, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared on his father's farm in the town of Scotland, Conn., and his boyhood was passed much in the accustomed manner of the lads of the general farmer—working on the farm in season and devoting the winters to study in the neighboring district schools. He was thus employed till seventeen years of age, and gathered from farm life a good stock of health and practical sense for use in after years. At seventeen he began to prepare for college at the Natchaug School, Willimantic. He became self-reliant, and taught school in Hampton and Abington to gain funds for further study. After completing his preparation for college he taught school in East Hampton for one year. Following this experience he entered the Academic Department of Yale University, and during his course there taught school two terms. He so distinguished himself in the University that he received several honors open to students. He was one of the editors of the "Yale Courant," one of the Townsend speakers, and class orator of the class of 1877. He was one of the competitors for prizes in English composition in both the Sophomore and Senior years, and won high honors both years. For four years following his graduation he was principal of the Ansonia public schools. During the first of those four years he pursued post-graduate studies in history at Yale, and during the other three law studies under the direction of Wooster & Torrance, of Birmingham, in the town of Derby, having been entered in the second year of his public duty as a student at law in the office of the law firm named. In July, 1881, he went into the office of those gentlemen, and was admitted to the Bar of Connecticut in October following.

On Jan. 1, 1882, Mr. Gager became associated with his preceptors as a partner, the firm name changing from Wooster & Torrance to Wooster, Torrance & Gager. Three years later, in 1885, Judge Torrance was appointed to the Bench of the

Superior Court of Connecticut and withdrew from the firm. On April 1st of that year he was succeeded to the firm by William H. Williams, and the firm has continued in prosperous business and gained in knowledge, experience and standing from that time until the present, or, rather, until in the fall of 1900, when the death of Col. Wooster left it Williams & Gager. Through these twenty years Mr. Gager has been most actively engaged in professional duties and not without making for himself a most creditable reputation and name among the legal profession in Connecticut. He became a member of the State Bar Examining Committee in 1890, and still continues on the board, a distinction worthy of notice, since it was the first State committee appointed for that purpose. Since 1892 he has been instructor in Mortgages in the post-graduate course in Yale Law School, and since 1894 has been instructor in Equity to the Senior class at the Law School.

In politics Judge Gager is a Republican, though never an aspirant for political preferment. From 1889 to 1895 he served as Judge of the Town Court of Derby. He has kept up his interest in educational matters, and has served on the school board of the town of Derby. A writer has thus referred to him: "His literary tastes are of a high order. His English is pure and chaste, idiomatic and expressive. He is an excellent literary critic. His speeches are sought for at local banquets and public meetings, both in his town and elsewhere; and they always exhibit the thought and taste of the scholar. His law papers, so far as they betray the sources from whence they came, are manifestly drawn as to form, literary style, from a scholarly mind and a cultured taste. He is fond of the work being done week by week by the *Nous Club*, of which he is a member, and follows the line of philosophical inquiry with keen relish. He has shown his interest not merely in the weekly discussions, but on the anniversary occasions, when his poems and addresses are among the exquisite parts of the programme."

On October 15, 1885, Judge Gager was married to Miss Nellie A. Cotter, daughter of Samuel A. Cotter, who for many years was superintendent of the Ansonia Brass & Copper Co. Since 1889 the family have resided on Atwater avenue, Birmingham, where they have a beautiful home, which they make delightful to themselves and to their numerous friends. The children are: Edwin B., Jr., W., Charles C., and Harriet H.

RUSSELL COE. Among those who have contributed to the industrial stability of New England the Coe family is recognized as an important factor, and of those bearing the name one of the most honored and influential was Russell Coe, for many years identified with Meriden and New York, and well known as a manufacturer.

Eli Coe, Esq., the honored grandfather of Rus-

sell Coe, was a native of Middlefield, Middlesex Co., Conn., where he was born April 11, 1758. His native town has reason to be proud of his career, for he became prominent in its affairs, serving for many years as justice of the peace, appointed to that office by the State Legislature. For thirteen years he filled the office of selectman, and his political service was free from personal aggrandizement or undue ambition. His life was exemplary, and his death, March 27, 1835, was deeply regretted. He married Rachel Miller, who was born in 1761, and who died in May, 1844. As a woman of the highest Christian endowment, no praise of her could be too fulsome. The hospitable home of Grandfather Coe was one of the pleasantest in the neighborhood, and both of its honored heads were active workers in the Congregational Church. Their children were: Bela, born in 1778, first married Hannah Ward, and second, Ruth (Ward) Birdsey; Rachel, born in 1783, married Elisha Coe; Eli, born in 1785, married Lois Coe; Lucy, born April 26, 1786, married Gershom Birdsey; and Levi, born July 11, 1788, married Sarah Ward, daughter of William Ward, and they were the parents of Hon. Levi E. Coe, of Meriden.

Eli Coe, the father of the late Russell Coe, of this city, was born on the Coe homestead in 1785. His life was given to agricultural pursuits, and he was a man who was noted for his high moral character, and helpful citizenship. His death occurred at his home in Middlefield, Conn., and both he and his wife are buried in the cemetery there. Both had been most worthy members of the Methodist Church. He married Lois Coe, who was born in Middlefield, and was a daughter of Joseph Coe. Six children were born to this union: Nelson, who married Phebe Crowell, resides, at an advanced age, in Middlefield; Lewis is deceased; Russell is mentioned below; Isaac, who married Sarah Bacon, is deceased; Emma married George H. Bliss; and Joseph E. is mentioned elsewhere.

Russell Coe was born in Middlefield, Middlesex Co., Conn., and was there reared to manhood on a farm, agriculture having been the occupation of many of his forefathers. However, as he advanced to early manhood, the restrictions of rural life, with its limited opportunities, for all around development, caused young Russell to seek the larger field at Meriden where he became a clerk in a store. In the course of time his energies sought yet a broader opening, and from his first interest in the possibilities of land fertilizers, until he had become the head and front of great manufactories in New York and New Jersey, he pushed this business with an energy and ability which brought wealth and prominence. His death occurred in his beautiful residence on East Main street, in Meriden, and he was reverently laid to rest with his ancestors in the old cemetery at Middlefield. Mr. Coe was a type of the successful, self-educated, self-made man, a type that is

very generally found at the head of the largest and most substantial industries. He was endowed with extraordinary energy and remarkable business capacity, and his integrity was unquestioned at home and abroad. He was an ardent supporter of the Republican party.

Russell Coe married Catherine Birdsey, a daughter of Seth and Ruth (Ward) Birdsey, and a representative of one of the old established families of New England. She still resides in the home on East Main street, Meriden, and is widely known for her liberal and consistent charities.

WARD. The Ward family, of which the Hon. Levi Coe and Mrs. Russell Coe are worthy descendants on the maternal side, is an old and highly respected family of New England. Their ancestor, Stephen Ward (supposed to have been the husband of Widow Joyce Ward, who died in 1640, and son of James and Anna (Fawkes) Ward) is thought by some never to have come to America, but the late Sherman W. Adams, from his investigation in the Wethersfield records, has virtually substantiated his emigration, and also the fact that he was killed by the Indians at Wethersfield.

Ensign William Ward, supposed to have been a son of Stephen, was among the first settlers of the town of Middletown, Conn., as early as 1655, and was granted several tracts of land in that section. He died March 28, 1690, and the inscription on his tombstone reads: "Here lies the body of Insine William Ward age about 58 years dyed March 28, 1690." His title was obtained from the train band. William was twice married. After the death of his first wife Sarah, he married March 28, 1660, Phebe (surname not known), who died Sept. 1, 1691. Of the first union, a son, William, was born June 24, 1659, but died shortly after his mother. The eight children of the second marriage were: Thomas, born Feb. 7, 1661; Phebe, April 17, 1663; William, Aug. 2, 1665; Sarah, Dec. 18, 1667; Anne, born in March, 1670, married James Trappin; Dorothy, March 5, 1671-72; Susanna, born June 6, 1674, married John Southmayd; and John, born May 12, 1678.

Capt. Thomas Ward, son of Ensign William, was born Feb. 7, 1661, and having grown to manhood in Middletown, became quite active in public affairs. He filled the office of selectman in 1696, was commissioned lieutenant of the South Company of the train band in 1699, was made captain in 1712; and received his appointment from the General Assembly in 1706-11-12, as justice of the peace. Capt. Ward was a large landowner, and died in the town of Middletown, June 2, 1728. His first marriage was in December, 1683, to Anna Tappan, daughter of James Tappan, who was born Sept. 28, 1662, and died in November, 1712. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Browell. The children of Capt. Ward were: Thomas, born Oct. 17, 1685, married Deborah Stowe; William was born April

14, 1687; Anna, born in 1689, died Oct. 5, 1703; James died young; Phebe, born in 1695, married Daniel Hall; Mary, born in 1702.

William Ward, son of Capt. Thomas, was born in Middlesex County, and settled in what is known as Newfields, where he owned both land and slaves. His death occurred March 28, 1762, and his burial was in the old Indian Hill cemetery, in Middletown. Jan. 18, 1710, he married Mary Harris, who was born Jan. 11, 1685, and died Aug. 14, 1776, a daughter of Capt. Daniel Harris. Their eight children were: Mary died young; Patience, born in November, 1712, married a Mr. Plumb; Anna, born Nov. 3, 1714, married a Mr. Elton; Mary, born Dec. 2, 1716; William, born Oct. 29, 1720; James Tappan, born Sept. 22, 1722; Abigail, born Dec. 30, 1724, married a Mr. Galpin; and Joseph, born Jan. 11, 1727-28.

William Ward (2), son of William, was born at Newfields, Oct. 29, 1720, and settled in Middlefield, where he owned a tract of land and a number of slaves. In 1767 he was appointed lieutenant of the 14th Co., 6th Reg., by the General Assembly, and was commissioned captain in 1771. Capt. Ward was also appointed by the town of Middletown to provide necessities for the families of soldiers who were in the Revolutionary army, 1777 to 1779. His death occurred on his farm, Feb. 25, 1786, after peace had been restored, and freedom gained. His first marriage, in 1742, was to Martha Bowe, who was born Aug. 23, 1718, and who died Dec. 17, 1770. On July 4, 1771, he married widow Hannah Spencer. His children were: William, born Sept. 17, 1744; Edward, born Oct. 22, 1746, married Lydia, daughter of Thomas Alkins; Anner, born Jan. 9, 1748, married first Richard Miller, second Joseph Wetmore, and third Capt. David Birdsey; James T., born April 3, 1751, married Elizabeth, daughter of Ichabod Miller; Martha, born May 30, 1753, married Capt. David Birdsey; Asher, born Oct. 13, 1755, became a physician, and died Aug. 12, 1788; and Mary, born Sept. 9, 1759, married Braddock Dickinson.

William Ward (3), son of Capt. William, and the grandfather of Mrs. Coe, was born in Middlefield Sept. 17, 1744. His life was divided between agricultural pursuits and the sailing of vessels to the West Indies, and he was also appointed to look after the families left fatherless and in want by the ravages of the Revolution. His arduous duties were faithfully performed, and he is recalled as a conscientious and enterprising citizen. His death occurred Nov. 26, 1819, and the following inscription is seen on his tombstone in Middlefield cemetery:

"How blest the pair whom Christian love unites,
Joy smiles upon their days and crowns their nights.
In peace their happy moments glide away
Till both are welcomed to Eternal day."

The happy domestic relations which must have

existed between himself and wife are indicated by the following inscription upon the tomb of the latter:

"Thrice happy Christians who when time is o'er,
Shall meet in realms of bliss to part no more."

Grandfather William Ward was married Aug. 20, 1765, to Mary Miller, born Nov. 28, 1746, who died Oct. 15, 1817, two years before the death of her husband. Her father was Ensign Benjamin Miller. She was noted in youth for her beauty, but in middle life became a victim of what was then called "fever and ague," but which bears a more scientific name in these days. As her health and beauty passed away, she exemplified Christian patience which endeared her all the more to those who knew her. A remarkable incident was connected with her final cure. When she had grown so that no resource of the time seemed to help her, she, three times in succession, dreamed of a remedy which would restore her to health, and upon her husband securing the same for her, it was found to fulfill all expectations. From then until her death she was a robust woman. The children born to William Ward and wife were: Benjamin, born in 1768, died in 1775; Timothy, born in 1773, died Jan. 7, 1795; Molly, born Dec. 2, 1775, married Asa Johnson; Ruth, born Feb. 10, 1777, married first Seth Birdsey, and for her second husband Bela Coe; Hannah, born in 1780, married Bela Coe; Lucy, born in 1782, married Ezra Spencer; Eunice, born in 1784, married Capt. Joseph Coe; and Sarah, born April 2, 1788, married Col. Levi Coe.

WILLIAM PITT BALDWIN, M. D., one of the leading among the younger physicians of New Haven, comes on both sides from English origin, descending on his father's side from the illustrious Baldwin family of New England.

Dr. Baldwin was born May 12, 1867, in New Haven, son of Charles Amos and Hannah Pitt (Smith) Baldwin.

Richard Baldwin, the emigrant ancestor of this branch of the Baldwin family, was baptized in Parish Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire, England, in 1622. He was a son of Sylvester, who died in June, 1638, on the ship "Martin" in passage from England. Richard Baldwin came to New England either before or with his father. His name appears of record (first page) in Milford, Conn., in 1639. He was an active, energetic, man of business and took a prominent part in the affairs of the town, and was a deputy to the General Court. He married about 1643, Elizabeth Alsop, of New Haven, and died in 1665.

From this Richard Baldwin Dr. Baldwin is a descendant in the eighth generation, his line being through Barnabas, Timothy, Enoch, Alexis, Darius and Charles A. Baldwin.

(11) Barnabas Baldwin, son of Richard, born in 1665, in Milford, married (second) Abigail. He

was one of the grantees to the charter of Derby, and in 1738 was one of the fifteen inhabitants of Milford, who, with others of New Haven, incorporated to make the Parish of Amity. He served as a selectman of Milford.

(III) Timothy Baldwin, son of Barnabas, born in 1695, in Milford, married (first) in 1710, Zannah Johnson, of Derby, and lived in that town or Woodbridge (his land was in both towns). His second wife bore the name of Mabel. He joined in the formation of the church at Amity. His death occurred in 1766.

(IV) Enoch Baldwin, son of Timothy, born in Derby, in 1736, likely to the second marriage, continued to live in that town.

(V) Alexis Baldwin, son of Enoch, born in 1778, in Derby, married Comfort Baldwin, and lived in Woodbridge, Conn. He died in 1821 and his widow in 1857.

(VI) Darius Baldwin, son of Alexis, born in 1804, in Woodbridge, was a blacksmith in Orange, thence removed to New Haven where he was residing in 1875. He married Thirza, daughter of Amos Dorman, of Oxford, and wife Hannah Baldwin.

(VII) Charles A. Baldwin, son of Darius, born Jan. 28, 1832, in Orange, Conn., married Dec. 3, 1863, Hannah Pitt Smith, of Lima, Delaware Co., Pa., and to them were born children as follows: Charlena H., born in 1865; William Pitt, born in 1867; Mary E., born in 1870; and Sherman H., born in 1873.

Dr. William Pitt Baldwin, our subject proper, received his education in the schools of New Haven, attending the Dwight public school and the Hillhouse High School. He then entered Yale College, and was graduated from the academic department in 1888, and from the Yale Medical School in 1890. In 1891 he was at the New York Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital. After a term of service in Ward's Island Hospital, New York, in 1892 he became assistant to Dr. L. P. Jones, of Greenwich, Conn. The winter of 1893-94 he passed in study abroad in the University of Vienna. Returning to this country he settled in the practice of medicine in New Haven in the fall of 1894, which year he became junior surgeon at Grace Hospital, and is now associate senior surgeon. Since 1895 he has been sanitary officer and medical director of the Connecticut Masonic Home, Wallingford.

Dr. Baldwin is a member of Wooster Lodge, No. 19, F. & A. M., and the Royal Arcanum; of the Young Men's Republican Club and the New Haven Republican League, now called Union League. He has always been interested in public affairs, and in 1898-99 he represented the First ward in the council, and in 1899-01 on the board of aldermen. For two years he has been a member of the Park board. Through his active work in Masonic affairs he has been made a director of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association.

On Oct. 10, 1895, Dr. Baldwin was married to Gertrude Louise Lockwood, of Riverside, Conn., who died July 12, 1896.

R. BURTON LEETE, a brother of Richard M. and Roger C. Leete, whose sketches, found elsewhere, contain a full family history, was born June 22, 1843, on the homestead farm, and was educated at the district school and in Guilford Academy. Since the death of his father he has had charge of the paternal estate. Like his brothers, he is of a genial and winning disposition, quiet and undemonstrative, but of a warm-hearted and friendly spirit. He works hard, and loves his home. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never had aspirations for political honors.

Ezra S. Bishop, grandfather of the Leete brothers, was born in Guilford, where he received a good common-school education. He was a shoemaker, and learned his trade of a Mr. Frisbie, and followed the same during the winter season in the Southern States. He was a shoemaker all his life, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rufus N. Leete, who cared for him tenderly and devotedly during his old age. He was buried in the West Cemetery. In politics he was a Democrat. Although a good man, he took little active interest in church matters. Mrs. Leete, his daughter, and mother of R. Burton, is still living, and is the center of a large circle of friends. She is highly regarded, and is still active in every good work which commands the interest and attention of her kind heart.

GEORGE P. MERWIN. The ancestors of George P. Merwin, the successful and well-known contractor and builder, of New Haven, came to America from Wales, and when the great-grandfather, John Merwin, came to Connecticut, he located at Milford. Here he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and his son, Samuel Merwin, following his father's example, farmed also, and died, upon the same land, at the age of sixty-two. His children were named Charles, Susan, Caroline, John, Dorcas, Homer, and Orange.

Charles C. Merwin, the father of George P., was born in Milford, and followed farming all his life on the old homestead. He married Amelia C. Platt, who was born on Pond Point, and reared the following children: George E.; Mary, deceased; William, of New Haven; John W., located on the farm; Caroline, who married John R. Johnson; Charles H., who resides with our subject; and Samuel, deceased. The beloved mother, who was a devoted member of the Congregational Church, died at the age of seventy.

George P. Merwin was born in Milford, Conn., Oct. 16, 1828, and spent his early life on the farm, meanwhile speculating upon more ambitious projects beyond the boundaries of the old home. At the age of eighteen he went to New Haven and

learned the carpenter trade, of Richard F. Merwin, and followed it as a journeyman for several years. Afterward, with John H. Bristol and Herman Nettleson, he formed a partnership in building and contracting, but the latter withdrew, and several years later Mr. Merwin bought out Mr. Bristol's interest, and then associated himself with William R. Hubbell. For thirty-eight years this firm was one of the strongest in New Haven, and not only secured some of the largest contracts in the town, but gave universal satisfaction. After the death of Mr. Hubbell, Mr. Merwin continued alone until 1896, and then took into partnership his two capable sons, Charles F. and George W. The firm carries on a general contracting and jobbing business, making a specialty of residences and fine buildings. Kent Hall is but one of the numerous testimonials to their ability. Mr. Merwin is one of the oldest in his line in New Haven, his first building having been completed in 1852. He has every appliance and convenience for his work, and his own mill makes all his mouldings and decorations, sashes, doors and blinds. At times, when five or six houses are in course of construction at once, as many as thirty men are kept employed.

In 1856 Mr. Merwin married Laura S. Whiting, in Colebrook, Conn., and of this union were born two sons, Charles T. and George W., who are with their father in business, and a daughter, Grace Lily. In politics, Mr. Merwin has been an active Republican, and for two years was a member of the council. The year that the city authorities changed the fire department from hand to steam, Mr. Merwin was on the fire department committee and was instrumental in having the new engine bought from the Amoskeag Engine Co. Later, he was made foreman of the committee, and one year served on the ward committee, at the time of the election of President Lincoln.

Socially, Mr. Merwin is connected with the Masonic fraternity, Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M., and in the I. O. O. F. Relief Lodge, he has been a trustee many years. His eldest son is a Royal Arch Mason, and both are highly valued in this connection. The youngest son of Mr. Merwin is possessed of great musical talent and is also a skilled pottery decorator. Since the Humphrey Street Church was a mission, Mr. Merwin has worked earnestly for its growth, and was one of the most helpful of the committee to build a new church. As one of its supporters of the church he has been very liberal, and has held almost all of its offices. In New Haven, Mr. Merwin is held in high esteem, and his business standing is of the very best.

JOSEPH SCHWANDER, now living retired in Meriden, is one of the most respected German residents of that city, with which he has been identified since 1874.

Mr. Schwander was born March 14, 1832, in Seckenheim, Baden, Germany, son of Urban

Schwander, also a native of Baden, who passed his entire life there. He followed farming for a time, and later purchasing a mill was engaged in flour-milling for the remainder of his life. He died in 1854, his death being caused by a fall, while picking fruit from a pear tree. He was buried at his native place. Urban Schwander married Monica Apner, who was also born in Baden, where she died, and they had a family of six children: Mary, who died young; Cunigunda, now deceased; Frederick, who remained in Germany; Joseph, our subject; Alexander, who located in Chicago; and Benedict, who also resides in the West. The parents were both members of the Catholic Church.

Joseph Schwander received a good practical education in the public schools of his birthplace, where he remained with his parents until he reached the age of eighteen years, learning the trade of miller and working in the flour mill with his father. Going to Switzerland, he followed milling in that country for three years before deciding, in 1854, to try to better his condition in America. He took passage at Havre de Grace on a sailing vessel, and after a voyage of forty days landed at New York, where he spent a year, engaged at the carpenter's trade. From that city he came to Connecticut, locating first at Chaplin, where he was employed three years in the paper mills. Thence he removed to South Coventry, where he found work in the woolen mills, and there spent two years, learning the trade of fuller. For the next four years he was at Eagle Mills, in the woolen mills, and in 1874 he came to Meriden. Mr. Schwander's first employment in this city was in the Wilcox Woolen Mills, where he spent ten years, part of the time as foreman of the fulling department. Thinking that outdoor life would improve his health, he bought a farm at Westfield, Conn., where he spent one year, but the work was hard and uncongenial, so he sold out and returned to Meriden. He obtained employment with Whitmore, Peet & Post, who conducted the woolen mills as successors to J. Wilcox & Co., and was foreman with them for five years, at the end of which time he removed to Great Barrington, Mass., where he was engaged five years as foreman of the fulling department with Russell Bros. On his return to Meriden he bought a piece of land on West Main street, with a house over one hundred years old, and there opened a saloon, which he conducted, however, only one year, the business not proving to his liking. He then accepted a position with C. T. Dodd, as box-maker, and spent five years at that business, at the end of which time he retired. His time has since been given to looking after his real-estate interests, which are extensive. Mr. Schwander commenced life empty-handed so far as financial aid of any kind was concerned, but he has always been industrious and economical, has made judicious purchases, and now, in his declining days, has a comfortable competence. In 1897 he built

the fine brick block at Nos. 107-109 West Main street. He also erected the handsome dwelling which he occupies, and owns considerable other property in and near Meriden, which under his careful management, yields him a handsome income. By a life of sobriety and thrift Mr. Schwander has gained the unqualified respect of all his associates, and his career is a splendid example of what may be accomplished by industry and perseverance, coupled with honesty and integrity of a high order.

Mr. Schwander was married in Hartford, Conn., in 1867, to Mary Nagel, a native of Germany, and three children blessed their union, namely: Ellen Mary, who died young; Walter Arthur, who died young; and William Gage Nagel, born July 8, 1885. Mrs. Schwander died very suddenly July 3, 1900, at the home in Meriden, and was laid to rest in West cemetery, by the side of her mother, whom she loved devotedly. She was a good Christian woman, faithful to all her duties as wife and mother, and was an earnest member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Meriden, to which Mr. Schwander also belonged. Our subject is a plain-going, unassuming man, domestic in his tastes and habits, a fact which has made the loss of his wife doubly hard to bear, for she was a companion and helpmeet in the truest sense of the word.

WILLIAM JULIUS MUELLER. Among the most enterprising and successful citizens of New Haven county are many of foreign birth, who have brought to this country the thrift and economy of the Old World. Prominent among those who have located in Cheshire is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He was born in Remse, the Kingdom of Saxony, Germany, Nov. 12, 1862, a son of Bernard and Mary Magdalena (Weinhold) Mueller, also natives of Saxony, in whose family were three children, the others being Mary and Richard, who are still residents of Germany. In his native land the father engaged in the manufacture of windows until called from this life about the close of the nineteenth century. In 1870 the mother came to America and first located in Holyoke, Mass., where she married Frank Eger. They lived in Meriden, Conn., for some time but now make their home with our subject in Cheshire. There were no children by the second marriage.

Reared in his native land, William Julius Mueller acquired a fair education in the German language. At the age of eighteen years he determined to try his fortune in the United States, and accordingly, in 1880, crossed the broad Atlantic and took up his residence in Meriden, Conn., where he made his home for seven years, working first in the shops of Bradley & Hubbard. For two years he was employed as a farm laborer by William Bankburn, of Cheshire, and later on the farm of Newton Baldwin, in Kensington. In July, 1887, he came to Cheshire, where he purchased what

is known as the Smith farm, a well improved and valuable tract of seventy-five acres, on which is a good house and barn, and here he has since successfully engaged in general farming. Through his own well-directed efforts he has prospered, and his upright, honorable life has gained him the confidence and good will of those with whom he has come in contact.

In 1887, in Meriden, Mr. Mueller was married to Miss Julia Albertine Zemke, a native of Green Sea, West Prussia, and a daughter of Frederick and Paulina Zemke, who now reside in Meriden. By this union four children were born, and three are now living, namely: Emil Charles, Edith, Emma and Gustaf Richard. The family worship in the German Lutheran Church, and Mr. Mueller votes independent of party dictates.

DURELL SHEPARD, M. D. The family of this distinguished physician—the oldest practitioner in West Haven, venerated for his long and useful life, honored for his professional skill, and beloved for his many noble, personal traits—was among the first to settle in Cambridge, Mass., about 1630. Edward Shepard, the emigrant, coming from England. From this historic starting point branches spread out here and there, one locating in and near Milford and Newtown, Conn., after a short stay in Hartford. It is from this branch that Dr. Shepard traces his descent. His grandfather, George Shepard, who was a large land owner and a successful farmer, died at the age of eighty-five years. He married Phoebe Hull, and they had ten children.

Hiram Shepard, the Doctor's father, was born at Newtown, and was educated in the common schools of that town. He passed his life there as a farmer, although, having acquired considerable skill in veterinary surgery, he practiced that calling, too, with much success. He married Lucretia Ann Sherman, of Newtown, the youngest of seven children born to Andrew and Betsey (Wright) Sherman, the former of whom was a tanner, currier and shoemaker, and respected alike as a workman, a citizen and a man. Both Hiram Shepard and his wife are now deceased, he having passed away in his seventy-sixth year, and she in her fifty-third. They were the parents of six children, two of whom are yet living: Durell; and Charles S., the youngest survivor, now a resident of New Haven.

Dr. Durell Shepard was born at Newtown, Fairfield county, Sept. 19, 1831. He received his early education in the common schools of his native place and at Wilbraham Academy, Mass. He left the last named institution at the age of sixteen, fully resolved to obtain a higher, and a professional, education. In 1852 he matriculated at Yale University, but, his course being interrupted for several years by failing health, he did not graduate with the degree of M. D. until 1864. His



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pecuniary circumstances were such as to necessitate his supporting himself, in a large measure, during his collegiate course, and it is chiefly through his own indomitable energy, joined to self-denying effort and tireless application, that he occupies to-day his present proud position. Finding it necessary to leave college, he started upon a mechanical career, and for a time worked in various factories.

The outbreak of the Civil war found Dr. Shepard with physical energy restored, and his patriotic impulses were stirred to their depths by the trailing of the National ensign across the shoals and through the mud of Charleston harbor. He enlisted as a private in Company F, 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery, and performed gallant service. Although the recognition of his attainments and scientific knowledge induced his assignment to hospital service, he was made a prisoner at Cold Harbor in 1862, and carried to Savage Station. He remained in confinement, however, only for thirty days, and during the greater portion of that period was assigned to the care of the sick and wounded. At the end of his month of captivity he was paroled and exchanged; after crossing the Federal lines he was ordered to the military hospital in Philadelphia, and in November, 1862, he received his honorable discharge. He at once followed his own first and best impulse. No sooner had the embryo surgeon quit the service than (in November, 1862) he resumed his professional studies, which he pursued until—about a year following—he received his degree. For a while he practiced at Bridgeport, and then re-entered the service, as assistant surgeon. His field of duty was North Carolina, he being located first at Fort Schuyler and afterward at Newbern. His experience covered an epidemic of yellow fever through which he passed personally unscathed, although his ministrations to the victims of the scourge testified, by their assiduity, to his earnestness of purpose and unflinching courage.

In July, 1865, the Doctor resigned his commission, and during the year following practiced at Ballston Spa, N. Y. From that point, in 1866, he removed to West Haven, Conn., in which town he has resided for thirty-six years, a successful practitioner and an honored citizen. In 1867 he opened a small store for the sale of drugs. The venture proved successful, and his business gradually increased and uniformly prospered until his establishment became one of the best stocked and best patronized in the locality.

Dr. Shepard has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was married in 1856, was Miss Ellen Hart, daughter of Ruel Hart, a respected and well-to-do farmer of Southington; her mother's maiden name was Barnes. Mrs. Ellen Shepard had one child (now deceased), and died in 1863, in her twenty-fifth year. The Doctor's second wife, Eleanor M. Tyler, was born in Essex, Conn. Her father, Sylvanus Tyler, was captain of

a coasting vessel. To the second marriage have been born four children, two of whom are living. The elder, George S., resides in West Haven. The younger, Gussie S., is unmarried, and lives with her parents. Another son, Carroll S., died at the age of twenty-four; he had one son, Durell B.

In politics the Doctor is a Republican; in religious faith a Methodist. He is of generous impulses and social instincts, with many friends who esteem him for his moral worth and love him for his whole-souled, genial temperament. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being connected with Annawan Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., West Haven, in which he is past master, and Franklin Chapter, R. A. M. He also belongs to the County and State Medical Societies, and the American Medical Association. His life has been a *Lusy* one, but by careful and constant study he keeps fully abreast of the rapid advance made in medical science.

THOMAS PATRICK CARNEY, for many years superintendent of the Branford Lock Works, and one of the popular and progressive citizens and a native son of Branford was born April 26, 1854.

James Carney, his father, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, whence, about the year 1846, he came to America, locating in Middletown, Conn., where he worked as a farm hand a couple of years. In 1848 he removed to Branford, Conn., and entered the employ of the Branford Lock Works, as a polisher, continuing with that company up to the time of his death, in May, 1899, at the age of seventy-four years. To James Carney and his wife, formerly Margaret Cusick, also a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, were born the following children: Anna Mary, now Mrs. John J. Matthews; Thomas P.; Alice, the wife of John P. Callahan; Margaret, now Mrs. James O'Connor; James, deceased; Peter J.; and Elizabeth.

Thomas P. Carney received his education at the public schools of Branford, and at the age of fourteen years entered the employ of the Branford Lock Works, where his industry and ready adaptability won continuous promotion. At the early age of nineteen he was appointed assistant superintendent of the works, and in 1879, was promoted to the position of superintendent.

Mr. Carney has been twice married. On April 24, 1878, he married Margaret, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Rogers) Clancy, of Branford, and by her he had six children: James, Grace, William, Margaret, Thomas and Genevieve. The mother of these children died April 2, 1888, and in 1892, Mr. Carney married Agnes, daughter of David and Mary (Regan) Carney, of Branford, by which union he has one son, Arthur C. The entire family are members of the Catholic Church.

Socially Mr. Carney is affiliated with the K. of

C., the Emerald Social Club, Court Totoket, and with the New England Order of Protection. In his political predilections he has always been a Democrat, and has served as chairman of the Democratic town committee two years, on the board of education fifteen years, and as warden one term.

HON. HART DAVID MUNSON, of New Haven, one of the board of County Commissioners of New Haven county, is a representative of a family whose history in New Haven covers a period of more than two hundred and sixty years.

Thomas Munson, the progenitor of the New Haven branch of the Munson family, was born in 1612, and was a participant in the Pequot war of 1637. He was a carpenter by trade, and came to New Haven in 1639 or 1640 and died in 1685; the death of his wife Joanna occurred in 1678.

From this first American ancestor Commissioner Munson, of New Haven, is in the eighth generation, his line of descent being through Samuel, Theophilus, Daniel, Daniel (2), Gorham and David Munson.

(I) Samuel Munson, son of Thomas of Hartford and New Haven, born about 1643, in New Haven, married in 1665 Martha, daughter of William and Alice (Pritchard) Bradley. Mr. Munson was a shoemaker and tanner by trade, and resided in New Haven, Wallingford and New Haven, respectively, and died in 1693.

(II) Theophilus Munson, son of Samuel, born in 1675, in New Haven, married Esther, daughter of John Mix, who died in 1746, and her husband in 1740. By trade he was a locksmith, and took a part in the affairs of the town.

(IV) Daniel Munson, son of Theophilus, born in 1708-9, married in 1730, Mary, daughter of Joseph Graham, of Stratford. Daniel Munson became a well-known physician of Stratford, graduating from Yale College in 1726, and for the school year 1729-30, was an instructor in the Hopkins Grammar school, at New Haven. His maternal ancestors had all been connected with the Congregational Church of their several communities, but the Doctor cast his lot with the Episcopal Church. He died in 1746.

(V) Daniel Munson (2), son of Dr. Daniel, was born in 1745, in Stratford, and in 1766 married Mary Sears and resided in Milford, Conn., in 1782, and in 1786 was chosen a vestryman of St. George's Church. His death was in 1827, in Milford, and his widow died in 1833, in the same town.

(VI) Gorham Munson, son of Daniel Munson (2), born in 1786, married and had a family, but he disappeared and was lost track of.

(VII) David F. Munson, son of Gorham, born in Milford, married on Sept. 18, 1836, Huldah Baldwin, of Woodbridge, Conn., and resided in the latter town where he followed the occupation of a blacksmith and carpenter. He and his wife united with the Congregational Church, in Wood-

bridge, in 1841, and they were esteemed and respected citizens of their community. To this couple were born Mary J., Sarah E., Anna E., and Hart David.

(VIII) Hart David Munson, son of David F., and the subject of this review, was born June 20, 1849, in the town of Woodbridge, Conn., and attended the public schools of the neighborhood. At seventeen years of age, desiring to see the great West, he went to the Pacific coast, and for a time was in the employ of millionaire Dougherty in California. Returning to the East laden with three years of Western experience, he located in New Haven, and engaged in the grocery and other lines of business. Beginning with 1892, he was the business manager of the Leader Publishing Company, of New Haven.

As a Republican, Mr. Munson has for years been active in politics, is vice-president of the Union League Club, having previously held all of the other offices, and is prominent in the Young Men's Republican Club, in which he is a member of the executive committee. Since July 1, 1897, he has been a member of the board of County Commissioners for New Haven county, and has been most efficient in the performance of the important duties devolving upon such an officer. He is now serving his second term (which will extend until 1904) as trustee of the Middletown Insane asylum; is a member of the executive committee of National Charities and Corrections; is president of the County House Association; and is on the New Haven committee of the New Haven Orphan Asylum. As a Mason, he is a member of Hiram Lodge, Chapter and Council.

In March, 1875, Mr. Munson married Anna E. Treat, born in Oxford, Conn., and daughter of Robert Treat, formerly a farmer near Oxford, and now a resident of New Haven. Mrs. Munson is descended on the paternal side from Governor Treat, and on the maternal side from President Stiles, of Yale College.

The family attends the M. E. Church, and is one of the most highly respected in New Haven, where Mr. Munson wields a wide influence and has the confidence of all who are associated with him in whatsoever capacity.

WILLIAM WOODLEY, one of Meriden's leading florists and a well-known and highly respected citizen, was born Dec. 31, 1852, in Eechingswell, Hampshire, England. His father, Thomas Woodley, was a native of the same place, and was a thatcher by occupation, making roofs for many houses and other buildings. He died while his children were still young, and was buried in his native place. His wife, Caroline Cannings, a native of the same place, is still living there, at the ripe age of eighty-two years. Both she and her husband were identified with the Established Church. They were the parents of seven

sons, namely: Charles, who died in England; Daniel, a blacksmith, who died in his native place; James, who died in England; John, who resides in England; William, the subject of this sketch; Arthur and Oliver, both of whom are deceased.

William Woodley attended the public schools of Hampshire. He was but four years of age when his father died, and at the early age of nine years, he set out to make his own way in the world. After working two years on a farm, he was employed in the garden of 'Squire William Kingsmill, whose wife was a daughter of the Archbishop of Canterbury. After four years of this service, he was employed as assistant gardener by 'Squire Arbutnot, with whom he remained two years. Wishing to better his condition, and hearing flattering accounts of the opportunities existing in the United States, he determined to emigrate thither. Being without means, he borrowed his passage money from a friend, and set out by steamer in 1871. Landing in New York, he soon proceeded to Meriden, where he carried on gardening by contract one year, during which time he managed to save enough to repay the loan made by his kind friend to enable him to reach the scene of these labors. In 1872 he accepted a position with the late Isaac C. Lewis, as gardener, in which capacity he spent more than twenty-one years. In 1893, through the aid of his employer, he was enabled to purchase his present property, on the corner of Broad and Silver streets, where he immediately engaged in flower culture. He has expended over seven thousand dollars in improvements on the property, including a fine conservatory and the addition of land. He purchased his present residence, which was formerly the home of Dr. A. H. Churchill, at the foot of Elm street, removed it to Silver street, remodeled it and made one of the finest residences in that section of the city. Through his own indefatigable efforts, he has conquered success, and is a leader in his line. Being possessed of artistic instincts, he is able to cater to the best demands for floral designs for balls, weddings and funerals, and is ably assisted by his daughter, who possesses fine artistic taste.

On July 15, 1879, Mr. Woodley was married in Torrington, Litchfield Co., Conn., to Eliza Ann Davy, a native of Devonshire, England, and daughter of John Davy, a retired shoe dealer of Torrington. Mr. and Mrs. Woodley are the parents of two daughters, Emma Louise and Harriet Lewis, both of whom were educated at the grammar and high schools of the city. The former is assistant librarian of the Meriden Public Library, and the latter is her father's assistant in business. The family is identified with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and Mr. Woodley is a member of Center Lodge, No. 97, A. F. & A. M. He was formerly connected with Pacific Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F., and is now a leading member of Pilgrims' Harbor Council, No. 543, Royal Arcanum. He is one of

the three who organized Court Silver City, No. 7060, A. O. F., and is a charter member of Court Meriden, No. 42. A self-made man and representative citizen, Mr. Woodley is of domestic and temperate habits, a Republican in politics, though not an office-seeker, and enjoys the esteem and respect of all who are privileged to know him.

HARRY EVERTS NORTHROP, of Meriden, comes of good old Colonial stock, and was born Aug. 14, 1858, at West Haven, in the town of Orange, New Haven Co., Connecticut.

The original spelling of the name was Northrup, but it was changed to its present form by several members of the family about the time of the Revolutionary war. Joseph Northrup, the head of the family in America, came from England, being probably a Welshman, and was one of the first settlers at Milford, Conn., about 1639.

Caleb Northrop, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Milford, where his youth was passed. He became a sea-faring man, was commander of a vessel many years, and was drowned in Milford Harbor. He married Patty Munson, of Milford, and had three children, named as follows: Mary, Allen and Jennette, of whom Mary became the wife of Capt. George Heald; and Jennette married (first) Henry Hungerford and (second) Newell Lounsbury. After the death of Capt. Northrop, his widow married Capt. Shubael Lines. She died in New York and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, leaving a daughter by the second marriage, Elizabeth, who married Charles Stone.

Allen Northrop, only son of Caleb, was born in Milford, and went with his mother and step-father to New York when thirteen years of age. There he learned the trade of shoemaker. When a young man he came to Connecticut and located in Orange, where he spent the remainder of his days engaged in farming. He died in 1880, at the age of seventy-four years, and was interred in West Haven. He was an old-line Democrat, and was one of the first supporters of Andrew Jackson in his town. A member of the Congregational Church, he was an exemplary citizen, widely known and respected. He married Martha, daughter of Isaac Morgan, of Orange, who bore him eleven children, named as follows: George Heald, now deceased; Henry Hungerford; Charles Stone, a farmer residing in Berlin, Conn.; Sarah, deceased wife of William Starr; Mary, married to Albert Perry, of New Haven, and now residing in Boston; Jane, who died young; Leveritt Allen, deceased; Newell Lounsbury, a resident of South Lyme, Conn.; Julia, who died unmarried; Annie, wife of David Wolcott, resides in New Haven; and William Wales, living in Orange. The mother of these died in Orange, and lies beside her husband in West Haven Cemetery. She, too, was a member of the Congregational Church.

Henry Hungerford Northrop was born and edu-

cated in the town of Orange, growing up on the farm and governed by the conditions of rural life of the time. At the age of fifteen years he went to Hamden and learned the blacksmith's trade with Edward Dickerman of that town. After completing his trade, he returned to his native town and after operating a shop of his own for a period of five years, he came to Meriden and was employed as a blacksmith by Parker & Perkins. Later, he became a member of the firm of Perry, Northrop & Bryden, carriage-builders and general blacksmiths, of Meriden, and after the dissolution of this firm, he continued to conduct a shop alone, being twenty years in North Branford and fourteen in New Haven. Since 1900 he has operated a shop in Meriden, while continuing to make his home in New Haven. He is well and favorably known to the people of Meriden, both old and recent residents. Of sturdy, industrious character, he is respected wherever known.

On Dec. 28, 1855, in Guilford, Conn., Mr. Northrop was married to Sarah Everts, a native of that town and daughter of Eben Everts. Four children comprise their family, namely: Jane, Harry E. and Harriet E. (twins) and Edda. Of these, Jane married George Anthony, of Wallingford, and later became the wife of Frank Anthony, of the same place. Like his father, Mr. Northrop is a Democrat in politics, and while not affiliated with any religious society, strives to make his life conform to the Golden Rule.

Harry E. Northrop was reared on the farm of his grandfather, Allen Northrop, in the town of Orange, where he remained until he was twenty-two years of age. He then entered the shop of the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., of Meriden, where he continued four years and learned the art of pattern-making. He then spent upward of four years as pattern-maker in the shops of the Meriden Bronze Co., whence he returned to his former employers and continued another year. He was next employed by H. L. Judd & Co., of Wallingford, until 1892, when he entered upon his present engagement as pattern-maker for Foster, Merriam & Co., of Meriden. In 1894, he built his present handsome home on "Harrington Hill," a beautiful location near South Meriden.

Mr. Northrop is a man of genial nature, and his happy disposition makes him friends wherever he is known. His social instincts find opportunity for exercise in the workings of several fraternal and benevolent organizations. He is a member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 103, A. F. & A. M., of Northford; Silver City Lodge, No. 3, A. O. U. W., of Meriden; and was a member of Columbia Council, No. 5, O. U. A. M., of Meriden. He is an ardent lover of horses, and always has some fine specimens of man's noblest friend in his stable.

On Nov. 6, 1889, Mr. Northrop was married in Glastonbury, Conn., to Nellie Wyman, who was born in Winchendon, Mass., a daughter of Enoch

and Mary (Loveland) Wyman. Two sons bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Northrop, namely: Ralph Wyman, born Aug. 18, 1890; and Elmer Mayo, born Sept. 7, 1892.

Mrs. Northrop is a descendant of an old New England family, of German origin. Thomas Wyman, the first in this country, came from England and located in Woburn, Mass., and his son, Elisha Wyman, married Martha Richardson. Thomas Wyman, son of Elisha, was born in Woburn in 1745; in 1773 he married Betsey Reed, and settled in Templeton, Mass., in 1783, removing to Winchendon the next year. Joshua Wyman, son of Thomas, was born in 1778, and married Nancy Noyes. Their children were: Laura, born 1803, died next year; Enoch, born May 4, 1805; Gilman, Feb. 12, 1807, married Hannah Taft; Sumner, Feb. 22, 1809, married (first) Sallie Lewis and (second) Philura Pitkins, and is still living in Winchendon, Mass.; Franklin, born May 26, 1812, died Jan. 11, 1814; Henry, Dec. 26, 1821, died in Winchendon.

Enoch Wyman, father of Mrs. Northrop, married (first) Huldah Twitchell and (second) Mary Loveland. The last-named was a daughter of Sylvester and Ruth (Riley) Loveland, the latter a descendant of an old family of Glastonbury and Wethersfield, Conn. The wedding trip of Sylvester and Ruth Loveland consisted of the journey, begun on their wedding day, with a four-ox team, to Marshfield, Vt., where they settled and died, the former reaching the ripe age of ninety-six years. Enoch Wyman died Oct. 12, 1880, in Winchendon, and his widow now resides on a farm at Marshfield, Vt. They were the parents of four children two of whom died in infancy. The second of the survivors is Mayo Hazelton, who resides with his mother in Vermont. An adopted son, Charles Wyman, now resides at Naugatuck.

Mrs. Northrop was educated in the schools of Winchendon, graduating from the high school in June, 1882, and she taught school one year in Glastonbury. After this, she traveled over Connecticut, teaching systems of dress-cutting. Beside being the possessor of much executive ability, she is a lady of refined nature and many graces of character. A true wife and wise counselor, she is a helpmeet to her husband, a loving and discreet mother, and a valuable member of society.

REV. MICHAEL ANTHONY SULLIVAN is one of those earnest, self-sacrificing, energetic clergymen of the Catholic Church, to whom duty is preferable to ease, and whose faith is a higher and more controlling impulse than riches or fame. Both his parents and grandparents were born in Ireland. His grandfather, Martin Sullivan, a farmer, married Julia Kirby. His father was also named Martin and his mother Julia. His parents came to this country in 1849, and his father for many years worked as a farmer, dying in Colchester Aug. 1, 1898. The mother is still living.

Father Sullivan was born in Middlefield, Conn., Sept. 16, 1859. His education was begun in the Bacon Academy in Colchester, an educational institution founded in 1801 by Theodore Bacon. The young man graduated from the academy in 1876, and soon afterward matriculated at St. Bonaventure's College, at Allegany, N. Y., from which seat of learning he graduated in 1881. Feeling an inclination for the priesthood, he entered St. Bonaventure's Seminary as a theological student. Here he pursued his studies until 1884, when he was ordained a priest by Bishop Stephen Vincent Ryan. His first pastoral charge was the parish of Windsor Locks, Conn. After remaining there for two and a half years he was transferred to St. John's Parish, New Haven, where he was assistant rector for ten years. In 1896 he was given charge of St. Paul's Parish, at Kensington, to which is attached, as a mission station, the Sacred Heart Parish of East Berlin. The latter Father Sullivan has built up, erecting a neat church edifice, which is already wholly paid for. He is a man thoroughly respected by all, takes a lively interest in the welfare of his parish, both temporal and spiritual, and is an earnest worker in the cause of temperance. He has organized numerous societies in his church, and has established a flourishing branch of the Total Abstinence and Benevolent Brotherhood with thirty members in East Berlin, and total abstinence societies in Kensington.

SAMUEL WEIR was a well-known citizen of New Haven county. He resided for a number of years in Oxford, where he was engaged in the manufacture of satinets. His first wife was Nancy Wooster, daughter of John and Eunice (Hull) Wooster. She died young, leaving no children. He afterward married Adeline Candee, daughter of Levi Candee, of Oxford. They had eight children, five sons and three daughters. About 1850 he removed to New Haven, where he took charge of the well-known hotel, the "Park House," situated on Chapel street, opposite the "Green." He died in New Haven, and, with his second wife and several children, is buried in Evergreen cemetery, in that city. One son, Levi Candee, is president of the Adams Express Co., also a member of the Chamber of Commerce in New York. None of the family remains in New Haven county. Mr. Weir was prominent in town affairs, and many times a member of the State legislature.

ADOLPH MENDEL. Success in any line of business, in any avenue of legitimate enterprise, is not a matter of spontaneity, but is the legitimate offspring of subjective effort in the proper utilization of means at hand, the improvement of opportunity and the exercise of the highest functions made possible by the specific ability in any case. To trace the history of a successful life, particularly in the world of business, where competition is rife, must ever prove a profitable and satisfying indulgence.

The name borne by the subject of this review at once suggests a power that to a large degree controls and directs commercial operations in the beautiful city of New Haven. The day of small undertakings, especially in cities, seems to have passed, and the era of extensive and far-reaching enterprise is upon us. In control of large mercantile concerns are men of master minds, of exceptional administrative ability, sound judgment and keen discrimination. Their progressiveness must not only reach the bounds that others have gained, but must also pass beyond into broader, newer and untried fields of operation, but an unerring foresight and sagacity must make no mistake by venturing upon uncertain grounds. Thus, continually growing, a business takes leadership in its special line, and the men who are at its head are deservedly eminent in the world of commerce, occupying a position that commands the respect while it excites the admiration of all who are cognizant of the magnificent results attained. Men look with wonder on such an establishment as that of Mendel & Freedman, knowing that it is the outcome of the energy, enterprise and ability of such men as the gentleman whose name initiates this paragraph. We marvel at the success of a native American who knows the language, the manners, the customs and business methods of the country, and who works his way upward from limited circumstances to affluence; but when a man of foreign birth, but no less patriotic spirit seeks a home in the New World and rises by his own efforts to an exalted position, still greater credit is due him, for he has necessarily greater difficulties to overcome. Thus in reviewing the career of Adolph Mendel we can have naught save admiration and respect, for through his influence and active co-operation has been built up a business enterprise which is not only a credit to himself but also to the city of New Haven, where he stands at the head of one of the largest and most important department stores in New England, an enterprise whose development and progress bear the distinct impress of his individuality. A review of his eminently successful and honorable career can not fail of interest in this connection.

Adolph Mendel is a native of the great German empire, which has given to our republic so vital an element of constituent strength, having been born in Bruchhausen, Germany, Sept. 7, 1854, son of Aaron Mendel, who likewise was born in that town, where he was reared and educated. He finally removed to the city of Bremen, where he was engaged in the dry-goods business until his death, at the age of fifty-nine years, his wife, whose maiden name was Esther Abraham, surviving him and living to attain the age of seventy-two. They became the parents of four children, namely: Adolph, the immediate subject of this review; Emil, who is engaged in the dry-goods business in New Haven; Emma, who is the wife of L.

Wolff, of New York City; and Alevina, who likewise maintains her home in the national metropolis.

The subject of this review was reared and educated in the city of Bremen, and there was given inception to his business career. His ability was shown when he was still a youth, for we find that he engaged in the book and stationery business in Bremen before he had attained his legal majority, being successful in his efforts, and showing that discrimination and good judgment which have conserved his success in connection with his present magnificent enterprise. Mr. Mendel continued in business in his fatherland until 1871, when he decided to come to America where he felt there would be wider opportunities for individual effort. Shortly after his arrival he located in the city of New Haven, and here he has achieved the highest reputation in business circles and has advanced from a clerkship to the control of the most extensive and important department store in the city, and, indeed, in the entire state. Upon locating in New Haven Mr. Mendel secured a position in the dry-goods establishment of Freedman & Frank. After the dissolution of this partnership the enterprise was continued by Milius Frank, and our subject continued to be identified with the enterprise for a period of fifteen years, within which interval he had risen to the position of superintendent of the establishment, which was at that time one of the largest dry-goods stores in the city. When Mr. Frank retired from the business Mr. Mendel became associated with his present partner, Isidor Freedman, in the establishing of the present business enterprise, which had a modest inception, but which has grown to be one of great magnitude, standing as a monument to the enterprise and indomitable energy of Mr. Mendel, as the product of the fertile brain, the ready hand and superior directing power which he has brought to bear, and his partner has proved an able coadjutor in every respect. What he has accomplished can not be adequately told in words. It is certainly not asserting too much to say of one who can direct and control a business of such magnitude that he must possess, aside from mercantile foresight and sagacity, the faculty of reading and judging men, unusual powers of organization and great executive and administrative ability. No such enterprise could be built up save by regarding the elements which beget public confidence, and thus we find that honesty and fair dealing, promptness, truthfulness and fidelity have been dominating factors in the growth and development of this great institution. Faithfulness on the part of employes is promoted by the knowledge that good service means advancement as opportunity opens, and that neglect of duty will not be tolerated, and is further enhanced by the interest taken by the employers in the personal welfare of the deserving.

The great establishment of the firm of Mendel & Freedman is eligibly located in Chapel street, the

premises bearing the numbers 770, 772 and 774. After the formation of the partnership Messrs. Mendel and Freedman erected a building 20x90 feet in dimensions, and in these modest quarters began business in the year 1886, the doors of the establishment being thrown open to the public on the first day of May. The enterprise was attended by success, and the firm has retained a representative patronage from the beginning, and their high reputation for courtesy, fair dealing and low prices has never been for a moment violated. Within three years the business had so expanded in scope as to demand the enlargement of the store, which was extended to a depth of 125 feet in 1889. In 1890 the second story was enlarged to the same dimensions as those of the ground floor, by the extension of the same 60 feet to the rear. Again the quarters proved inadequate, and in a short time after the improvements noted were made other alterations were instituted, to make the store more attractive and better adapted to the use of the firm in the accommodation of their magnificent stock and gigantic business. About fifteen thousand dollars were expended in improvements among the most notable being the putting in of a fine modern front, affording the best facilities for the attractive display of goods. Again, within the brief interval of two years, they were obliged to devise means for increasing the size of their quarters and this was accomplished by the purchase of the building adjoining on the east and the two constitute the present fine quarters of the firm. Department after department has been added as the demands of the trade justified, and the establishment is by far the most extensive and important of the sort in the city, and one of the most notable within the confines of New England. When they started in business the firm of Mendel & Freedman gave employment to only eight persons, and an idea of the magnificent expansion of the enterprise may be gained from the mere statement that at the present time a corps of about two hundred and fifty employes is retained in the service of the firm. The members of the firm are prominent figures in the mercantile circles of New England, and enjoy the highest reputation for ability and absolute integrity of purpose, their business maxim being honesty, fair dealing, appreciation and truthfulness. There is no detail of the vast business too small to be overlooked by Mr. Mendel, and his infinite capacity for details has been a factor of great potency in connection with the business policy of the concern at whose head he stands. Mr. Mendel is public-spirited, liberal, and above all, just, and thus he commands unequivocal confidence and esteem in the business world, and has the regard and respect of all with whom he comes in contact in the various relations of life. Throughout his entire business career he has been looked upon as a model of integrity and honor, and as a man of distinct individuality and marked ability.

In politics Mr. Mendel gives his allegiance to the Republican party, but in local affairs he maintains an independent attitude rather than being directed by close partisan lines. Fraternally he is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and with Horeb Lodge, of the Bnai Brith, while he is also a prominent member of the Harmony Club and one of its directorate. Mr. Mendel is highly honored in the commercial circles of New Haven, being a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Association.

On June 14, 1894, Mr. Mendel was united in marriage to Miss Gussie Shenfeld, who was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., daughter of J. B. Shenfeld, for many years a prominent clothing merchant of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Mendel have one child, a winsome little daughter, to whom has been given the name of Esther Lisette. The family home is a center of gracious and refined hospitality, and here our subject finds his greatest solace when away from the cares and anxieties of business.

MRS. EUNICE C. BALDWIN, *nee* Chatfield, a well-known resident of Woodbridge, is a native of New Haven county, born in Oxford July 16, 1826, and belongs to a prominent old family of that town. There her paternal grandfather, Gideon Chatfield, spent his entire life.

Devine Chatfield, her father, was also a native of Oxford, and there continued to make his home until called from this life, at the age of seventy-two years. His time and energies were devoted to the blacksmith's trade. In his political views he was a staunch Democrat, while his wife came from a Republican family. In Oxford he married Miss Mamora Wooster, a daughter of Nathaniel and Charity (Plumb) Wooster, all natives of Oxford. She was one of a family of seven children, the others being Mark; Ransom; Clarissa, wife of L. Buckingham; Grace, wife of John Smith; Nathan R.; and Bennett. To Mr. and Mrs. Chatfield were born the following named children: Thomas, Edwin and George, all of whom died young; Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Moody, an Oxford hatter; Janette, who died at the age of eleven years; Eunice C., whose name introduces this sketch; and Grace, wife of Henry Baldwin, of New Haven.

During her childhood Mrs. Baldwin attended both the public and private schools of her native town, and at the age of eighteen years commenced teaching school, a profession which she successfully followed for some time prior to her marriage. On Dec. 15, 1849, in Oxford, she married A. F. Baldwin, who was born in Woodbridge, Jan. 15, 1826, and died there in 1883, honored and respected by all who knew him because of his sterling worth. His father, David R. Baldwin, was also a native of that town, and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. Silas Baldwin, the grandfather, was born on the farm in Woodbridge, where our subject now lives, and which has been her home since she

came there as a bride. The place consists of 125 acres, with substantial buildings, and the residence is surrounded by beautiful trees, planted by Mr. Baldwin. Since her husband's death, nineteen years ago, Mrs. Baldwin has conducted the farm, keeping one hired man for the past sixteen years. She is a most estimable lady, whose circle of friends and acquaintances is extensive, and who is beloved by all who know her. To Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin came three children: Howard, born March 5, 1853, died Sept. 26, 1890. Francis A., born Jan. 27, 1855, married Kate Hull, and is a prosperous business man of New Haven; for seventeen years was in the postoffice there, serving as money order clerk, and he is now with Price, Lee & Co., being secretary and treasurer of that concern. Jennie L., born April 11, 1857, married Everett Sanford, and died Feb. 28, 1881. Mrs. Baldwin has reared another girl as her own, Signa Baldwin. Mr. Baldwin was a Republican in politics, as is also his son, and held some minor offices, though he was no seeker after public favors. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and quite active in the work of same.

LEWIS F. HAASE, one of the younger enterprising business men of Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, born Sept. 2, 1860, in Terryville, Litchfield county, and comes of good, substantial German ancestry.

F. W. Haase Jr., his father, was born in Berlin, Germany, a son of F. W. Haase, Sr., of the same nativity, who, however, never left the Fatherland. In 1849, when yet a young man, F. W. Haase, Jr., came to the United States, settling in Connecticut, and for many years was in the employ of the Waterbury Clock Co. in the capacity of general mechanic, but is now living retired in that city. He married Elizabeth Gates, born in Stuttgart, Germany, a daughter of John Gates, who came to this country and to Connecticut, in order to take charge of a mill in Waterville, in which village he died. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Haase, as follows: Lewis F. is our subject; Emma married Albert W. Cutts, of Waterbury; Mattie L. is the wife of Walter D. Ford, of Waterbury; Lillian J. married William H. Coer, of Worcester, Mass.; Frederick M. is in the employ of the L. F. Haase Co., and at present is traveling in Europe in the interests of that concern. The entire family attend the Congregational Church.

Lewis F. Haase, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education at the local schools of Waterbury, after which he went to Hartford, Conn., where he was employed as bookkeeper some four years. Returning to Waterbury, he entered the employ of Dennis Blakeslee, interior decorator, and dealer in wall-paper, etc., at the end of three years, in 1893, buying out the entire business from Mr. Blakeslee, who had become well advanced in years. In 1893 the business was incorporated as the L. F. Haase Co., and is now recognized as the

leading decorating and furniture establishment in this section of the State. The building, Nos. 27-29 Center street, includes five roomy floors besides a basement, and Mr. Haase claims that it contains anything and everything necessary to the complete furnishing of any kind of house from cellar to attic. The salesrooms are elegantly and attractively appointed and arranged, while an elevator connects the several floors, in which is to be found a complete stock of (among numerous other commodities necessary for house furnishing) furniture of all kinds, upholstery goods, draperies, carpets and rugs, paper hangings and interior decorations—all being under the immediate supervision of Mr. Haase himself, who has built up the business to its present mammoth proportions, and who is president and treasurer of the company.

In his political predilections Mr. Haase is a Republican; socially he is a member of the K. of P. and I. O. O. F.; in church connection he is a Congregationalist. He has held the position of vice-president of the Merchants' Association of Waterbury, and his ability, politeness, laudable ambition and well-directed efforts have placed him well in the van of the leading merchants of the county. Mr. Haase has not yet enlisted in the "noble army of Benedicts."

THOMAS P. HUTCHINSON, one of the very substantial and well-to-do residents of Waterbury, has had a varied, eventful history, and has reached his present enviable position in the business world by slow and painful steps. He has manifested good judgment, and has shown business ability of a high order.

Mr. Hutchinson was born in New Haven, Feb. 21, 1855, son of Michael Hutchinson, a native of County Kildare, Ireland, who came to the United States in 1850, locating at New Haven. There he worked at the cooper's trade, and in 1853 married Miss Rosa Gordon, a native of that city. Children as follows were born to this union: Thomas P.; Edward, John, James, Timothy, William and Elizabeth.

Thomas P. Hutchinson spent the first four years of his life in New Haven, and then his parents moved to a farm in Hamden, Conn. During his boyhood days he attended the village school for a few years, and he assisted his father on the farm until he was twenty-one years old. In 1876 he went to Wallingford, where for a year and a half he worked in the spoon factory of Malvey & Stevens. His first wages were \$7.50 per week, but by energy and perseverance he rose steadily, and soon had charge of the contract for supplying all orders for the concern. In 1878 the factory was destroyed by fire, and it was never rebuilt. Mr. Hutchinson then went to North Haven, where he was foreman of a brickyard until 1881, when he came to Waterbury. On his arrival he obtained the position of clerk in the grocery store of Charles Fagan. The same

year he went into business for himself. A small boot and shoe store in the little suburb of Brooklyn—the first establishment of its kind in that part of Waterbury—was the scene of his first enterprise. The start was made in a small way, but it was carefully made, and Mr. Hutchinson proved a capable and successful tradesman, making considerable money.

In 1893 Mr. Hutchinson put up a fine brick block, into which he moved the same year, and there he continued the boot and shoe business until June 21, 1899. At this period his real-estate interests had become so extensive, and were taking up so much of his time, that he saw fit to dispose of his store and devote his entire time to looking after his own holdings. Some very valuable pieces of property in Waterbury, New Haven and Jersey City belong to him, and their acquisition attests his business sagacity and financial ability. As may be seen, Mr. Hutchinson began life very modestly, and the position he has attained has been gained entirely by his own efforts. His success is proof positive that they were well directed, and his high standing in the community affords the best testimony as to the methods he has adopted, and his honor in every transaction. Our subject's good judgment has been backed by a determination which admits of no failure, for when he once puts his shoulder to the wheel he relaxes no effort until his object is accomplished. He has advanced in life by industry and good management, and most of all by an instinctive sense of the opportunities in the business world. He is a prominent member of the Merchants Association. Mr. Hutchinson is a Democrat politically. His religious connection is with the Immaculate Conception Parish, of the Roman Catholic Church.

On July 29, 1884, Mr. Hutchinson married Miss Catherine Casey, a native of Bethlehem, Conn., daughter of Timothy Casey, a soldier of the Civil war. To this union have been born seven children: David J., John M., May R., Alice M., Catherine B., Thomas G., and Raymond A. (who died at the age of five weeks).

FREDERICK NUHN (deceased). Among the many Germans who came to America, and by their thrift, frugality, industry and good management made homes for their families, and through their honesty of purpose became worthy citizens, reflecting credit on their nationality, none are more worthy of a place in the annals of their adopted country than he whose name introduces this brief article.

Born in Germany, Nov. 10, 1845, Mr. Nuhn was the son of John and Catherine Nuhn. At the age of fourteen he came to America, remaining a short time in New York. When but nineteen years of age he was conducting the People's Market, in Bridgeport, and in 1860, in company with his brother Theodore, he engaged in the wholesale meat business in Waterbury, purchasing their stock



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in Albany, N. Y. They bought a tract of land, where their cattle grazed and where they butchered them. Mr. Nuhn was actively occupied in business and deeply interested in the growth and welfare of his adopted city. Although he purchased and operated a brewery, which later was so successfully and extensively carried on by Hellmann & Kip, he did so only to get his money back, as it was very distasteful to him. In later years he was also engaged in manufacturing fertilizers, and was quite successful in his undertakings. Of a very quiet and unassuming nature, he passed through life enjoying his family circle, rather than outside attractions, but he held the esteem and respect of his many acquaintances and friends. In politics he was a Democrat, and represented his ward in the Common Council many years.

On Nov. 9, 1875, Mr. Nuhn was married to Emma P., daughter of Leonard and Catherine Meyer, and at his death, March 27, 1898, there survived the widow, two daughters and two sons, the children being Ida M., Theodore F., Frederick L. and Ella K.

Mrs. Emma P. (Meyer) Nuhn was born in Bridgeport, Conn., daughter of Leonard Meyer, who was born in Doernbach, Germany, but who when a young man came to America, and located at Bridgeport, later removing to Waterbury, where for a year he was engaged in the hotel business. He died July 16, 1869. His wife, who was also born in Germany, came to New York when about sixteen years of age, where she married in 1854. Her father came to visit New York, and died after being there a short time. Her mother died June 4, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer had a family of three children, namely: Emma P. (Mrs. Nuhn); Lewis M., who was in business with Mr. Nuhn in Waterbury, also held the office of tax collector, and died Aug. 4, 1892; Theodore V., who resides in Waterbury, Conn., engaged in the insurance business.

WILLIAM ROBERT STEELE was born April 7, 1845, in Stroud, Gloucestershire, England, a son of Jasper Steele, who was born in England about 1825, and died in his native land Dec. 25, 1895. A very successful grocer and baker in the town of Stroud, Jasper Steele accumulated a very handsome property, which enabled him to retire from business in 1885. Much respected in the community in which he lived, he was always interested in the public welfare, and was especially devoted to the Church, being widely known as a zealous and devoted Congregationalist. In 1844 he was married to Miss Sophia Smith, who was born in 1823, a daughter of William Smith, an extensive property owner, and a baker by trade; she is still living in England. To them were born the following children: William Robert; Reuben, a contracting mason, who died when fifty years old in England; Mary, living in England with her mother; John, for many years a mason, but now living retired in England;

Julia and Emma, both married and living in England; George, a contracting mason at Greenwich, working in partnership with a Mr. Rich; and Myra, who married and lives in England. Richard Steele, father of Jasper, died during the latter's infancy; he and his wife, Mary Clutterbook, had four children.

William Robert Steele was born in England, and received a somewhat scanty schooling before he was nine years old in the public schools of his native town. At that early age he began work in the home bakery, and at the age of eleven went into a flour mill, where he spent the succeeding nine years. When he was twenty he began a grocery business for himself, which proved quite remunerative, but in 1868 he sold out and for a year engaged in stock dealing, and then removed to the United States. Locating in Connecticut, he secured work as a blacksmith with one of the contractors who was engaged in building the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. In 1870 he bought a small farm, town of Wallingford, and for twenty years was engaged in its cultivation. In 1890 he removed to Wallingford, and went into business as a dealer in fruits and vegetables, but soon took on groceries and meats. For ten years he did a very profitable business, which he sold to Bendoin Brothers May 28, 1900. In 1895 he erected his present very comfortable and commodious home on Quinnipiac street, and engaged in caring for his extensive real-estate interests.

Mr. Steele is a Republican, and has never been a seeker after official honors. He attends the Congregational Church, and is a member of Compass Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M. He is past chancellor commander of Ivy Lodge, No. 43, K. P., and is now master of the exchequer. One of the charter members of Ivy Division, No. 16, U. R. K. of P., he was its treasurer during its entire existence.

On Oct. 15, 1865, William Robert Steele was married to Miss Kezia Seymour, of England, a daughter of Richard Seymour. To their union were born: Ada, who died at the age of five years; Adelia, who died when two and a half years old; Ida, who married Richard Clark, and has two children, Alice and Richard; Eva and Harry are at home.

ROBERT W. LAMPMAN was born July 23, 1862, in Nicolaus, Cal. William Lampman, his father, was born about the year 1831 in Connecticut, in (it is thought) New Haven county, and was one of a family of five children, namely: Robert was a printer in New York, later a printer and bookbinder in San Francisco, Cal.; William was the father of our subject; Norton died in New York; Eloise married George E. Van De Bogart, a painter, who died in New York State; and Lorida. The father of these was a farmer.

William Lampman learned the trade of blacksmith in Connecticut, and followed same until 1859,

in which year he went to California, settling on a farm, where he passed the rest of his days. Prior to going to the "Eldorado State" he married Sarah M. Clapper, who was born in Columbia county, N. Y., a daughter of Stephen Clapper, whose father was a Hessian soldier in the Revolutionary war, and afterward settled on a farm in Columbia county. One child only was born to this union, Robert W. The parents both died in California, the father in 1868, the mother in 1875.

Robert W. Lampman received his earlier education in California, and passed his boyhood on a farm at Nicolaus up to the age of thirteen years, at which time, his mother having died, he came to New York State to live with his grandparents, and until he was seventeen years old attended school at Valatie, Columbia county. For one year afterward he worked on a farm; then commenced learning the trade of weaver in Valatie, at which he continued until rising to the position of "boss" weaver, the highest grade attainable in that line. Shortly after his marriage he went to Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y., whence after a year he came to Waterbury, Conn., and (1887) commenced working for the Scovill Mfg. Co., learning the making of rivets. After three years with that firm he went into the employ of the Waterbury Mfg. Co., with whom he remained several years, becoming foreman of the rivet department. Mrs. Lampman recently removed to Bridgeport, this State.

On Dec. 13, 1882, Mr. Lampman married Anna M. (Wolfe) Barnes, an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, and who was born in Stuyvesant Landing, Columbia Co., N. Y. Four children have been born to this union: Clarence W., Eva M., Hazel E. and Charles (who died when one year old). Mr. and Mrs. Lampman are members of the Baptist Church. Politically he is a Republican, and in 1895 represented the First ward in the common council of Waterbury; in the following year he was nominated for alderman, but declined. Socially he is a member of the United Order of American Mechanics; the United Order of Good Fellows; also of the Order of the Silver Star, which latter he has done much toward elevating to its present high standing.

HENRY FREDERICK RUDOLPH is one of the leading young business men of Meriden, being senior member of the firm of H. F. Rudolph & Co., dealers in staple and fancy groceries and German delicacies, at No. 48 East Main street, that city.

Mr. Rudolph was born in the city of New York Jan. 7, 1868, and is of German descent, his father, George Frederick Rudolph, being a native of the town of Brutenbach, in Saxony. George F. Rudolph was well educated in his native land, and early displayed wonderful talent for music, becoming, under instruction, a master of various instruments. For a number of years he was connected with the military band of his locality, and his skill was fre-

quently called into public service. He married Katherine Herbst, and four children were born to them before their emigration to America, in 1867. They landed at New York, where the father soon found employment. Later he went to Williamsburg, Long Island, where he remained until 1872, in a sugar refinery. The flourishing manufactories of Connecticut absorb a great many of the substantial workmen of German nationality, and about the year last mentioned Mr. Rudolph decided to locate with his family in Meriden and there accept employment in the lantern department of the factory of the Edward Miller Co. He soon became connected with the orchestral band of Meriden. Unfortunately Mr. Rudolph did not enjoy robust health, and he was finally obliged to resign his various positions and remain at home. He was an invalid for a period of twelve years prior to his death, which took place in 1893, at his home; he was laid to rest in the beautiful Walnut Grove cemetery. Mr. Rudolph was mourned not only by his family but also in the Center Congregational Church, of which he was a consistent member. In politics he chose to be an independent voter. Socially he was prominent in the fraternal orders, including the German Mutual Aid Society and Teutonia Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F. Mr. Rudolph was an honest, upright man, and was well known and respected. Acknowledged a master in music, he did much in Meriden to encourage a true love of the art, and contributed largely to musical organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph had a family of ten children, namely: Lena, who married William A. Ives, of Meriden; George, who is engaged in the postal service at that place; Mary, who married Edward Kantack, of Wallingford, formerly of Meriden; one who died unnamed in infancy; H. Frederick; J. Gustave, a member of the firm of Rudolph & Co.; William, also a member of that firm; Katie; Edward, deceased; and George. The beloved mother is still living in Meriden, where she is much esteemed in the Congregational Church, and most affectionately regarded by the excellent family for whom she has made many personal sacrifices in the past.

Henry Frederick Rudolph was but four years of age when Meriden became his home. He was allowed to attend school as long as possible, but on account of his father's failing health and the demands of a large family, many of them younger than himself, he early decided to do his part toward helping. When but thirteen years old his bright face and willing manner found favor with the manager of the big factory of Foster, Merriam & Co., and he was engaged as an all-around helper, continuing with that firm five years, receiving promotions, and at last working in the cabinet hardware department. From this factory he went as a clerk to the Union Pacific tea store, in Meriden, and after remaining one year returned to Foster, Merriam & Co. for the succeeding year. He then

accepted a position as clerk in the grocery store of D. W. Balzer, on Pratt street, where he worked faithfully until 1892, at which time he bought out the establishment of his employer. His financial assistant was his brother George, who remained a silent partner, our subject successfully conducting a most prosperous business until 1898, when he admitted his two younger brothers as full partners. Since that time the firm style has been H. F. Rudolph & Co., the management continuing as before, and following out the lines of business integrity formed by the elder brother. In 1900 the location was changed to No. 48 East Main street, where is conducted a large and constantly increasing business, which bids fair to still farther enlarge, patronage constantly coming from more distant points. The members of the firm all show personal attention to their patrons, and this fact, combined with strict honesty and fair dealing, secures them a preference over those who appear to desire only to sell, without care whether the buyers are politely treated or not.

H. Frederick Rudolph was married in Meriden, Sept. 6, 1895, to Miss Maria A. Freier, a native of Germany, daughter of August Freier, a well-known resident of Meriden. Two children have been born to this union, Walter Frederick and Lillian Freier. Mr. Rudolph is connected with Teutonia Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled the principal chairs; belongs to the Daughters of Rebekah; is a member of Court Schiller, No. 117, Foresters of America, in which he has filled the chair of chief ranger; is a member of the German Mutual Aid Society, Eintracht Lodge, No. 19, Deutschen Ordens der Harugari; the Meriden Saengerbund; and the Meriden Butchers and Grocers Protective Association. In the latter body he has served as recording secretary and is now corresponding secretary, and is sergeant-at-arms of the State association of that organization. He has taken an active part in the work of the Daughters of Rebekah, having served as drill master, and his wife is an influential member of that lodge. Politically Mr. Rudolph affiliates with the great party of independent thinkers, voting for the men he deems best suited for office. For some years he has been connected with Immanuel German Lutheran Church. He enjoys the respect and esteem of all the good people of Meriden.

ROBERT G. RUSSELL, D. D. S., Ansonia, prominently and favorably known in his profession, is a native of Connecticut, born June 9, 1864, in Silvermine, town of Wilton, Fairfield county.

John Russell, his father, was a Scotchman by birth, born at Denny, Stirlingshire. Robert Geddes, maternal grandfather of our subject, was a paper maker in Scotland as well as in several localities in this country, including Winnepauk, Fairfield Co., Conn., and died in Norwalk, March 12, 1876. By his wife Ellen (Campbell) he had a family of seven

children, viz.: William, who was a machinist in Bridgeport; Christina C., mother of Robert G. Russell; Andrew, who was a foreman in the Winnepauk paper mills, Fairfield county; Thomas, who was a mechanic in Norwalk; Alexander, who died in Scotland when young; Ellen, married to John McLaughlin, of Norwalk; and Agnes, who did not come to America.

John Russell, father of Robert G., came to the United States when a young man, and followed the business of paper making. He married Christina C. Geddes, of Norwalk, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and by her had nine children as follows: Margaret died at the age of four years; James is a mechanic in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert G. is our subject; John is a mechanic in South Norwalk; Margaret (2) died at the age of three years; Ellen married Ira Meeker, of South Norwalk; Jane died when four years old; Jane (2) married Daniel Weed, of Norwalk; and William. The father of these died Jan. 28, 1879, the mother on Jan. 6, 1892.

Robert G. Russell at the age of four years was taken to Canada by his parents, who for a time made their home in Dundas, Province of Ontario, removing thence to Valleyfield, Province of Quebec, at which latter place our subject received his earlier education. In 1874 the family came to Norwalk, and there young Robert attended the Union school, after which, for about four years, he worked in a shoe factory in that city. We next find him in the employ of Lounsbury, Mathewson & Co. in the shoe business, during which time he commenced the study of dentistry in the office of Dr. Horace Longenecker, Norwalk. After one year there he went to Brooklyn, N. Y., and finished the study in the office of Drs. J. H. Longenecker & Sons. On Feb. 7, 1890, he came to Ansonia, Conn., and commenced the practice of his profession, in which he has met with eminent success.

On Dec. 31, 1891, Dr. Russell married Mary Shortell, of Ansonia, a daughter of Columbus Shortell, of that city, and four children have blessed their union: Lenore, Leslie, Robert G., Jr., and Columbus. In politics Dr. Russell is independent, and in religious faith he and the family attend the services of the Roman Catholic Church.

ARTHUR JAMES HALL, head of the firm of A. J. Hall & Co., is one of Meriden's rising young manufacturers. He was born Nov. 4, 1865, on a farm in Meriden, and is a descendant of one of the oldest and best-known families in New Haven county, whose ancestry is traced to John Hall, known in Connecticut prior to 1669.

(II) Samuel Hall, son of John, was one of the first settlers of Wallingford, and one of the signers of the Plantation Covenant in 1672. He married Hannah Walker, May 16, 1668, and died March 5, 1725; she survived until Dec. 20, 1728. They were the parents of eight children.

(III) Samuel Hall, second son of Samuel (I),

born Dec. 10, 1680, married Sue, daughter of Nathaniel and Esther Royce, and after her death espoused Bridget (surname not known). He died June 16, 1770, in his ninetieth year, and was the father of six children.

(IV) Theophilus Hall, eldest child of Samuel Hall (2), was born April 1, 1707, and graduated from Yale College at the age of twenty years. He was ordained Oct. 29, 1729, and was thirty-eight years a minister of the gospel, being the first settled pastor of the Congregational Church in Meriden. He died March 28, 1769, aged sixty-two years. He married Hannah Avery, May 21, 1734, and they were the parents of nine children.

(V) Theophilus Hall (2), twin brother of Lucy and son of Theophilus Hall (1), was born Aug. 26, 1741. On March 10, 1768, he married Elizabeth Couch, who died March 11, 1824, at the age of seventy-four years. He died May 17, 1804. His children were: Mehitabel, born March 21, 1769, died Sept. 30, 1776; Clarissa, April 3, 1771; Theophilus, April 20, 1773, died April 26, 1815; Mehitabel (2), Aug. 4, 1777; Avery, May 25, 1779; Hannah and Elizabeth, twins, Jan. 30, 1782; John Willard; and Russell, 1791.

(VI) John Willard Hall was born April 26, 1786, and married Polly Todd, of Marcellus, N. Y. He was a farmer in the town of Meriden, where he spent his life and where he died April 27, 1865. His children were: Beri, born Feb. 20, 1813, died April 6, 1832; William, born Sept. 2, 1816, died 1877, married Polly A. Bristol; Mary Ann, born Sept. 18, 1818, died in April, 1894; Clarissa, born Jan. 8, 1820, died 1865; Avery, born March 14, 1822, married Sarah Dunbar, of Ohio, and died in 1898; James, born Oct. 7, 1824; Erastus, born Aug. 7, 1827, died in 1847; and Lydia, born April 24, 1830, died in 1836.

(VII) James Hall was born on the family homestead, south of the present city of Meriden, and grew to manhood there, making farming his life occupation. He owns and operates a farm on Hall's avenue, and is still hale at the ripe age of seventy-eight years. He is well known and very highly respected. While not a politician, he is a firm adherent of the principles of the Republican party. He married Harriet Williams Way, of Meriden, who has been to him a faithful helpmeet, a devoted wife and mother. Their children: Charles Edward, born June 6, 1847, is a farmer, residing in Southington; William Franklin, born Sept. 19, 1849, married Ellen Andrews, of Wallingford, and is a farmer in that town; Elizabeth Celestia, born June 1, 1857, married (first) Eugene Lawrence and (second) William Hinebine, and lives in Forestville; George Lee, born April 16, 1853, married Anna A. Knapp, and is a farmer in Southington; Harriet Layette, born Feb. 29, 1856, is the wife of Henry Sherman, of Middletown; Adeline Fidelia, born July 1, 1859, married (first) Melville Brooks, of Meriden, and (second) Hugh McGahie,

of Wallingford; Julius Way, born Oct. 4, 1862, died in 1864; and Arthur James, born Nov. 4, 1865, is the subject of this notice.

Arthur J. Hall grew up on the homestead farm, and attended the schools of his district. Having a taste for art, he took up its study under D. F. Wentworth, an artist, of Meriden, and continued one and one-half years. At the age of eighteen he accepted a position in the factory of C. F. Monroe, in Meriden, as an opal glass decorator, and here spent eight years. Wishing to extend his education, he resigned his position and spent one year in attendance at Yale Business College. Returning to Meriden, he was engaged in art work by P. J. Handel. After serving this employer some time as a designer, he acted as traveling salesman, this connection altogether covering a period of seven years. In 1899 he engaged in business on a small scale, on his own account, and after six months elapsed he was persuaded to become a partner of James D. Bergen, who operated a cut glass business. They established a factory on Mill street and are now on North George street, doing business under the style of A. J. Hall & Co., decorators of opal glass ware and dealers in lamp goods. For the past three years they have conducted a very successful business, under the immediate supervision of Mr. Hall. Seventeen hands are now employed, and branch offices are maintained in New York, Boston and San Francisco for the sale of the product. Besides being a skillful artist, Mr. Hall has shown the qualities of a first-class business man, as the growth and success of his venture have demonstrated.

In 1897 Mr. Hall was married in Hartford, Conn., to Miss Sarah Priscilla, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Moody) Price. Mrs. Hall is a native of Hartford, and by her marriage has become the mother of two children, Marion Marshall and Harriet Price. While maintaining an interest in and intelligent observation of the current of events, Mr. Hall is not in any sense a politician, although he supports the principles of the Republican party. He is an active communicant of St. Andrews Episcopal Church of Meriden. With progressive ideas, he aims to keep up with modern progress, and is a valuable citizen of the "Silver City."

FRANCIS W. FOLEY, a prominent Democratic politician, registrar of voters since 1900, and engaged in business in New Haven since 1884, was born on Chapel street, Fair Haven, Conn., March 28, 1853. The grandparents, who were agriculturists in Ireland, never came to America, but Patrick and Ellen C. (Cummings) Foley, his parents, natives of County Sligo, Ireland, came to the United States, and the father was a trusted and valued employe of Foot & Hemmingway, lime dealers, of New Haven, during the remainder of his life. His death occurred in this city in 1857, at the age of fifty-two, his widow surviving him until 1861. The children born to these worthy parents were Thomas,

Daniel, Michael, Ellen, Bartholomew, Patrick and Francis W. Mr. Foley was always an adherent of the Democratic party, and reared his children conscientiously and in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

Francis W. Foley, the youngest of the family, became an orphan at the age of nine years, and was thus face to face with the serious and responsible side of life. From the age of eleven to sixteen he worked on a farm for his clothes and board and the privilege of going to school through the winter months. Later he learned the carpenter trade, and worked at it in the neighborhood of his old home until 1877, and during that year made up his mind to see something of the lands beyond the sea. Accompanied by his kit of tools he made a trip to Glasgow, and from there to Manchester, England, going thence through Ireland. All the time enjoying himself, and much more than paying his way by the excellence of his work, he found employment among others with the G. F. Alling Lumber Co., the Lewis & Beecher, and the Porter Stair Co., and remained in Europe for two years. After a year in New York City he returned to New Haven, and was employed by David H. Clark until his appointment, in 1882, as assistant registrar of voters. This position was creditably maintained for fourteen years, and in 1900 he was appointed registrar.

In 1884 Mr. Foley opened up his retail wine and liquor business, and conducts in connection therewith a fine cafe on Grand avenue. In 1888 he built the handsome block at 284 Grand avenue, and he also owns considerable other city property. Mr. Foley has taken much interest in the building up and improvement of the city, and is highly regarded by the business community.

In 1882 Mr. Foley married Lizzie R. Egan, of New Haven, a daughter of Thomas Egan, of Kings County, Ireland. Two children have been born of this union, Rita, who is deceased, and Francis, Jr. Reared in the Catholic Church, Mr. Foley has never departed from the teachings of his youth. Genial, pleasant and accommodating, he is not only popular among the business men of the town, but is appreciated by all classes as a painstaking and conscientious public servant.

GEORGE BURKHARD, one of the rising young men of Meriden, was born in Augsburg, Bavaria, Germany, Nov. 18, 1871, one of the family of ten children born to George and Josephine (Treuleben) Burkhard. His parents were both born in Augsburg, and there his mother died. The father is still living, and is a jeweler by trade. All the members of the family are connected with the Roman Catholic Church.

George Burkhard acquired his education in the city schools and in the Artistic Brass Works School, where he took a course in architectural and ornamental iron work. This he completed, and at the age of fifteen years struck out into the world for

himself, going to Basle, Switzerland, where he was engaged for two years in ornamental iron work. In 1888 he landed in the United States, at New York, and made his way to Cincinnati, where he remained a year, and at the age of nineteen years removed to Philadelphia to engage in business for himself. This business he sold out after a year and a half, and journeyed to Williamsport, Penn., to take a position with the Backus Manufacturing Co., filling the place of foreman for a year. For two years he was with Tiffany & Co. in New York, and in 1895 came to Meriden, where he worked for the Meriden Bronze Co., holding this position until the end of 1899, when he formed a partnership with George Knoth, and established the Silver City Iron Works, from which he subsequently withdrew. He is now employed by the Meriden Britannia Company.

Mr. Burkhard is a young man of energy, with a business ambition which will not be content with small things. He knows his work in all its parts thoroughly, and there is predicted for him a bright future.

Mr. Burkhard is a member of the local German Saengerbund, and is very popular in social circles. He was married, in 1897, to Mary Maynard, a lady of Prussian-German extraction. They are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and are regarded as exemplary young people.

CARL VICTOR HELMSCHMIED, designer, and superintendent of the C. F. Monroe Company's factory, at Meriden, is a self-made man of whom any city might be proud. Born Oct. 30, 1863, in Steinschoenau, Bohemia, he is a son of Joseph and Wilhelmina Helmschmied.

After completing the common school course of his native place, Mr. Helmschmied was sent to the Imperial Technical School of Steinschoenau, in order to develop the marked artistic talents which he early exhibited. Before attaining the age of twenty years he resolved to seek a wider field for the exercise of his abilities than that afforded in his native land, and, fired by a laudable ambition, set out to reach the ocean, situated a long distance from his native boundaries, and he there embarked for the United States. After landing in New York, he made his way to New Bedford, Mass., where he was employed as a designer by Smith Brothers—among the largest manufacturers of decorated opal ware—and at the end of two years went to Trenton, N. J., and worked a year for Jesse Dean, at china painting. Returning to New Bedford, he spent two years in the service of the Mount Washington Glass Company, and during that time designed many of the finest patterns turned out by this extensive concern.

Mr. Helmschmied became a resident of Meriden in 1886, and as an employe of C. F. Monroe found such ready recognition of his talents that when the corporation known as the C. F. Monroe Company

was formed he became a stockholder, and was made superintendent of the plant. At the beginning of his connection with this establishment but seven people were employed, while at the present time the services of more than two hundred are required. Much of the growth of the business may be attributed to the skill and energy of its superintendent and designer, who, in addition to his business qualifications, is possessed of a genial disposition and decidedly agreeable manner. These desirable attributes have won him the respect and friendship of all who know him.

On May 8, 1889, in New York City, Mr. Helmschmied married Lillian Von Ballhausen, who was born in New York, a daughter of the late August Von Ballhausen, a prominent New Yorker of German birth. Mrs. Helmschmied is a refined and cultivated woman of artistic taste and ability, and is thus a helpmate to her gifted husband. The home of this popular couple, on Reservoir avenue, is beautified with numerous works of art and bric-a-brac. One daughter, Fern, has been born of this union.

Mr. Helmschmied is a member of Pilgrims' Harbor Council, No. 543, Royal Arcanum, a leading society of Meriden. While not affiliated with any religious organization, he is respected as an upright and exemplary citizen, who seeks to conform his life to the Golden Rule. In politics he is a Republican, being convinced that the principles and practice of his party are best calculated to promote the welfare of the people.

The career of Mr. Helmschmied offers much encouragement to the youth who seeks the royal road to success, which is, after all, but the way of patient endeavor and sincere striving after high ideals. He left the land of his fathers and went among those whose language and customs were as strange as their features, and has carved his way by painstaking use of the gifts which God gave him. Seeking large ideas in a new realm, he has himself contributed no little to the progress of art and manufactures of his adopted land.

BURWELL. For half a century—fifty years—the name of Burwell has been among those which have stood high in the business life of New Haven, in the persons of the late Robert Merritt Burwell and sons, Merritt W. Burwell, president of the Orange Oyster Co., and Robert N. Burwell, an accomplished undertaker of New Haven.

Burwell is an old name in New England and in the Commonwealth of Connecticut, and the members of the family of whom we write trace their descent back to (I) Edmund Burwell, born in 1485 in Sutton, County of Suffolk, England.

(II) Edmund Burwell married Margaretta Alford.

(III) William Burwell, born and died at Sutton, England, married Lora Wilson, of Essex.

(IV) Thomas Burwell, born April 29, 1566, at

Sutton, married, Feb. 29, 1589, a lady named Poentys.

(V) John Burwell, born Oct. 5, 1602, at Sutton, died Aug. 16, 1649, at Milford, Conn. John appears as a free planter of Milford, Conn., in 1639, having come to the American colonies that year, and was married prior to his emigration to a lady whose Christian name was Alice. Some of their children were probably born in England, and of them: John died in 1665; Zacheus married, in 1663, Elizabeth Baldwin, and settled in Newark, N. J.; Capt. Samuel, born Oct. 11, 1640, married Sarah; Deborah married and had a family; Capt. Ephraim, born May 19, 1644, married and had a number of children, one of whom, Samuel, settled in Newtown, Conn.; Nathan, born Feb. 22, 1646, was married in 1674 to Temperance Baldwin, and settled at Newark, N. J.; Elizabeth died unmarried.

(VI) Capt. Samuel Burwell died May 15, 1715. Throughout life he was a man of influence and position in Milford, and was an officer of the train band. His first wife was a daughter of Benjamin Farm, one of the most influential men of the Colony, and a descendant of Richard Baldwin, of Bucks County, England. For his second wife he married a daughter of Rev. Roger Newton, and granddaughter of the famous Rev. Thomas Hooker, of Hartford. The Burwells were large landholders in Milford, and Burwell Farms, now Woodmont, was so called by ownership of this family, being granted to Lieut. Samuel as his share of the land. On this property, in 1690, he built a house, which was taken down about 1812.

(VII) Samuel Burwell, born at Milford in 1667, died in May, 1712. He married, Aug. 11, 1695, Deborah Merwin, born on April 24, 1670, who died Oct. 10, 1706. She was a descendant of Miles Merwin and Richard Platt, early settlers of Milford.

(VIII) Samuel Burwell, born in 1702, at Milford, married, Jan. 12, 1726, Abigail Goodyear, granddaughter of Deputy Governor Goodyear.

(IX) Samuel Burwell, born Dec. 12, 1729, at Milford, died in 1816. He married Abigail Arnold, daughter of Rev. Jonathan Arnold.

(X) Samuel Burwell, born in 1761 at Milford, died in 1806. He married Comfort Law, born in 1762, a descendant of Richard Law, of Stamford, Conn., in 1687, and William Andrew, of Cambridge, Mass., in 1682, whose grandson, Rev. Samuel, was an acting president of Yale. Through Gov. Benedict Arnold the line of ancestry is traced to Cadwan, king of the Britons, who died in 675.

(XI) Robert Burwell, born Jan. 3, 1791, died May 8, 1833. He married Abigail Polly Satterlee, born Nov. 17, 1790, who died Sept. 3, 1828. Their children: Robert Merritt; Abigail; Polly Lyoma; John Satterlee.

(XII) Robert Merritt Burwell, of New Haven, was born March 31, 1814, in the town of Milford, a son of the above mentioned Robert, and left home when but eighteen years of age, going to New Ha-

ven, where for two years he clerked in the drug store of L. K. Dow, whose place of business was on Chapel street. In 1835 he went to the city of New York and there remained until 1841, a portion of which period he was employed in a drug store. From New York he went to New Hartford, Conn., remaining some six years, then went to Waterbury, and after a residence there of nearly two years came to New Haven, and ever afterward made that point the field of his operations and his place of residence. Here he entered the drug house of Samuel Noyes, known as "Apothecaries' Hall," and in that house it was that he began experiments in making soap which led to the business in which he engaged in 1852, and in which his efforts, energy and great industry were crowned with deserved success. His employer aided him in starting and became interested in the enterprise, but this interest Mr. Burwell soon purchased and was on the road to prosperity. By manufacturing a superior article of laundry soap, and possessing sufficient tact to get it before the people and trade, his business grew, became extensive and its founder prospered. In 1880 Mr. Burwell retired from active business, leaving it to his son Merritt W. to manage and carry to still greater success. The year that the father retired Merritt W. Burwell succeeded to the management of the large concern.

The senior Mr. Burwell came into possession of a farm of some 270 acres just north of Allingtown, in which was "Mount Round Hill," a point some 300 feet high, overlooking the surrounding country for miles and miles, and from the mansion home there is a most beautiful view. This farm Mr. Burwell called "Wellwood," its appellation being made up of the last syllable of his own surname with the first of that of his wife. His later life was principally devoted to the beautifying of the picturesque country seat.

On June 1, 1847, Mr. Burwell was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Asa and Polly (Spencer) Woodruff, prominent people of New Hartford, Conn. Three children blessed the union of these excellent people: Elizabeth R., born Nov. 24, 1855; Merritt W., born July 16, 1859; and Robert Noyes, born Aug. 3, 1860. Mr. Burwell was one of the founders and trustees of the Howard Avenue Congregational Church. His death occurred Dec. 6, 1888.

(XIII) ROBERT NOYES BURWELL, born Aug. 3, 1860, at Plainville, Conn., spent his early school days in New Haven, later attending the Russell Commercial and Collegiate Institute. His student days over, he embarked on a business career, and entered the store of the Wholesale Spice Co. of C. Coburn & Co., New Haven. Later he was connected with the late George W. Hazel, in the manufacturing of hot air furnaces and ranges, also as a plumbing company for eight years. Mr. Hazel was the father-in-law of Robert Noyes Burwell, and after the death of this gentleman Mr. Burwell

retired from business for seven years. For a short period Mr. Burwell was on the road for a New York house, but in 1898 he engaged in the undertaking business, establishing same and building it up himself. It is conveniently located at No. 966 Chapel street. Mr. Burwell is well fitted for his chosen business, understanding its details thoroughly.

On April 15, 1885, Mr. Burwell was married to Ella Hazel, who was born Nov. 5, 1860, daughter of George W. Hazel, a well-known and prominent business man of New Haven, now deceased. Mrs. Burwell is a descendant of John Davenport, first pastor of the New Haven Congregational Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Noyes Burwell two children have been born: Julietta Elizabeth, Nov. 29, 1887; Stanley Burgess, July 22, 1893.

(X) Samuel Burwell married Comfort Law, and of their children, besides Robert Burwell (from whom the late Robert Merritt and his three children already mentioned trace their ancestry), was a son,

(XI) Benedict Burwell, who was born at Burwell Farms Feb. 26, 1785, and died April 14, 1863. On Nov. 24, 1808, he married Dolly Welch. Their children:

(XII) Caroline Welch, born Oct. 29, 1809, died July 13, 1893; Charles, born Aug. 21, 1810, died Oct. 6, 1813; Charles Benedict, born Nov. 10, 1813, died March 25, 1896 (married Jan. 14, 1844, Harriett A. Gay); Welch F., born April 6, 1816, died on Jan. 28, 1876; Fitch W., born in 1818, died in 1897; Calena, born April 20, 1821, died March 13, 1832; Mary E., born July 15, 1823, married Robert Blair; Sarah Jane, born Feb. 12, 1827, married Thomas Barrett, who died in the battle of Fredericksburg, and they had a daughter, Caroline, who married P. S. Gehrish, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and has one daughter, Helen, born in Brooklyn (Mrs. Barrett married for her second husband Dr. Halsey, of Brooklyn). The father, Benedict Burwell, spent his early school days at Burwell Farms, where he engaged in farming. He was a deacon in the Old South Church in New Haven, on Columbus avenue.

Of the above family, Charles Benedict Burwell was born at Burwell Farms, and there spent his early life, but attended school at Milford and New Haven. Although he learned the trade of shoemaker, he did not follow that calling very long. For a time he resided in West Virginia, where he married Harriet Gay, and later, returning to New Haven, engaged in a fancy goods business on Chapel street, on the present site of the Hubinger building. About thirty years ago he discontinued the business and engaged in fruit raising and market gardening. During his later days he was treasurer of the Second Congregational Church. Mrs. Burwell was a daughter of Amos Hastings Gay, of Point Pleasant, W. Va., a captain of an Ohio river steamboat. The children born of the marriage of Charles Benedict Burwell and his wife were:

(XIII) Mary Gay, born May 27, 1845, died July 25, 1854; Eunice Jane, born Feb. 17, 1847, died Sept. 5, 1847; Robert Fitch is mentioned below; Harriet Rosalie, born Feb. 27, 1856, was a teacher in New Hampshire for a number of years; Lillian Gay was born April 23, 18—; Carrie Agnes was born Jan. 11, 18—.

Robert F. Burwell, of the above family, was educated in New Haven, attending Lovell's School, learned the science of dentistry under Dr. Strong, and for thirty years has been in practice in this city.

Of the family born to Benedict and Dolly (Welch) Burwell, Fitch W. Burwell, born Nov. 5, 1818, died Dec. 12, 1897. On April 28, 1843, he married Maria Chapman, a daughter of Robert Chapman, of Norfolk, W. Va. To them came: Charles D., born in 1844, married Martha Wilkinson, and resides in Brooklyn, N. Y. Eleanor D., born in 1847, married (first) Charles Chapman, of Louisville, Ky., and for her second husband Edward G. Merwin, a bookkeeper in the Mechanics Bank at New Haven; Caroline May died at the age of seven years; and Frank, born in 1852, died in childhood.

Fitch W. Burwell spent his childhood in Milford, and at the age of eighteen began his business career in New Haven, with Benjamin & Ford, a jewelry firm, and was afterward with Mr. Freeman, of Norfolk, Va. Later he engaged in the jewelry business for himself in Norfolk, Va., remaining there until 1854, when he returned to New Haven and built a beautiful home at No. 146 Columbus avenue. Having always been interested in photography, he invested some \$50,000 in the Willard Mfg. Co., manufacturers of photographic supplies, and unfortunately lost the greater part of this sum. In addition, he also furnished several studios and had them managed by expert photographers. In 1893 Mr. Burwell lost his dearly beloved wife, about four years before his own demise. He was a man of prominence in New Haven, and his loss was deeply felt in the community.

Referring again to the issue of the marriage of Samuel and Comfort (Law) Burwell, the ancestry is traced through another branch, as follows: (XI) Samuel Burwell, son of Samuel and Comfort; (XII) George Burwell, son of Samuel (2); (XIII) David C. Burwell, son of George; (XIV) S. Clark Burwell, son of David C. Burwell.

(XIII) David C. Burwell was born in the town of Milford, Conn., April 10, 1833, and died in New Haven, Aug. 1, 1893. His early life was spent in New Haven. During the Civil war he served in the 9th Regiment Band. After the war he engaged in the wholesale oyster business, in which he continued until a short time prior to his death, and this enterprise was located at No. 73 Front street. David C. Burwell married Miss Mary Hosley, of Branford, Conn., and to them were born the following family: George Loring, who died at the age

of eighteen; S. Clark; Mary; Marcus, who died when young; Malintha A., who died when young; and Sarah M. Mr. Burwell was an earnest member of the Methodist Church. For many years he was an alderman and councilman from the Eleventh ward, having been elected on the Republican ticket, he being an ardent supporter of that party; for twenty-five years he was a member of the fire department.

(XIV) S. CLARK BURWELL was born in New Haven April 14, 1858, and his boyhood days were spent in that city. When old enough to embark in business he traveled in the interests of the oyster trade, and about 1888 he became associated with his father in the oyster business. After the death of David C. Burwell, S. Clark managed the concern alone, and then, in 1897, formed the S. C. Burwell Co., of which he is president and treasurer; his wife (E. M. Burwell), secretary; F. R. Barnes, general manager; and John Stewart, vice president. This corporation is one of the largest in the city, and was founded as a wholesale and commission house in fresh, salt, frozen and smoked fish, oysters, clams, lobsters, scallops, etc., all of which are shipped throughout the United States. Ever since he assumed charge of affairs Mr. Burwell has given his entire time to its development, and its present large proportions testify to his success.

S. Clark Burwell was married, in New Haven, Sept. 19, 1884, to Eva M. Wipper, of that city. To this marriage the following children have been born: George Loring, Eva Katharine, Marion Hammond, David Clark, Ellen Hosley and Florence Elizabeth.

For eight years Mr. Burwell was a member of Hook and Ladder No. 3, serving as callman. So-called he is a member of Polar Star Lodge, I, O. O. F., and also of the A. O. U. W. Fraternal Benefit League. Both he and his wife are members of the East Pearl Street M. E. Church.

Another prominent representative of the Burwell family is Nelson Burwell, son of Thomas Burwell, and grandson of John Burwell. John Burwell lived the greater portion of his life in Milford, Conn., and died highly respected by all. He married a Miss Welch.

Thomas Burwell, son of John, and father of Nelson, during the early part of his life resided in Milford, and by calling was a farmer, which occupation he followed all his life. He lived to the remarkable age of ninety-one years and eight months, and his wife lived to be ninety-eight years and eight months old. Her maiden name was Sarah Beach, and she was a daughter of John Beach, and a native of Milford, Conn. To Thomas Burwell and his wife were born: Mary, who married a Mr. Tibbals; Horace (deceased), a carpenter, who had a daughter, Mrs. Darham; Nelson; Beach (deceased), a carpenter; Eliza; Martha; and Elias.

Nelson Burwell was born on the farm in Milford, Conn., Dec. 26, 1815, and spent the first

twenty-five years of his life in Milford. After this he learned the trade of carpenter in New Haven, and for a number of years was one of the leading carpenters of the latter city, but for the past six years has lived retired from active life.

Nelson Burwell was married, in New Haven, Conn., to Miss Mary E. Clark, who died about seven years ago. To them were born: Ella, who married Charles D. Kinney, a native of Seymour, Conn.; and Marion A.

WILLIAM EBEN BECROFT, a well-known contractor and architect of Wallingford, was born in that town, June 20, 1857.

James Seth Becroft, the grandfather of William E., was born in Troy, N. Y., May 20, 1796, and became a mason and contractor. On Feb. 2, 1822, he married Clarinda Weldin, who was born Dec. 24, 1802, and who died Oct. 12, 1872. He died April 27, 1840. The Becrofts were of remote Holland ancestry.

James Henry Becroft, son of James Seth, was born in Troy, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1827. He was a theatrical machinist, and had charge of the stage in Wallack's theatre in New York about fifteen years. About 1877 he began a contracting business from Meriden, and contracted with a number of the large theaters in different parts of the country. On Nov. 22, 1898, he died in Meriden. A Democrat in politics, he was exceptionally posted on political affairs. He was a charter member of the Dramatic Society, and was the first one to receive a benefit therefrom, having fallen in Booth's Theater in New York. During the Mexican war he served as a soldier, and was badly wounded on the hand by a saber stroke. Mr. Becroft was married, Nov. 3, 1851, to Miss Mary Jane Whittaker, of New York, who died in March, 1893, in Wallingford. Ten children were born to them, of whom seven are now living: Emma Florence, who married John Burbridge, of Meriden; William E.; James Henry, Jr., a carpenter of Wallingford; George Samuel, a carpenter and decorator of Waterbury; Elizabeth Mary, the wife of Robert Clark, of Meriden; Silas Weldin, a silversmith, of Wallingford; and Albert Whittaker, a paper-box maker, of Waterbury.

William Eben Becroft had his early education in the town of his nativity, and in Meriden, to which point his parents removed when he was quite young. At the age of ten years he left school and worked with his father until he was twenty years old. For the seven ensuing years he was employed by other parties, and then forming a partnership with his father, they began contracting under the firm name of James H. Becroft & Son, at Meriden. For three years this association continued, and then our subject came to Wallingford, to become foreman for Newton C. Wooding. At the present time he is foreman and architect for Charles F. Wooding, who has succeeded his father in the same business. Mr. Becroft was always deeply interested in archi-

itecture, and has devoted so much time and study to it that he has become a proficient architect. He has drawn the plans for a number of important buildings the last few years, and is manifesting much ability in this art which is practically self-acquired. In 1896 he built himself a very pleasant home on North Whittlesey avenue.

Mr. Becroft belongs to the Odd Fellows fraternity, and is a member of Accanant Lodge, No. 71, of which lodge he is now past grand. In his political views he is a Democrat, but business cares and obligations have kept him from active political ambition. Mr. Becroft is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and has been assistant superintendent of its Sunday-school. Mr. Becroft was married Sept. 7, 1887, to Miss Annie Elizabeth Hobson, a daughter of William Hobson, of Meriden. To this union were born two children, Mildred Madeline, born Jan. 18, 1889, and Gladys Beulah, born Jan. 8, 1892, and died June 22, 1893.

One of Mr. Becroft's ancestors was the first settler in what is now Columbia county, and owned the entire tract thus described. All the family possessions were lost during the Revolution, in which war the great-grandfather of Mr. Becroft lost his life. Another member of this family was the first banker in Hudson, New York.

MARTIN HELLMANN was a man whose many quiet deeds of benevolence and charity won for him the love and esteem of hundreds who had no special right to his consideration, and in his death, which occurred at his residence on Bank street, Waterbury, March 5, 1892, the city lost one of its most prominent German business men and citizens.

Mr. Hellmann was born Aug. 7, 1844, in Bavaria, Germany, and at the age of twenty-one came to America, locating in Bridgeport, Conn. For a time he was in the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co., and then engaged in the hotel business. In about 1878, in connection with Michael Kipp, also of Bridgeport, he purchased the Naugatuck Valley Brewery of Frederick Nuhn, and under his judicious management the business was developed until the establishment became one of the largest and most successful breweries in the State. In about 1889 Mr. Hellmann bought the interests held by his partner, and thereafter conducted it alone. His good business attainments and great popularity brought him into favor in the city, and his services were sought for places of public trust and honor. He was elected by handsome majorities to a number of municipal offices, among them being that of alderman, from the Third ward, in which capacity he served in 1882-83, 1884-85, 1886-87 and 1890-91. He was councilman from the same ward in 1881. In 1889 and 1890 he held the office of tax collector, and declined to serve longer owing to the pressure of his extensive business. Mr. Hellmann took great interest in

fraternal organizations, and had high standing in many. He was a member of some twenty societies in Bridgeport and Waterbury, among which may be mentioned the Waterbury Turnverein; Steuben Lodge; the Order of Harugari; the Union City Maennerchor; the Bavaria-Verein of Bridgeport; Friendship Lodge, O. D. H. F.; Tunxis Tribe, I. O. R. M.; Court Fruitful Vine, A. O. F. of A.; Friedrich Wilhelm Lodge, K. of P.; the Concordia Singing Society; and the Lyra Singing Society.

In 1867, at Bridgeport, Conn., Mr. Hellmann was married to Sibilla Merg, who is yet living. The following children survived the father: William, who died Feb. 13, 1898; Mrs. W. D. Richardson; Mrs. Ferdinand Stener; Charles M.; and Otto L.

HENRY A. MATTHEWS. The life of Henry A. Matthews, of Southbury, Conn., illustrates a fact strikingly exhibited in this country, namely, that prominence and wealth and honor may come to the boy whose future seems narrowed to the most modest of spheres. The son of a machinist, and by circumstances fated to become an operator in a cotton mill at the early age of eight years, our subject has nevertheless won wide social and political recognition, and has by his energy and ability as a manufacturer occupied an honored place in the unexcelled industries of his native State.

Mr. Matthews was born in Goshen, Conn., Nov. 24, 1825. His father was a machinist, and the boy at eight years of age left leisure behind and began to work in a cotton mill. When thirteen years old he removed with his parents to Waterbury, and there found employment in the Webb factory of Hotchkiss & Merriman, with whom he remained five years. Thereafter he engaged in the manufacture of saddlery hardware, stove trimmings, etc., until 1865, when, owing to ill health, he retired to the farm which he now occupies, and where, at the end of five years of agricultural life, he had regained health, strength and ambition. Accordingly he returned to Waterbury and became senior partner in the firm of Matthews, Stanley & Co., manufacturers of hardware, saddlery, etc., and after the death of Mr. Stanley five years later the firm of Matthews, Willard & Co. succeeded, and conducted a large and prosperous business until 1891. That year Mr. Matthews organized at Seymour the well-known manufacturing business of H. A. Matthews & Co., and two and a half years later disposed of his manufacturing interests and retired to his present home on the farm near South Britain. This finely improved possession is known as the old Mitchell homestead, and there Mr. Matthews still manages the general and prosperous farming which his fertile and well-improved acres permit.

On Jan. 15, 1849, Mr. Matthews married Sarah Peck, of Southbury, to whom has been born three

children: Charles H., a carriage manufacturer of Detroit, Mich.; Florence, wife of John F. Ireland, of Detroit; and William F., who died in 1880. Mr. Matthews, while a thorough and efficient business man, has been public-spirited as well and has frequently been summoned by his fellow citizens to positions of honor and responsibility. While a resident of Waterbury he served as a member of the State Legislature in 1863-64, and again in 1880-81. In 1886-87 he was a member of the State Senate, and in 1884-85 he was elected mayor of Waterbury. For many years he served continuously as a member of the school board of Waterbury. In politics he is a Democrat. For fifty-one years he has been an active and prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been one of the largest and most successful manufacturers of Waterbury, and at one time employed about 800 men and conducted a business aggregating \$1,000,000 a year. He is widely known and universally esteemed for his many sterling qualities.

GEORGE HODGSON TOWNSEND, M. D., a prominent physician of Stony Creek, this county, has brought zeal and enthusiasm to the practice of his profession, for which he has been thoroughly fitted by study and experience under especially favorable conditions.

Of English and French extraction, Dr. Townsend was born in Hartsdale, Westchester Co., N. Y., June 4, 1867, and is a son of Samuel B. and Mary A. (Brundage) Townsend. His father in early life was a Methodist minister, and in his later years was engaged in a mercantile business at Hartsdale. Dr. Townsend obtained his general and literary training in the high school at White Plains, N. Y., and in 1890 began the study of medicine at the Bellevue Hospital College, New York City, from which he was graduated in March, 1893. He immediately located at Danbury, Conn., and entered upon his professional career, continuing there until September of that year. In June of the following year he opened an office in Stony Creek, where he has since remained, and has met with gratifying success. He has won the patronage of many of the leading families of the community, and commands the respect and confidence of the public to a marked degree. Dr. Townsend is recognized as one of the rising young men of his profession in this locality. He belongs to the New Haven County Medical Society and to the State Medical Association; and is a member of several fraternities, being enrolled with the Widows Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M.; Star of Hope Lodge, No. 1051, I. O. O. F.; and the M. U. In politics he is a Republican.

In his earlier years Dr. Townsend was actively devoted to athletics, and from 1885 to 1888 was catcher for the Athletic Base Ball Team of Philadelphia, and from 1888 to 1891 he served in the

same capacity for the Baltimore team of the National League. He was the founder of the Mt. Vernon Athletic Association, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and served as its first president. The Doctor still retains a lively interest in all manly and athletic recreations.

Dr. Townsend was married, March 26, 1897, to Maud Bryson, a daughter of Richard and Lottie (King) Bryson, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Mrs. Townsend is a woman of many charming characteristics, and has a large circle of friends.

FREDERICK A. JACKSON, a resident of West Haven, where he is held in the highest respect as one of the most useful, loyal citizens of the place, is a descendant of Henry Jackson, who came in 1635, at the age of twenty-nine, to this country from England in the ship "Elizabeth & Ann;" he located first in Watertown, Mass., and afterward removed to Wethersfield, still later, in 1642, to Fairfield, being one of the original settlers and proprietors of the last named place. His tract of land, among the "long lots" at Poquonnock, became at a later day the boundary line between Fairfield and Stratford. He followed farming, had a mill at "Jackson's Nook," and died in 1686. His will, dated Nov. 11, 1682, was proved in September, 1686. This document, still in a fine state of preservation, is in Fairfield. Henry Jackson's wife was Mary, daughter of George Abbott, of Norwalk.

Daniel Jackson, the great-grandfather of Frederick A., was a soldier of the Revolution. On Feb. 20, 1783, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Whitney, of Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Samuel Jackson, son of Daniel and Elizabeth, was born Aug. 6, 1786, and he died April 1, 1867. His education was acquired at Dwight's Academy, Greenfield Hill, Conn., with Calhoun and other prominent men. He married Betsey, daughter of William Welles, a descendant of Thomas Welles, a Colonial governor of Connecticut. Of this marriage were born six children, all now deceased. The mother died in 1869, at the age of seventy-six.

George Frederick Jackson, father of Frederick A., was born July 15, 1820, in Stratford, Conn., and died Oct. 18, 1866, at the age of forty-six years. He engaged in manufacturing in the South until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he returned to Stratford. He married Frances Augusta O'Neill, of Bridgeport, a daughter of Charles O'Neill (son of John O'Neill, who married Sarah, daughter of Ebenezer Sherman, of Stratford, a soldier of the Revolution), of Bridgeport, and his wife, Meranie Sage (a daughter of John Clark and Lois (Richards) Sage of West Haven, the former of whom was a descendant of Henry, of Dragon Woods, one of the early settlers (1664) of East Haven). [Dodd's "East Haven Register."] To George F. Jackson and wife was born one child that grew to maturity, Frederick A. The mother is yet living, now aged seventy-four years.

Frederick A. Jackson received his education in Philadelphia at Dr. Mitchel's school, and then went to New York to take a position on the *Scientific American*, where he remained for a number of years. In 1864 he returned to Connecticut, and in 1869 entered the employ of Sargent & Co., of New Haven, and is now, in point of service, one of the oldest in the employ of the firm. During the years he has been with it he has seen the business double itself in size and reach its present mammoth proportions. Notwithstanding the arduous duties of the position he holds, he yet finds time to be courteous and polite to all, employer or employe alike, and by one and all of the 2,500 hands engaged in the business he is held in the utmost respect. In the community at large of West Haven, whither he removed from New Haven in 1892, he is regarded as one of the best citizens. His house abounds with good cheer, and his frank and genial manner has won for him hosts of friends.

Mr. Jackson is a man of scholarly attainments, a close student of men and affairs, and a great reader, not only well posted on the current events of the day, but thoroughly conversant with the history of New Haven and Fairfield counties, in the affairs of both of which he has taken an active interest, and has in his possession every volume that has been published pertaining to them. In his library are to be found the choicest works, including those of the most eminent authors—historians, poets, etc.—of this continent. As a genealogist Mr. Jackson is an authority, owning not only the Whitney and Wells "Genealogies," in both of which his family are fully represented, but also many other genealogical works. He is also greatly interested in science and art. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, in which society he takes a great interest.

On Feb. 12, 1872, Mr. Jackson married Violet El Dora Loomis, daughter of Francis Dwight Loomis, of Westfield, Mass., and two children were born to them in New Haven, viz.: Dorothy B. L., Oct. 3, 1874; and Frederick F. Whitney, Sept. 15, 1879, at present a member of the class of 1902 at Yale. The Jackson family have always been adherents of the Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Jackson is a descendant of Joseph Loomis, who came from Braintree, County of Essex, England, and settled at Windsor, Conn. Through intermarriage she is also descended from John Alden, "the man who first set foot on Plymouth Rock," and Capt. Miles Standish.

JACOB DIETRICH GODE, a well-known dairyman and farmer of Cheshire, New Haven county, was born in Hagen, Hanover, Germany, July 5, 1853, a son of John and Dora (Myers) Gode, also natives of that country, where they are still living. The mother was born in Hagen and the father near by. For several years the father was engaged in the manufacture of sugar in Eng-

land, but since his marriage has followed farming in his native land. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran Church. Our subject is the eldest of their children, the others being Annie, at home with her parents; John, a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dora, wife of Herman Delles, of Brooklyn; Gesine, widow of George Briggs, and a resident of Germany; and William, of Brooklyn, N. Y. John Gode, grandfather of Jacob, owned a vessel which he commanded, and followed the sea for a livelihood. Mrs. Dora (Myers) Gode is a daughter of Jacob Myers, a civil engineer, who was born in Hagen and lived there all his life.

Jacob D. Gode acquired a good practical education in the schools of his native land. Wishing to see something of the New World, he left home in 1870, at the age of seventeen years, and at Bremen took passage on the steamer "America," of the North German Line. He landed in New York, and soon found employment as clerk in a grocery store of that city, receiving \$5 per month, which was the first money he had ever made. During the eight months he spent in that employ he managed to save \$8. He next worked for a milk dealer, and later was clerk in a liquor store. From New York he came to Meriden, Conn., where he worked in the shops nine years, and managed to save enough money to embark in business for himself. Returning to New York, he opened a grocery store, which he successfully conducted ten years, but in 1893 he sold out his business there and came to Cheshire, where he purchased what was known as the McCabe farm, then owned by his uncle, Louis Gode. It consists of fifty acres, which our subject has placed under a high state of cultivation, and upon which he is now successfully engaged in general farming and market gardening.

In New York City Mr. Gode was married, in 1889, to Miss Margarette Larberg, a native of Achmer, Hanover, Germany, and a daughter of Herman Larberg. She came to America when a young woman. Four children have been born of this union, John, Oscar, Randolph and Mildred.

Mr. Gode is progressive, energetic and industrious, and is straightforward and honorable in all his business dealings. He is a supporter of the Republican party, but aside from voting takes no active part in political affairs, and is liberal in his religious views, though a member of the Lutheran Church while in New York. He is well liked by the people of Cheshire, and has made many friends during his residence here.

CHARLES T. McFEETERS, a prominent and successful contractor and builder of New Haven, whose office is at No. 370 Orchard street, was born in Sheldon, Vt., Dec. 13, 1849, son of William McFeeters, and grandson of James McFeeters, who came from Scotland and farmed in Vermont until his death, at the age of eighty-nine years. William McFeeters was also a farmer,

and was a pioneer in the settlement of the vicinity of Sheldon, Franklin county, where he cleared a farm on which he reared his family, and where he died at the age of seventy-nine. In his active years he held several town offices, and was a prominent member of the Methodist Church, in which he was Sunday-school superintendent for many years. His wife, formerly Ann Todd, was born in Vermont, and became the mother of twelve children, of whom nine are named: James, who is a farmer in Vermont; William, a Vermont farmer; Samuel, who died in the army; Charles T.; Eliza, Mrs. Dunton; Joseph, who is superintendent of building for a large firm in Minneapolis; Susan; Anna; and Ella. Mrs. McFeeters was a member of the Methodist Church; she died at the age of seventy years.

Charles T. McFeeters spent his early life in Vermont, and was quite a young man before he left his parents' home to engage in building in the far West. In 1869 he came east to New Haven, and followed the trade as a journeyman builder in 1871. Then commencing contracting, his first enterprise in that line proved so successful that he has since been similarly employed. To-day he is the second oldest contracting builder in New Haven, and keeps about twenty-five men constantly employed on the most important and desirable work in the city. The Menalle & Weedman building was built by him, as was the Schonenhezer building, on Meadow street, besides several churches in New Haven.

In 1872 Mr. McFeeters married Catherine Addison, a native of Boston, and to this union there has come one charming little girl, Ella.

Mr. McFeeters is a Democrat, and upon the occasion of his nomination for alderman in his ward he ran ahead of his ticket, though the ward is strongly Republican. He is connected with Olive Branch Lodge, No. 84, A. F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter, R. A. M.; Harmony Council; the I. O. O. F.; the Red Men, and the N. E. O. P. He attends the Dwight Presbyterian Church. Mr. McFeeters is a man of more than the ordinary intelligence, thoroughly understands his trade, and has served as an expert in a number of complicated and important building cases.

EDWIN S. THOMAS, attorney and counselor at law, is in practice at New Haven, with an office at Room 213 Church street, but resides in West Haven, his home being at the corner of Savin avenue and Church street.

A native of Woodstock, Ill., Edwin S. Thomas was born Nov. 11, 1872, the son of George W. and grandson of Edwin E. Thomas. His grandfather was a native of New York State, but went to Woodstock at an early period in the development of that section, and engaged in the real-estate business, in which he was very successful. His influence was strongly felt in business circles, and he was

a director in several banking and other corporations. He became one of the leaders in local affairs. Originally a Whig, he became a prominent worker in the Republican party, and held all the important offices in the town and county. For many years he was an active member of the Masonic fraternity and held all the offices of the lodge, chapter and commandery, including that of past eminent commander. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist, and he did much to assist in building up the church in Woodstock, where he died at the age of seventy-two. His wife, Naomi R. Patterson, who was born in Vermont, is still living in Woodstock, and is much esteemed for her fine qualities of mind and heart. Of their four children, Charles G. is with Patterson Bros., Union Stock Yards, Chicago; Earle D., a major in the 5th Cav., U. S. A., is now serving as judge advocate in the provincial court at Porto Rico; George W., father of Edwin S., was the next in order of birth; Cora married Charles F. Dickinson, secretary of the Manhattan Soap Company.

George W. Thomas was born and reared in Woodstock, and practiced law there and in Chicago, but his death at the age of twenty-eight interfered with what was considered brilliant promise. He married Mary Stark, who was born in Vermont, daughter of Benjamin Stark, and a descendant of Molly Stark, of Revolutionary fame. She survived him, and married for her second husband Charles D. Hine, by which union there were two children: Daniel, now a student at the Boston (Mass.) School of Technology, and Charles (deceased). Two children by the first marriage are still living. Edwin S. and Alfred W., the latter a practicing physician at Clifton, Staten Island, New York.

Edwin S. Thomas was three years old when his father died, and he spent the next five years in Omaha, Neb., with a summer in camp at Pike's Peak. At the age of eight he came to Newington, Conn., where he remained until he was fourteen. His elementary education was secured in the grammar and high schools of Hartford, and the high schools of New Britain and New Haven, and when eighteen he engaged in educational work, as principal of a graded school in Voluntown, Conn. In 1891 he entered the Academic Department of Yale College, but at the end of the Freshman year went to New York and became assistant manager of the Hotel "Bartholdi," in partnership with a cousin. In 1893 he went to West Haven, and in the fall of that year entered the Law Department of Yale College, graduating in 1895. Since that time he has been actively engaged in general practice in New Haven.

On Sept. 7, 1894, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage with Louise L. Peck, of West Haven, and they have one daughter, Louise. Mrs. Thomas is the only living child of Warden James H. Peck, a prominent citizen of West Haven, another child

having died in infancy. Her grandfather, William A. Peck, was one of the pioneers of West Haven, where he owned about five hundred acres of land, and was a leader in all that pertained to the best interests of the community. Her mother, whose maiden name was Henrietta M. Thompson, was a native of the town, and a daughter of John Thompson, a well-known citizen.

Politically Mr. Thomas is prominent as a worker in the Democratic party, and he has held a number of offices, including those of clerk of the committee on public health, chairman of the committee on the State Library, and auditor of New Haven county. At present he is one of a committee of eight appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to examine different voting machines and report to the next General Assembly. In November, 1898, he was elected representative, by a majority of eighty-four, although the general Republican ticket won by a majority of one hundred and fifty. His popularity in his own party is shown by the fact that he ran 234 votes ahead of his associates on the ticket. He is a 32d degree Mason, and belongs to Annawon Lodge, No. 115, F. & A. M., at West Haven; Joseph Andrews Chapter, No. 46; Crawford Council, No. 19, New Haven; New Haven Commandery, No. 2; and Lafayette Consistory, Bridgeport. He has held all but the three highest offices in the local lodge, and all the offices in the chapter, in which he is now high priest. He and his wife are leading members of the Episcopal Church at West Haven.

EDWARD HAMILTON HIGGINSON, an enterprising farmer and proprietor of the Meriden Disinfectant Co., was born in Cookstown, County Tyrone, Ireland, July 4, 1855, son of William Higginson. The father was also born in County Tyrone, where he spent his life as a tenant farmer, and where he died in 1870. Mr. Higginson was a member of the Church of England, and belonged to the I. O. O. F. His wife, formerly Mary Jane Hamilton, was a descendant of one of the old families of County Tyrone. After the death of her husband she came to the United States, and died in Meriden, at the home of her son Edward H., in 1872. Mrs. Higginson was buried in Walnut Grove cemetery; she is remembered as a woman of fine character, an earnest worker in the Episcopal Church, and a devoted mother. To Mr. and Mrs. Higginson were born the following children: Sarah, who married John Kenyon, of Belfast; William, who lived in Meriden; Hugh, a molder in Meriden; Eliza, who married John Dunlap, of Meriden; Edward H.; and Sophia, who married George H. Reeves, of Meriden.

Edward H. Higginson had but a limited education in his native land. When seventeen years old he sailed from Liverpool for New York, May 10, 1873. On reaching American shores he came

at once to the home of his brothers, William and Hugh, in Meriden, and found employment for four years with Bradley & Hubbard, as a joiner. Afterward he was with Will Loverett for some time, and at the expiration of his service was receiving two dollars a day. As foreman at the Meriden Bronze Co.'s plant he was employed two years, and for six months he was with the Iron Foundry, after that attaching himself to the American Silver Plate Co., receiving a dollar a day the first year, two dollars a day the second year, and three dollars a day the third year. With Manning, Bowman & Co. he put in eight years at piece work, and thereafter was employed by the Malleable Iron Co., remaining twelve years in their service. In the meantime he had built a house, and in May, 1883, he bought the farm where he now resides, on the North Colony Road. This property is under a high state of cultivation, and in 1893 a fine new barn was built, after the destruction of the old one by fire. The residence, erected in 1895, is pronounced the finest on the road. Extensive improvements have been made from time to time, and the well-tilled acres yield abundantly with the coming of every season.

In 1888 Mr. Higginson obtained the contract to collect the city garbage for \$875, and so satisfactorily was the task performed that he secured the contract in 1895, 1896 and 1897, for the sum of \$2,400 a year. This contract was again given him in 1899, 1900 and 1901, at \$2,550 a year. Nine teams are required for this work, and the business has been profitable from the start. Mr. Higginson is also president of the Meriden Disinfectant Co., which has proved an exceedingly profitable enterprise.

On Jan. 6, 1879, Mr. Higginson married, in Meriden, Lizzie A. Sully, who was born in Southington, daughter of James and Anna Sully, the former of whom died in Burlington, Conn., where he was engaged in farming. To this union came: Grace May, born Oct. 18, 1880; Edward Garfield, born June 9, 1882, who is at home, and engaged in the dairy business; Maud A., born Aug. 29, 1884; Isabelle S., born May 8, 1886, who died the same year; Lillian, born May 12, 1887; Lyman Mather, born July 20, 1889; Thomas A., born Oct. 11, 1890; Clara Elizabeth, born Aug. 19, 1892; Burton; See-vy; and Etta. Mr. Higginson is a Republican, but has never sought official recognition. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W., and attends the Episcopal Church.

GEORGE H. THOMAS was born in New Haven Oct. 16, 1851, grandson of Amos C. and Amarilla Thomas, and son of Edward and Harriet E. (Kimberly) Thomas. His grandfather and father were natives of West Haven, and the former was captain of a coasting vessel. The family were identified with the Episcopal Church.

Edward Thomas was born Aug. 19, 1819. He

learned the trade of a carpenter, and removing to New Haven at first embarked in business as a contractor, succeeding so well, through energy and tact, integrity and industry, that it was not long before he found himself in a position to erect buildings on his own account. In 1867 he removed to West Haven, where he continued to reside until he passed from earth, in 1881, aged sixty-one years. He was an early member of Harmony Lodge, I. O. O. F., and a popular man in the community. He married Harriet E. Kimberly, who was born at Guilford, and was one of the family of ten children born to Abraham Kimberly and his wife, whose maiden name was Collins, and who, with her husband, attained to fourscore years. Mr. Kimberly was a farmer. Mrs. Thomas, like her husband, was an Episcopalian. She reached the age of eighty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas had two children: George H., our subject; and Charles A., who died in 1853, aged four years.

George H. Thomas was educated in the city schools of New Haven, and was a lad of sixteen when he accompanied his parents to their new home in West Haven. Entering the shops of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., he remained there ten or twelve years, first as an apprentice and later as a journeyman. In 1881 he abandoned mechanical pursuits to enter the grocery and general store of Wilmot & Warner, in West Haven, as a clerk, and remained with this firm four and a half years, when he was appointed assistant postmaster, and eighteen months later (in 1887) postmaster. He resigned the office in 1890, and re-entered the employ of Wilmot & Warner. In 1891 he was elected town clerk, which office he still holds (December, 1901), having been annually re-elected until 1897, when he was chosen for a term of two years, to expire Jan. 1, 1900; in October, 1900, he was re-elected for a term of two years. It is a high tribute to the efficiency with which he discharged his official duties, and to his fidelity to his trust, that, although politically a Democrat, he has been the candidate of both parties several times. He is one of the oldest officeholders in the town in point of consecutive service, and one of its most honored citizens. Mr. Thomas is secretary and director of the Oak Grove Cemetery Association. In 1872 he joined the I. O. O. F., and holds membership in Harmony Lodge, No. 5 (of which he is a past grand), New Haven, and in Sassacus Encampment. He is a charter member of Savin Rock Council, No. 1068, Royal Arcanum, in which he is a past regent. In 1874 he joined the Masonic fraternity, and now affiliates with Annawon Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., of West Haven, of which he is a past master; with Harmony Council, No. 8, R. & S. M.; Joseph Andrews Chapter, No. 46, R. A. M.; New Haven Commandery, K. T.; and Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Mr. Thomas was married, June 19, 1878, to

Chloe A., daughter of Seeley and Harriet A. (Hotchkiss) Smith, of Prospect, both of whom survive. They are the parents of four children, one of whom is deceased: Chloe A. is the wife of our subject; Mrs. Humphrey Hyde and Mrs. Alphonzo M. Hyde reside in West Haven. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have one daughter, Bertha M. The family attend Christ Episcopal Church, West Haven, of which Mr. Thomas is vestryman and treasurer.

JOHN WILLIAMS (deceased), who was for sixteen years a well-known and prosperous citizen of Branford, where his sterling manhood, kindly disposition and industrious habits commanded respect and won the confidence of his fellow townsmen, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1838. He was the son of Edward and Margaret (Casey) Williams, and came to this country in June, 1864, and in the month of his arrival was married to Ellen, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Keily) Gallahue, of County Limerick, Ireland. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, six of whom lived to reach maturity: Edward J., now deceased; Patrick F.; John G.; Thomas D.; Mary A.; and David W.

Mr. Williams and his wife came to make their home in Branford in 1867, where he was employed two years as a molder in the Branford Lock Works. Leaving the shop at the end of this time, he embarked in the liquor business, and accumulated a very comfortable fortune.

Mr. Williams died May 5, 1883, at the age of forty-five years. His widow lived until Feb. 3, 1899, when she passed away at the age of fifty-five years. Both were active members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Williams was a member of the A. O. H. Politically he was a Democrat.

WILLIAM A. KENDRICK has apparently inherited the sterling traits which made his immediate ancestors esteemed and valued members of the communities in which their lives were passed—integrity, unflinching courage and an energy which never knows defeat.

Mathew Kendrick, his grandfather, is still remembered in his lifelong home, on Cape Cod, Mass., where he was noted for his many estimable qualities. He reared a family which reflected honor upon the name.

John Kendrick, the father of our subject, was born at Cape Cod Nov. 1, 1818, and received but a meager education, the facilities being poor in that locality in his early days. The conditions of living, at that time, for a boy of twelve were hard, his only opportunity being the sea, and although John was not of a particularly adventurous spirit he did as his companions, and at that tender age shipped before the mast, and bravely discharged the duties which finally brought him to the position of master of a vessel, when he had reached his majority. As master in the merchant

marine service he sailed to almost all of the open ports of the world, and when he became part owner of the "Defiance" he took command of it, from 1846 to 1858, becoming one of the best-known captains in the trade. In the last named year he gave up the sea and returned to Wallingford, where he engaged in the coal and lumber business, and until his death was one of the most esteemed residents of that city. Socially he was connected with the Masonic fraternity and the I. O. O. F., and was as popular in these orders as in all other associations, being of a peculiarly genial and agreeable disposition. His death, which occurred Jan. 16, 1887, in Wallingford, was sincerely mourned.

Capt. Kendrick was married in Washington, D. C., to Miss Frances M. Edmonds, who was born in Westmoreland, Va., a daughter of Meredith Edmonds, and a sister of Silas N. Edmonds. Mrs. Kendrick is still living. She accompanied her husband on many of his voyages, when he could make them comfortable for her. Of the children born to Capt. and Mrs. Kendrick, Thomas resides at Bishop, Cal.; William A. is our subject; John B. is a resident of Wallingford, and is at present a member of the State Legislature; Henry D. is superintendent of G. I. Mix & Co.'s factory, at Yalesville; and Mary.

William A. Kendrick, who is one of Wallingford's well-known business men, was born Nov. 17, 1848, in Wallingford, where he spent his boyhood days and attended the district school. Later he was an apt student in the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield, Conn. At the age of twenty he entered upon his active business career, going to New York, where he entered the employ of Hall, Elton & Co., as a clerk, remaining with that firm for eleven years, and gaining such knowledge as secured for him an engagement, in 1879, with the firm of G. I. Mix & Co., manufacturers of Yalesville, as salesman. He was their representative through the Central and Western States until 1886, when he became general superintendent of the company. Mr. Kendrick filled that office with credit until the death of Mr. Mix, when he assumed control of the business, and has successfully conducted it ever since. He is one of those employers who inspire confidence and esteem in employees, and in his establishment it is remarkable to note how keenly alive each seems to be to the recognition of the other's interests. None among the more than one hundred employes of this factory have reason to doubt that Mr. Kendrick takes a real pleasure in their prosperity, and at the same time none can doubt his grasp of all business possibilities.

In 1873 Mr. Kendrick was married in Yalesville to Frances A. Mix, who was born there, a daughter of Gatty Ives and Almira (White) Mix, and to this union five children have been born: Clara F., born in 1875, a graduate of McLain Seminary; Bessie M., who was educated at Rosemary

Hall, in Wallingford; Camilla, born in 1886; Josephine Virginia, born in 1888; and Olive, who died in infancy.

Mr. Kendrick is a prominent member of Meriden Chapter, No. 8, O. E. S.; and St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, K. T. In politics he is an Independent, and no office seeker. For many years the entire family has been prominent in the Baptist Church, and the daughters are members of the Christian Endeavor Society, the youngest being president of the Junior organization of that name. Mrs. Kendrick and her daughters are ladies of refinement and culture, who well represent the noblest types of womanhood.

Gatty Ives Mix, father of Mrs. Kendrick, was one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of New Haven county. He was born in Wallingford, son of John Mix, a spoonmaker, and was reared on a farm. His literary education was limited, but he had natural ability which came to his assistance, and became a successful man. In his early days he peddled Yankee notions through Pennsylvania and New York, and upon his return to Yalesville, in 1853, in association with Charles Parker he started the business of manufacturing tinware, etc., built a factory and did a large business, shipping his product over the whole country. He was active in this line until the time of his death, in 1892. In 1868 Mr. Mix was senator from the Sixth District. For three years he was a captain in the old Connecticut National Guard of Wallingford.

Mr. Mix was married to Almira White, who still survives, at an advanced age, residing in Yalesville. Their two children are Eliza, the wife of Dr. George Glenney; and Frances A., Mrs. Kendrick.

Upon both sides of her family Mrs. Kendrick is well connected, and the names of Ives and Mix have been known in Wallingford for many years, the record of the Mix family being easily traced as far back as 1678. John Mix, her great-grandfather, was born in Wallingford, was a blacksmith in North Farms, and was in the Revolutionary war. He left a son John, who followed his father's business at Tyler's Mills, near Yalesville. He married Olive Ives, of Wallingford, a daughter of Joel Ives, who lost his right arm at the battle of White Plains, during the Revolutionary war.

FRANK STAHNKE. Poverty in early life is a blessing to him who wins success. Achievement is always commendable, and a competence secured by persistent and earnest endeavor in connection with good management, brings an enjoyment which is wholly absent from inherited wealth. Strength of character is developed in its attainment, and the stimulation to others which the example presents is incalculable. When a lad of twenty years, the subject of this sketch came to America without

means and without friends. He has here won financial independence and high standing in the community where now for many years he has lived and prospered.

Mr. Stahnke was born in Germany March 6, 1850, and in his native land was reared upon a farm. He received a good common-school education, but filled with a desire to share the opportunities and advantages of the New World he crossed the ocean during the summer of 1870, landing at Boston Aug. 12. He soon after went to New York and thence to Hoboken, N. J., where he secured a position in a brewery and remained a year. The home feeling was not wholly overcome, and he paid a visit to the Fatherland, working his passage across the waters by serving as fireman on the steamer. While at his old home on this visit he married Miss Henrietta Callis. Returning to America with his young wife our subject settled at New Haven, Conn., and began farm life in the new land. For seven years he worked faithfully and continuously for one employer, Reuben Augur, of Northford, Conn., then with his savings he purchased the farm which he now occupies. Upon this tract of land he has made all the improvements and there he now conducts upon his 200 acres a most successful farming business. He is engaged in dairying and general farming; has over thirty head of cattle, milks twenty cows and for many years has run a milk wagon to New Haven.

Mr. Stahnke has been twice married. By his first wife he had three children, Albert, Pauline and William, of whom Pauline only is living; she is now Mrs. Louis Ferdinandus. His second wife was Emma Engle, and by this marriage he has five children, namely: Emma (Mrs. Francis Ferdinandus, of New Haven), Minnie (Mrs. Byron Webler, of Woodbridge, Conn.), Mary, Carl and Nellie. Mrs. Stahnke was born in Germany and came to the United States when twenty-two years old.

GEORGE KNOTH, proprietor of the Silver City Iron Works, is one of the leading manufacturers of architectural and ornamental iron work, and has a name and a patronage far beyond the limits of Meriden.

Mr. Knoth was born in Darmstadt, in the Grand Duchy of Hesse, Germany, Jan. 6, 1869, a son of Peter Knoth, who was born in the same place, and followed, during his active life, the business of a grain merchant. He is still living, and is a prominent man in his native town. Katherine Schick, his wife, is also living, and both are members of the Lutheran Church. They have two children: Henry, who lives with them; and George, whose name appears at the opening of this writing.

George Knoth attended the schools of his native community, where he had a good education, after which he was sent to an art school, where he

studied modelling and artistic iron work. When he became of age he left his home and sought a field for his activities in the United States, and in October, 1890, landed in the city of New York, with little resources beyond a skilled knowledge of his trade and a ready mind. For some two years he remained in that city employed in his work, and then went to Chicago to do the same labor, spending some two years in that city. In 1894 he came back to New York to engage in his professional labors there, and in August, 1895, made his first appearance in Meriden, which was to be the scene of a very creditable career for him. For several years Mr. Knoth worked at architectural and wrought iron construction for the Bradley & Hubbard Mfg. Co., and in 1899 bought out the firm of Jacob Mugler & Co., and established the Silver City Iron Works. He is a capable and energetic young man, with advanced and progressive ideas, and has made many improvements in the business. His patronage is rapidly extending over all parts of the country, and many important orders are coming from Canada.

Mr. Knoth was married, in Meriden, in 1896, to Miss Pauline Kirschman, who was born in Oberstein, Oldenburg, Germany, and they have become the parents of three children, George, Lucy and Edith. Mr. Knoth is a Democrat, but gives no time to practical politics, as it is called, devoting his entire thought to his growing business. He belongs to the Lyra of Meriden, and is very popular in the social as well as the commercial circles of the city.

JOHN WHITAKER, representative business man, and one of the leading young Republicans of New Haven, was born at Southbridge, Mass., Aug. 17, 1856, a son of Thomas and Harriet (Mason) Whitaker.

The paternal grandfather, whose given name is not known, was a successful dry goods merchant, of England, and, according to the custom of the times, bound out his son, Thomas, to an uncle who operated a large lace mill. Thomas was born at Bingley, England, in 1814, and came to America, settling at Southbridge. Being at this time but sixteen, he was bound out to another uncle, under whose able instruction he became an expert wool grader. Later, while wool buyer for the Manchester Print Works, he conducted an experimental farm at Needham, Mass., and branching out to an interest in scientific agriculture bought and edited *The Boston Cultivator*, issued at Boston. The death of this excellent man occurred at Needham, in 1882. His wife was born in Southbridge, Mass., and she was a daughter of Jonathan Mason, a farmer, and descendant of Capt. Mason, one of the Pilgrim Fathers. The original settlement of the Mason family was in Medford, Mass. The maternal great-grandfather Mason was a captain in the Revolution. Mrs. Thomas Whitaker, who

died in February of 1901, was the mother of five children: George, editor and proprietor of *The New England Farmer*, and assistant secretary of Agriculture for the State of Massachusetts, has also been secretary of the Boston Press Club; Thomas, a printer on the *Cambridge Chronicle*; Arthur, a farmer in Needham; Richard, a printer of Boston; and John, who was the second in order of birth.

John Whitaker attained the age of twelve in Southbridge, Mass., and then removed with his parents to Needham, and combined educational research with performing his share of the farm work. When eighteen he entered the machine shop of N. C. Monson, who was a railroad builder, and after three years had become so competent that his services were required in the shops of the New York and New England railroad. There he remained until 1887, when he was put in charge of the Woonsocket Division as foreman, and after five years was made general foreman of the Eastern Division, with headquarters at Boston. At the expiration of two years, in 1894, he engaged with the Old Colony Road, and was transferred to Falls Village in charge of the Housatonic shops. The next change was made in 1895, when he was placed in the motive power shops as general foreman, a very responsible position.

In 1876 Mr. Whitaker married Frances Burbank, a native of Winchendon, Mass., and daughter of James Burbank, of the same city, a book-keeper, and a descendant of an old New England family. To Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker three children have been born, Albert, Grace and Frank. Politically Mr. Whitaker is a Republican, and as evidence of his popularity was elected to the Board of Aldermen from the decidedly Democratic Fourth ward. He takes a deep interest in party affairs, is an active member of the Young Men's Republican Club, and has a host of friends among the business and social contingents of the city. The family are earnest members of the Congregational Church, and are among the most cultured and popular in the town.

PRAGEMANN. Among the many German families who have been represented in Connecticut the Pragemanns have been quite prominent, and are worthily represented in this generation by August Pragemann, of the town of Meriden.

Henry Pragemann, Sr., the father of this worthy citizen, was born in Polle, Hanover, Germany, son of Louis Pragemann, who lived and died in the Fatherland. Henry Pragemann learned the shoemaker's trade, and continued to make his home in Polle until 1857, when he came to the United States and located in Yalesville, this county. Here he bought a tract of forty acres, and settled down to farming, making his home there until his death, in 1872. His remains were laid to rest in Wallingford. In politics he was a Democrat, and in

religion a member of the Lutheran Church. A hard-working and honest man, he was quite popular and much respected in his community. In Polle, Hanover, he was married to Wilhelmina Stuenburg, a native of that village, a member of the Lutheran Church, and a woman of excellent character. She died in Yalesville, and was buried in Wallingford cemetery. To them were given nine children: Frederick who died in Yalesville; Wilhelmina, deceased wife of Charles Hahn; Frederica, wife of Christian Nebelsick; Caroline, who married Frederick Burghoff, and died in Yalesville; August, of Meriden; Johanna, widow of Henry Langheher; Henry, of Wallingford; and two that died in infancy.

AUGUST PRAGEMANN, well known and popular in Meriden as a grocery merchant, was born in Germany March 3, 1834, and received a good education in the German schools, remaining with his parents until he had attained his twenty-third year. Feeling that his future would be far better spent amid the richer opportunities of the Western World than at home, he came with his parents to the United States, leaving Bremen June 27, 1857, on a sailing vessel bound for New York, which port was reached after a voyage of seven weeks. The young German made his way to Yalesville, where he secured employment as a buffer in the factory of the Charles Parker Co., receiving wages of eighteen dollars a month. His parents also came to Yalesville. There he remained until the breaking out of the Civil war, when, unknown to his parents he went to New York and enlisted in a company of engineers. He served several years at the front, and distinguished himself by his fidelity and bravery. After his military experience had ended Mr. Pragemann returned to Yalesville, but soon removed to Middlefield, where he worked in a wringer factory for a time, and then located in Meriden, where he entered the tin shop of Mr. Clark. With this gentleman he spent some four years, and during the latter part of this time was in charge of the shop. His next employment was in the factory of the Britannia Company, where he rose to the position of foreman in the spoon department. In 1869 he began business for himself, opening a grocery store in State street. The enterprise proved highly successful, and three years later he removed to his present quarters, where for nearly thirty years he has carried on a growing business, in which his sterling character, courteous manner and reliable goods have been prominent factors. He is honorable in all his dealings, studies the needs of his patrons, and has won a large success in life.

Mr. Pragemann was married in 1863 to Eva Barker, a native of Offenbach, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, daughter of Chester Barker. To this union have been born: Henry, paymaster at Bradley & Hubbard's and one of the prominent and popular young Masons of the city; Emma, wife of N.

C. Brackett, of Meriden; August; Susan, who died young; Charles, in business with his father; and Eva, at home. Mr. Pragemann and his family attend the Episcopal Church, although he was one of the organizers of the Meriden Lutheran Church, of which he was at one time secretary and treasurer. He is a member of the German Mutual Aid Society, and has served as its president. He belongs to Teutonic Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F., of Meriden, where he has filled all the chairs, being a past grand. A public-spirited man, he has attended many conventions, and was an organizer and treasurer of the German schools. In politics he is a strong Republican, and has been a member of the city council for ten years.

DR. LEWIS T. DOOLITTLE, one of the most popular and prosperous young professional men of Meriden, was born in Springfield, Mass., Oct. 14, 1870, and is descended from one of the oldest and most respected families of Connecticut.

Abraham Doolittle, the founder of the family in this State, came to America from England, in company with his brother, John, and located at Salem, Mass., but later removed to New Haven and then to Wallingford, where he died Aug. 11, 1690. His first marriage was to Abigail Moss, a daughter of John Moss, of New Haven, and he became the father of eleven children. Samuel Doolittle, his son, was born July 7, 1665, and he removed to Middlesex county and located at Middletown with his family, where he died, having been twice married and the father of thirteen children.

Joseph Doolittle, son of Samuel, was born June 20, 1704, and May 24, 1729, married Mary Hitchcox, who died in Middletown. On May 24, 1759, he married Mary Strickland, of Middletown, and these children were born to him: Mary and Elizabeth, who died young; Joseph, who died Aug. 6, 1771; Seth, born Jan. 4, 1745, married Hannah Dow Feb. 4, 1768; Abisha, who died in Cheshire; Mary; Elizabeth; Jared, born July 13, 1769; Joel, born July 7, 1770; and Joseph.

Joseph Doolittle, son of Joseph, was born in Middletown, and there grew to manhood. He followed farming in what is now Westfield, which at that time was but a wilderness, and here he built his house and made extensive improvements upon a large estate, was active in religious affairs and assisted in the establishment of a Congregational church in Westfield, being a consistent member of that faith. His death and burial were in Westfield, where he had married. Abisha, the only son of Joseph, was born on the homestead and followed an agricultural life and also operated a gristmill. His home was always in Westfield, from which he went as a soldier during the war of 1812. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and a worthy, honest citizen. His marriage occurred in Westfield and his one son,

Amos, became a well-known farmer and miller, spending his active life on the farm, but he died in Chester, at the home of his daughter, Abigail, and was interred in the Westfield cemetery. During life he was known as a pronounced Whig, and a good and conscientious man.

Amos Doolittle married Margaret Graves, of Westfield, and reared a family of four children: Curtis, who removed to Ohio; Abisha; Sybil, who married Alfred Rood; and Abigail, who married Andrew Walton for her first husband, and later Charles Brook, of Cheshire, and died in Westfield, a valued member of the Baptist Church. Abisha Doolittle, the grandfather of the subject of this biography, was born on the old family homestead, where he grew to manhood, and bought a portion of the old place and carried on both farming and shoemaking, and died at the age of eighty-three. Abisha Doolittle was a strong Republican, but in later life joined the Prohibition party on account of his pronounced views on temperance. A man of worth, he left behind him a reputation for morality and uprightness of life. He was married in Westfield to Mary, a daughter of Jesse Kelsey, and they reared a family of five children: Julia Ann; Frederick, of Meriden; Lewis; John, who served in the Civil war; and Margaret, who died young. The mother died in Westfield.

Lewis Doolittle, the father of Lewis T., was born June 5, 1836, in Westfield, and attended the district schools of his neighborhood. He remained on the farm until he was eighteen years old, when he came to Meriden and entered the Britannia shop of I. C. Lewis, where he worked for several years, and then became a traveling salesman for the same concern. Later, upon removal to Springfield, Mass., he there became superintendent of a silver-plating company and remained with same four years, and then went back to the old homestead in Westfield, and remained there, farming, for nineteen years, and also conducted a dairy. In 1888 he removed to Meriden and for the past fourteen years has been engaged in the Britannia shop, a skilled workman and a most reliable man.

Mr. Doolittle is an independent Republican, but has never sought office, and has always given his influence in the direction of education, temperance and morality. For many years he has been a consistent member of the M. E. Church. On June 5, 1862, he was married at Higganum, Conn., to Melissa L. Baily, a daughter of Alvin and Susan (Maff) Baily, and a granddaughter of Lyman W. Baily. Two sons have been born of this marriage: Lewis T., of this sketch; and A. Walter, a student in a dental college, in Baltimore, Maryland.

With his parents Lewis T. Doolittle removed to Springfield, and later to Middlesex county, where he attended the schools in Middletown, and from there went to the Hannum Business College, at Hartford, where he graduated in 1885. Having

been offered a position in Wisconsin, with his uncle in the banking business, he was for a short time undecided as to his future. But for a long time his ambition had been to succeed in the profession of dentistry, and with this end in view he declined his uncle's offer and entered the office of Dr. Heller, in Hartford. Under this well-known practitioner he remained three years, and then came to Meriden and became the partner of Dr. Jones for one year. He then removed to Collinsville, Hartford county, and there built up a large practice, remaining in that pleasant locality three years. However, as his parents had their residence in Meriden, he decided in 1892 to locate there, and has ever since been considered one of the most skilled in his line in that community. Dr. Doolittle is located on West Main street, and has one of the most complete offices, employing all the modern methods known in dentistry. His personality is pleasant, and his success is permanent.

Dr. Doolittle was married in Meriden to Mary L. Broe, a daughter of Jesse Broe, and one son has been born to them, Winthrop T. Socially and fraternally Dr. Doolittle is popular; he is a member of the Masonic Lodge in Collinsville, and Keystone Chapter in Meriden; belongs to the Elks; the P. O. S. A., of Meriden, of which he is past master; and the Heptasophs. In politics he is a Republican. He has long been connected with the M. E. Church, and is a generous contributor to all benevolent and charitable enterprises.

FREDERICK W. LUTZ, one of the leading business citizens of New Haven, and dealer in groceries, meats, provisions, poultry, etc., located at No. 76 Sylvan avenue, corner Elliot street, was born in Collinsville, Conn., June 5, 1858. His father, George Lutz, was a prominent German-American citizen of New Haven, and died June 12, 1900, his wife having died in New Haven in 1889. The parents were members of the German Lutheran Church. They reared a family of four children, all of whom are residents of this city: George, a grocer; Minnie, wife of George Macheleidt; and Robert, a grocer and leading citizen.

Frederick W. Lutz was brought by his parents to New Haven when but five months old. Until he was twelve years of age he attended the Dixwell Avenue and Dwight schools, and then went to work in the lock shop of Mallory, Wheeler & Co., where he remained a year and a half. One year was spent at work in the Scovill Manufacturing Co. paper shop, a year and a half as a clerk for Andrew Treatline in the meat business, and six months in the same business in New York City. Upon his return to New Haven he entered the employ of Rush & Lockyear for about two years, and the next two years were filled with valuable experience as clerk for F. S. Andrews in the city market. Mr. Lutz then made a trip through Western cities for about ten months, and

upon his return was again clerk for Mr. Andrews, at the end of four years embarking in the business for himself. In 1882 he established a business on Elliott street, later coming to his present location and building his fine brick block in 1887. Mr. Lutz has been a very successful business man, and both he and his brother Robert are leaders in the grocery line in New Haven, both owning fine stores, conducting same in business blocks erected by themselves. Frederick Lutz is essentially a man of the people, and while making his own way in the world has adopted honesty, perseverance and industry as sound commercial principles. He is highly respected, and has a wide circle of friends in the city.

On Jan. 18, 1883, Mr. Lutz married Catherine Miller, who as born in New Haven, a daughter of Joseph A. Miller, a native of Germany, and who died in New Haven Dec. 9, 1899. Mrs. Miller, who came from the same place in Germany as her husband, is still living. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lutz, namely: Jennette Louisa; Alice May; and George Robert, all at home.

In politics Mr. Lutz is identified with the Democratic party, and fraternally is connected with the Germania Lodge, No. 78, I. O. O. F.; Connecticut Rock Lodge, No. 92, A. F. & A. M.; and the Knights of Honor. His religious connection is with the German Lutheran Church.

EVERETT STAPLES GRANT, formerly secretary and treasurer of the Stony Creek Red Granite Co., was born in what is now Stockton, Waldo Co., Maine, Oct. 8, 1850, a son of Giles C. and Desiah (Hichborn) Grant. The father was a merchant in Stockton, a man of affairs and prominent local standing, and was a son of Josiah P. and Elizabeth K. (Staples) Grant. Josiah Grant was a farmer and a fisherman of Stockton, and was a son of Alexander and Abigail (Staples) Grant, who removed from York, Maine, to Prospect (now Stockton) some time prior to 1800. The maternal grandfather of Everett S. Grant was Henry Hichborn, whose wife was Desiah Griffin. He was a carpenter and a farmer, and a son of Robert Hichborn, of Boston, Mass., removing at an early age to Stockton. Giles C. Grant was a prominent merchant in Stockton, Maine, where he died in 1853, and was the father of two children: (1) Henry Hichborn, of Portland, Maine, whose wife was Martha Pendleton; and (2) Everett S., whose name opens this article.

Everett Staples Grant was reared in Stockton, Maine, where he was educated, taking his higher branches at Westbrook Seminary, Westbrook, Maine. At the age of seventeen years he began life for himself as a sailor, which he followed for half a year, when he secured a position as a clerk in the general store at Searsport, Maine. There he remained from 1868 to 1873 when he had be-

come sufficiently forehanded to embark in business for himself, as a member of the firm of Nickerson, Grant & Co., at Searsport. For two years he maintained these relations, and then returned to Stockton, where he was engaged for two years as a manufacturer of clothing, when he entered the employ of Pierce, Rowe & Co., granite quarrymen at Frankfort, Maine. For two years he continued with them, and for six months was bookkeeper for a wholesale grocery house. In 1881 he located in Westborough, Mass., where he was local manager for C. Brigham & Co. in the grain business. For ten years he maintained this position with this widely connected Boston establishment. In 1890 Mr. Grant removed to Stony Creek at the solicitation of John Pierce, of New York City, formerly of the firm of Pierce, Rowe & Co., and there he held his position of secretary and treasurer of the Stony Creek Red Granite Company until his removal to New York about a year ago. These quarries are located at Red Hill, in the Stony Creek district of the town of Branford, and they produce a superior quality of red granite, closely resembling the celebrated Scotch granite of Aberdeen, Scotland. The Stony Creek granite is largely used for ornamental as well as building purposes. The company gives employment to about two hundred men and has an output of granite amounting to about 50,000 cubic feet of dressed granite annually.

Mr. Grant was married Dec. 23, 1874, to Eva A., a daughter of Henry S. and Miranda J. (Griffin) Staples, of Stockton, Maine, and by her he has three children: Marietta L., Lillias S. and Mary Helen. Mr. Grant is a member of Mariners' Lodge, No. 68, F. & A. M., of Searsport, Maine, and Halleck Chapter, No. 44, R. A. M., of Guilford, Conn. Mr. Grant was elected to the Maine Legislature from Stockton in 1876, and served with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

MICHAEL G. REYNOLDS. The general aspect of prosperity and activity which characterizes the city of Meriden is due in a great measure to the efficiency of the men who manage the business interests of this locality. Among these is Michael G. Reynolds, one of the best known, highly respected and substantial citizens, who, although born in another land, for many years has been identified with this section, where he has built up an enviable business reputation.

Michael G. Reynolds was born in the parish of Anaduff, County Leitrim, Ireland, in September, 1838, a son of Thomas Reynolds, who also was a native of the same place. Thomas Reynolds was a farmer and lived and died in Ireland, a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church. He married Ellen Gill, who lived a number of years, a devoted wife and mother and a consistent mem-

ber of the Catholic Church; she died in the old home. Of the ten children of this family, the six survivors are: Ann, who married James Maxwell, and resides in Ireland on the old homestead; John, who resides in Marshall, Clark Co., Ill.; Francis, who lives in Terre Haute, Ind.; Hugh, who is also a resident of Marshall; Michael G.; and Catherine, who is the widow of James McCarthy and resides in New Haven.

Michael G. Reynolds grew up on the farm of his parents and received a good education in the primary branches, and remained at home until 1863. Not seeing any opportunities to better his condition in his native country, and possessing both ambition and energy, he decided to cross the ocean and make his way alone in the land where so many of his countrymen had established themselves and had done much toward the developing of the natural resources of many sections of the United States.

Many difficulties were surmounted, and finally Michael found himself in Liverpool, where he embarked on a steamer bound for New York, which he reached in due time, and immediately made his way to Connecticut, where he knew other lads of his age were employed, and his pleasant manner and honest face very soon obtained him work. In the following autumn he came to Meriden, after laboring for a short time in the auger shop at Tracy, and engaged in teaming in Meriden, continuing until 1865, when he went to Illinois and remained there for the succeeding two years. Coming back to Connecticut, Mr. Reynolds located in Wallingford, where he started in business for himself in the grocery line, and conducted this store until 1870, at which time he removed to Meriden and opened up a fine grocery store on the corner of West Maine and Second streets. Here he dealt in groceries and also conducted a retail liquor business, and for twenty-six years was one of the most successful dealers in his line in the locality.

Since his withdrawal from this business Mr. Reynolds has been actively engaged in the real estate and insurance line, and has done much to adorn and beautify the city. His fine brick block on Main street is substantial and imposing, and his residence on North Second street is the finest in that locality. Mr. Reynolds represents the Royal Tailors, of Chicago; the Erie Insurance Co., of Buffalo; and two mutual insurance companies of well-known merit. In public life Michael Reynolds is an Independent Democrat, and has served on the board of assessors for five years, and has long been on the school committee, as he takes a deep interest in educational matters. Socially he is a member of the Amaranth Club, of Meriden; and of Silver City Council, K. of C., and of the latter was treasurer for five years.

Mr. Reynolds was married in New Haven to Miss Mary Campbell, a native of Ireland, a daughter of Owen Campbell, and a niece of the late Rev.

Father John Campbell, a well-known Catholic priest of New York. Five children have been born of this union: Thomas Edward, who attended the schools of Meriden and graduated from Yale University in the class of 1896, where he had taken a classical course, and he now occupies the responsible position of paymaster of The J. D. Bergen Co., of Meriden; Mary Ellen, who graduated from Mount St. Vincent, N. Y., and has taught in the public schools of Meriden very successfully; Eugene, who died young; Anna Josephine, who is the capable stenographer and typewriter in her father's office; and Gerald Joseph, who is a promising student in the Meriden high school.

Mr. Reynolds is a broad-minded man, of generous impulses and has many friends. A tireless worker, he has at heart many schemes for the benefit of the community, and especially for the advancement of education. His children have been afforded every advantage, and the affection and esteem in which he is held by his family is only equalled by the respect of his neighbors, all of whom are his friends. Having made his own way in the world, he gives ready assistance and help to others whom he deems deserving. In his wife Mr. Reynolds has a most estimable helpmate. Both are consistent members of St. Joseph's parish in Meriden.

CHARLES E. EGAN, the well-known dealer in scrap iron, babbitt, lead, spelter, etc., at Nos. 284-290 Meadow street, Waterbury, Conn., was born in Boston, Mass., April 26, 1852, and bears the surname of his paternal, as well as his maternal, ancestors, although no consanguinity existed between the two families.

The paternal grandfather of Charles E. Egan never came to America, while Charles Egan, the maternal grandfather, was the first of the name to settle in Waterbury. The latter was a gentleman of fair education, and was chiefly employed by surveying parties. He married Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, who bore him eight children, viz: Charles, Catherine, Ann, Anastasia, Lucy, Roger, Thomas and Bridget. The father of this family reached the patriarchal age of ninety-six years.

Peter Egan, who was born in County Kings, Ireland, in 1817, and came to America a young man, settled in Boston, Mass., where he followed his trade of tailor. He married Catherine Egan in that city, and they reared a family of three children—James, Charles E. (subject) and William. Of these, James is engaged in the transfer (cab) business in New York; and William died in Waterbury, Conn., in January, 1898. The father had been called away in 1854.

Charles E. Egan was but two years of age when his recently widowed mother brought him to Waterbury. Here he received his schooling, grew to manhood, worked among the different factories and served as janitor of the city-hall building until

1881, when he was appointed deputy sheriff of New Haven county under the auspices of the Democratic party. He resigned this deputyship to serve on the police force for a short time, and was then appointed, or detailed, to detective work, which he followed for seven years. This he resigned to engage with the Waterbury Scrap Iron Co. He was also in partnership in the same line, with Michael Keeley for some time, and then on April 6, 1899, sold out and started his present business, in which he has met with abundant success, which is due entirely to his own attentiveness and fair dealing.

On May 14, 1877, Mr. Egan was (first) married to Julia A. Finn, a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Patrick and Ann (Fitzpatrick) Finn, and this union has been crowned with four children, named in order of birth: Charles E., Jr., Julia A., Francis P. and Sarah L., all still single. Mrs. Egan was called hence July 24, 1893, and Mr. Egan remained without a helpmeet until April 14, 1895, when he married Jennie M. Sperry, of Oxford, Connecticut. In politics Mr. Egan is a Democrat, and fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the United Workmen. In Church affairs he is somewhat independent, although his children have been reared in the faith of the Church of Rome. Personally Mr. Egan is very popular, and his upright conduct as a business man has won him the esteem of all who have had any dealings with him.

OSMOND A. BOWE, who is engaged in general blacksmithing and horse-shoeing at Yalesville, is conspicuously associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he has been clerk for a number of years. Mr. Bowe was born in the town of Middlefield, Middlesex Co., Conn., Feb. 12, 1858, a son of Allen Bowe, who was born in South Farms, Middlesex county, and is a son of Obadiah and Nancy (Skinner) Bowe, of Middletown. Obadiah A. Bowe was a tin and sheet iron worker, and spent his life in Middlesex county; he was a Democrat.

Allen Bowe, mentioned in the preceding paragraph, was born in 1822, and lost his father when he was nine years of age, when he was adopted by Deacon G. Birdsey, of East Meriden, with whom he remained until he was sixteen years old, working at farming for his board and clothes. At that age he went to Middletown and learned the blacksmithing trade. At Meriden he learned horse-shoeing, and after working as a journeyman for a time he started a shop for himself in Middlefield, where he worked for some time. Then he located in Long Island, where he worked two years in the town of Whitestone. At New Haven he worked two years for the Winchester Rifle Co., and then came to Meriden and spent a year in the gun shop of C. Parker. In 1870 he removed to North Farms, in the town of Wallingford, where he has maintained his home to the present time. Here he follows his trade, and owns a small farm. Mr. Bowe is

still a hale and hearty man, and is temperate in his habits, and kind and generous in his disposition. Formerly he was a Democrat, but later has voted the Republican ticket. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and socially of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Bowe was married in Middlefield, Conn., to Miss Mary A. Coe, a native of that place and a daughter of Nelson Coe, also of Middlefield. Two children were born of this union: Osmond A. and Clifford, the latter now deceased. Mrs. Bowe is a lady of marked character, and has many friends, who admire her womanly qualities, and appreciate highly her kind and helpful spirit. She is a member of the Methodist Church.

Osmond A. Bowe was educated in the public schools of New Haven and in Middlesex county, and learned the blacksmithing trade under his father's instructions, with whom he worked until 1898. That year he removed to Yalesville, where he bought the Tompkins place, and since then has devoted himself to horse-shoeing and general blacksmithing. His industrious life, temperate habits, business integrity, and kindly spirit have won the respect of the community, and he is very highly esteemed today in his new home.

Mr. Bowe was married in 1884 to Miss Martha A. Atwood, a daughter of Francis Atwood, and a native of Woodbury, Conn. To them have come two children: Francis and Minnie. Mr. Bowe is a Republican in politics. Fraternally he belongs to Center Lodge, No. 68, A. F. & A. M., to Compass Lodge, and to the Rebekahs. He is also a member of the Grange, in which Mrs. Bowe is an active worker, as she is in the Daughters of Rebekah. Mr. Bowe is a member of the Methodist Church, where he has been steward, and is one of the pillars of the Church. A straightforward and upright man, he has many friends, and is bound to succeed.

GEORGE L. TALMAGE, a prominent citizen of Prospect and a worthy representative of its agricultural interests, was born in that town, in May, 1855, and belongs to one of the old and honored families of New Haven county. His paternal grandfather, Josiah Talmage, was a life-long resident of Cheshire, was a farmer by occupation, and was quite well-known and highly respected. Caleb Talmage, the grandfather, was also a farmer and land owner of Cheshire, as well as one of its highly esteemed citizens. There he married Polly Smith, and both died and were buried in Cheshire. Their children were: Lucius; Jason; Eliza; Hiram; Mary Ann (Polly); and Orrin.

Lucius Talmage, father of our subject, was born Feb. 5, 1807, in Cheshire, where he obtained a district school education and also became familiar with every department of farm work, which occupation he made his life work. He lived in the towns of Cheshire, Oxford and New Haven, and finally came

to Prospect, where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in general farming. He was a very industrious man and was noted for his upright and honorable dealings. His political support was given first the Whig and later the Republican parties, and both he and his wife were earnest members of the Congregational Church. He married Abigail Platt Gillette, a native of Milford, and a daughter of Garrett Gillette. He died Oct. 8, 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, and his remains, and also those of his wife, were laid to rest in Prospect Centre cemetery. To this worthy couple were born eleven children, namely: George, who died young; Mary J., wife of Lyman Gillette; Frederick, who died in the Civil war; John, who also died in the Civil war; Sarah, who first married Lorenzo Peck and second Martin Brooks; Maria A., a resident of Prospect; Caroline M., who first married Sherman Guernsey, and second James Hanks; Martha E., who first married William Seville, and second Miles Payne; Alice, wife of John Pardis; Abbie, wife of Samuel Hart; and George L., our subject.

During his boyhood, George L. Talmage attended the district schools of Prospect, and remained upon the home farm with his parents until reaching man's estate. Subsequently he traveled quite extensively through the Western States, where he spent several years, and on his return to Prospect, in 1885, located on the Garrett Gillette farm, a tract of 100 acres, to which he has since added fifty acres, making a fine farm of 150 acres that he has extensively improved. He follows general farming, dairying and stock raising, and is also engaged in the wood business.

In June, 1880, in Cheshire, Mr. Talmage was united in marriage with Miss Ella Carrell, a native of that town, and to them have been born two children: Daisy Mildred and Bernice Abigail. The older daughter graduated from the Cheshire high school in 1898, and then entered the New Britain Normal School. She successfully engaged in teaching for a short time. James Carrell, Mrs. Talmage's father, and a son of George Carrell, was born in Cheshire, where he still continues to make his home. In early life he followed the occupation of farming, but is now living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest surrounded by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who esteem him highly for his sterling worth. Politically he is a Democrat. He married Miss Mary Carter, also a native of Cheshire, who died there and was laid to rest in Cheshire cemetery. By this union the following children were born: Lewis, who died in infancy; Mary, wife of Harry Collins; Sarah and Julia, twins, the former of whom married Harry Hilman, while the latter died in infancy; Ella, wife of our subject; Margaret L., wife of Sereno Cook, of Mt. Carmel, this county; George, a resident of Naugatuck, Conn.; Alice, wife of John Brown, of Yalesville;

and John, an undertaker and embalmer of New York City.

Fraternally Mr. Talmage is a member of the Grange of Prospect, and politically is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. As one of the prominent and influential citizens of his community he has been called to public office, and has most acceptably served as a member of the board of relief and as grand juror of the town. In 1894 he was also elected to the State Legislature, and most ably represented Prospect in that body for one term.

JOHN MACKRILLE, well and favorably known throughout the length and breadth of Connecticut, as well as through New England, was born May 25, 1844, at Halifax, England, the home of his ancestors. His grandfather, William Mackrille, was a native of Halifax, where he was engaged for many years in the manufacture of cloth, and here he died in middle life.

Thomas Mackrille, son of William, was also born in Halifax, and followed the occupation of cabinet maker all his active life. He took a prominent part in public affairs, and became a leading citizen of the town. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Martha Spencer, was one of a large family of children born to Thomas Spencer, a stone merchant of Halifax, who was an active worker in the cause of Wesleyan Methodism.

John Mackrille was educated in a private school, and began his business career as a telegraph operator, later becoming manager at Halifax and other places for the Electric Telegraph Company. In the same capacity he was engaged in the telegraph service of the London & Northwestern and Midland Railway Companies, and on leaving this service engaged in private business as an accountant until he came to the United States in 1881. Entering the employ of the New York & New England road as clerk, he afterward became traveling auditor, and in 1887 the position of traveling auditor with the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. was offered and accepted, under the then new regime of President Clark. Since 1888 he has occupied the onerous and responsible position of auditor of freight receipts of this road, with headquarters at New Haven.

The activities of Mr. Mackrille are by no means confined to business affairs, as he is a man of many interests. He is one of the most active workers and best-known members of the fraternal orders in the State of Connecticut. For some years he was one of the standard bearers for the Royal Arcanum in Massachusetts, having been initiated into that order in 1884, while a resident of Hyde Park. In 1886 he was elected to the highest office in the gift of his council, and in 1888 was representative to the Grand Council of Massachusetts. Removing to Connecticut, he was instrumental in forming a Council at his home in West Haven, of which he was elected first past regent, and he was sent as

representative to the Grand Council of Connecticut in 1889, and at that session was elected Grand Orator. In 1891 he was advanced to the office of Vice-Regent, and elected Grand Regent of Connecticut the following year. In the A. O. U. W. Mr. Mackrille soon came to the front, for the talents he possesses are quickly recognized and utilized. He is a member of Phoenix Lodge of New Haven, was elected Master Workman in 1892, and representative to the Grand Lodge in 1893. He was the first president of Lodge No. 1, of Connecticut, Workmen's Benefit Association, and representative to the Supreme Lodge in 1896. In 1897 he was appointed Supreme Chaplain; in 1899 elected Vice-President, and is now Supreme President of the order. As he is possessed of oratorical powers of no mean order, he is in great request at all festive gatherings of the various orders with which he is identified, frequently holding his listeners spellbound by his impassioned and earnest addresses. The secret of his success in this line lies in the fact that he does not speak merely in order to say something, but because he has something to say—something in which he believes, and has the faculty of making others believe. For some years he has been a prominent member of the Improved Order of Heptasophs, and has ably filled many of the most responsible offices in both the subordinate and supreme conclaves. He is also a member of Annawon Lodge, No. 115, Masonic Order, and has been Chaplain of Joseph Andrews Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is also a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and Home Circle, a director in the Co-operative Savings Society of Connecticut, and the American Service Union.

A Republican, Mr. Mackrille enters heartily into local affairs, and in 1896 and 1898 served as a member of the board of Wardens and Burgesses in West Haven, being chairman of the board of Fire Commissioners in 1898-1900. He has enthusiastically championed the cause of education, and has for eight years been a school visitor in West Haven and Orange. In religious circles Mr. Mackrille is influential and active, and as a lay preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church his services are in considerable demand, both in his own and other denominations. For some years he was Superintendent of the Sunday school, and in general religion and humanitarian work has been indefatigable in his labors for more than a quarter of a century.

In 1867 Mr. Mackrille married Harriet Corney, daughter of John and Edna Corney, the former a well-known grocer and provision dealer of Halifax, England. Of their union four children have been born, viz: Alfred, born and educated in England, is a traveling auditor for the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., in whose employ he has been since 1887, having formerly been with the New England R. R.; he married Marion Winchenbaugh, and has three children, Ruth E., John E. and Allen A. Edgar is a

cabinet maker and carver with the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.; he married Olive M. Clark. Edith E. was educated at Hyde Park, Mass., in West Haven, and the State Normal school in New Haven, and is now teaching in the West Haven public schools. Eveline C. is at home attending school. Since it was established Mr. Mackrille and family have been members of the Pine Orchard Summer Colony.

JOSEPH GUEST (deceased), for many years a leading business man of Waterbury, Conn., was a native of Wakefield, Yorkshire, England, and a son of William Guest. He received only a very limited education as he was obliged to begin work in the shops of his native land at a very early age, being thus employed until he attained his twentieth year.

With the hope of bettering his financial condition, Mr. Guest came to the United States in 1859, and first located in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he found employment in the shops for two years. He then returned to his native land, where he remained until 1862, when he again came to America, and this time took up his residence in Waterbury, where he worked in the woolen mills as foreman of the spinning department. Later he was in the employ of the Scovill Manufacturing Co., until 1870, when he went to Wilton, Conn., and engaged in the stone cutting business for a short time. From there he removed to Reynolds Bridge, Litchfield Co., Conn., where he was employed as boss carder until 1872, when he returned to Waterbury and embarked in the retail liquor business on South Main street, continuing to engage in that trade up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1897.

At Reynolds Bridge, Mr. Guest was united in marriage with Miss Charlotte Mann, a native of Torrington, Conn., and a daughter of William and Jane Mann. She died in 1886, and they now sleep side by side in Riverside cemetery. She was a member of the Episcopal Church, and a most estimable woman. For his second wife Mr. Guest married Catherine Martin, who died in 1895. For thirty years Mr. Guest was an active member of the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., of Waterbury, and was also a member of the Sons of St. George, and a charter member of Court Fruitful, F. of A. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, and was organist of the church for many years, possessing much musical talent. He was no office seeker, and in politics voted independently of party lines, supporting the men whom he believed best qualified for the offices. He was upright and honorable in all things, and was highly respected by his many friends and acquaintances.

THOMAS E. GUEST, the only child of Joseph and Charlotte (Mann) Guest, was born Oct. 25, 1865, and was educated in the district and high schools of Waterbury. He always remained at home, assisting his father, and on the death of the latter succeeded to the business, which he has since carried

on with marked success. He is very fond of all kinds of sport, taking especial interest in base ball and polo, and in 1884 was catcher for the Waterbury Base Ball team, which won the State championship that season. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party, and fraternally is affiliated with Court Fruitful, No. 123, F. of A.; the Sons of St. George; and the B. P. O. E., No. 205, of Waterbury.

In 1890, Mr. Guest was married, in Waterbury, to Miss Florence Borchardt, a native of that place, and a daughter of William and Charlotte Borchardt. To this union was born a son, William Joseph, in 1894.

BLAKESLEE. The name of Blakeslee has for years held an honored place in the business world of New Haven, and the family of that name have had prominent representative citizens in each generation since the early days of Connecticut. Those of whom we write are the son and grandsons of Matthew Gilbert and Rhoda (Dorman) Blakeslee, the former of New Haven and the latter of Hamden.

Charles Wells Blakeslee, son of Matthew, was born in Westfield, Mass., Aug. 11, 1824. At the age of ten years he was brought to Connecticut, and for a time resided in Hamden with his brother, Matthew. He attended school during the winters and engaged in farm work in the summers for several seasons, but while yet a mere boy he began teaming, and shortly after began taking small contracts in the city of New Haven. In 1844 he bought his home property of the English family. George street was then but a cow path, and most of the neighboring land was used for pasture, and Mr. Blakeslee engaged in farming on the land now occupied by Grace Hospital. In 1872 he began taking contracts for street paving, and the building of street railways. This he has continued to follow, and his business has assumed mammoth proportions. His sons are associated with him in the business and take the greater part of the responsibility from the father's shoulders.

Mr. Blakeslee was married in New Haven to Miss Eliza Clark, a native of Milford, who died in New Haven, the mother of seven children, of whom two died in infancy, and one, Albert, died when three and a half years old. The others are Charles W., Jr., mention of whom is made further on; Jeanette; Isabella and Mary. For his second wife, Mr. Blakeslee married Mrs. Martha Jane Blair, of New Haven. By her first marriage she had two children: William H. Blair, a superintendent with the Charles W. Blakeslee & Co.; and Jane, who became Mrs. Copley, and died in 1900. By his second marriage Mr. Blakeslee has become the father of six children: Dennis A.; Dwight W.; Fhebe; Clarence; Martha, who married Lyman Law, and has two children, Ellen and Alice; and Theodore R. In his political views in early life, Mr. Blakes-

lee was a Whig, but since 1857 he has been a firm supporter of Republican principles. He is a Methodist in his religious belief, and is a member of the church of that denomination on George street, in New Haven.

MAJOR CHARLES WELLS BLAKESLEE, JR., was born in New Haven, Conn., June 9, 1844, at what is now No. 550 George street, and by his life has emulated the examples set by his maternal grandfather and great-grandfather (who fought in the war of the Revolution) by answering his country's call for volunteer soldiers. At the age of eighteen he became a member of Co. G, 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery, and served in the army of the Potomac. He participated in the siege of Yorktown, Hanover Court House, Seven Days Fight and Malvern Hill. On Aug. 15, 1864, he was honorably discharged on account of wounds and injuries sustained from his horse. He returned to New Haven, and the following winter began business with his father. Then he branched out for himself, and between the ages of twenty-one and forty-two was engaged in business alone. At the end of that time he again entered business with his father, and has engaged in contract work on a percentage basis.

Mr. Blakeslee was married in New Haven to Miss Grace Caroline Fowler, sister of ex-city engineer Fowler, and of the three children who blessed this union but one is living, Edith May. Mr. Blakeslee has always taken a prominent part in public affairs, and has done his share toward promoting good government. At the present time he is serving as first selectman, and previously served as councilman and alderman, two terms each, from the Tenth ward. For twelve years he was a member of the Governor's Horse Guards, and during five years of that time he held the rank of major. Fraternally he is a member of Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., and also belongs to the Knights of Honor. Mr. and Mrs. Blakeslee are members of Christ Episcopal Church, of which he is a vestryman.

GOTFRIED STERNBERG. Among the prosperous and successful farmers and dairymen of Cheshire none stand higher in public esteem than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He was born in Germany Feb. 23, 1854, a son of John and Katharine Sternberg, also natives of the Fatherland, who emigrated to America in 1873, and located in Meriden, Conn., where both died. In their family were six children, namely: Mary, wife of Charles Darmon; William; Carrie, wife of Gotfried Schwartz; Minnie, wife of Henry Schif-fen; Gotfried; and Charles.

Gotfried Sternberg remained in his native land until eighteen years of age, and received a rather limited education in its common schools. Crossing the Atlantic, he landed in New York in January, 1872, and the first three months spent in this country were passed on Long Island. He then went to White Plains, N. Y., where he worked on a farm

for eight months, and at the end of that time came to Meriden, New Haven Co., Conn., where he was employed by the Malleable Iron Co., for eight years. On leaving there in 1879, he purchased the farm in Cheshire upon which he now makes his home, and has since engaged in agricultural pursuits with marked success. In 1883 he established a milk route in Meriden, and has devoted a part of his time to the dairy business with most gratifying results.

In 1877, Mr. Sternberg married Miss Ardelia Greiner, daughter of Maurice Greiner, of Meriden, and to them were born four children, but only one, Emma, is now living. For his second wife he married Miss Carrie Stromlan, a native of Germany, by whom he has had ten children, four living, namely: Charles, Minnie, John and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Sternberg are both members of the German Lutheran Church of Meriden, and he is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at that place. Politically he is a staunch Democrat, and as every true American citizen should, he takes an active interest in public affairs, giving his support to every enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit.

BILLIOUS C. HALL, the well-known postmaster of Union City, Conn., is a native of New Haven county, born in the town of Wallingford, Sept. 5, 1833, and belongs to one of the old and highly respected families of that section. To this family belonged Hon. Lyman Hall, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Deacon Josiah Hall, the grandfather of our subject, spent his entire life as a farmer in Wallingford, and was deacon of the Congregational Church there. He became the father of nine children: Edward L., father of our subject; Ogden, who was engaged in the daguerreotype business in New Haven for some time; George, a merchant of Georgia; David M., a farmer of Wallingford; James, a cattle dealer of Ohio; Catherine, who died unmarried; Thankful, the first wife of Thaddeus Cook; Eliza, wife of James Rounds, of West Haven; and Martha, the second wife of Thaddeus Cook.

Edward L. Hall, father of our subject, was also born in Wallingford, and continued to reside on the old home farm throughout life, dying there in 1858. He wedded Miss Mary K. Cook, a native of Wallingford, and a daughter of Capt. Billious Cook, a farmer by occupation. A family of five children were born to this worthy couple, namely: Josiah, deceased, was engaged in the silver plating business in Hartford and Meriden, Conn.; Billious C., our subject, is next in order of birth; Charles K. is a farmer of Wallingford; Mary K. married Daniel Pattee, of Wallingford; and George is a farmer of the same town.

On the old homestead in Wallingford, the subject of this sketch grew to manhood, and was educated in the public schools of the neighborhood.

He came to Naugatuck in 1858, and now owns and successfully operates a good farm of sixty acres about one mile east of Union City. He makes a specialty of the milk business, and has met with well-deserved success during his residence here.

In 1860, Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide Smith, a native of Naugatuck and a daughter of Ashel Smith. They now have a family of three sons, Clarence D., Edward C. and Lewis H. The family are members of the Congregational Church, and are held in high regard by all who know them. During the Civil war, Mr. Hall served for nine months as a member of Company B, 27th Conn. V. I., and was taken prisoner at the battle of Chancellorsville. The Republican party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and in August, 1897, he was appointed postmaster of Union City, which office he is now most creditably filling. He is one of the honored and valued citizens of the community, his upright and honorable career having won him the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, either in business or social life.

W. B. DAVIS, a well-known farmer of Oxford, New Haven county, and a faithful and valiant soldier of the Civil war, was born in Newtown, Fairfield county, this State, Feb. 17, 1845, and is one of five brothers, three of whom were among the defenders of the Union during her hour of peril. Our subject was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, receiving a common school education, and he remained at home until he responded to his country's call to arms. He enlisted, in December, 1863, in Company F, 8th Conn. V. I., which was assigned to the Ninth Army Corps, and with his command took part in the engagements at Swift Creek and Drury's Bluff. Illness, brought on by exposure, confined him to the hospital for some time. He was honorably discharged at Hartford, and returned to Newtown, where he remained for a time. Subsequently he spent fifteen years in Dutchess and Putnam counties, N. Y., and then, in 1890, came to Oxford, locating on the farm where he now lives. Here he has a well-improved place of seventy-two acres and is successfully engaged in general farming and fruit growing, raising over 1,000 bushels of apples and other fruit in 1897. As an agriculturist he is systematic and methodical, and as a business man is energetic and reliable, and the prosperity that has crowned his efforts is certainly well merited.

Mr. Davis was married, April 6, 1890, to Mrs. Laura M. Towner, a widow of Albert Towner, and daughter of J. Buckingham. Politically Mr. Davis is a strong Republican, and he takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs.

ANDREW B. CLEMENS. Energy and enterprise, directed by good judgment, make a combination which will command success in any line of life,

and the career of the subject of this sketch, a well-known resident of Ansonia, would indicate that he possesses these admirable qualities in full measure. He is widely recognized as an expert on draughting and all sorts of machinery, forty years of experience as superintendent of different factories having given him practical knowledge seldom gained by one man, and although he is now living in retirement, his opinions are sought as authoritative.

Mr. Clemens was born July 1, 1824, in Stratford, Conn., and comes of good pioneer stock. Samuel P. Clemens, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Hartford, but removed to Stratford in early manhood to make a permanent home, and his death occurred there at the age of seventy-five. Andrew Clemens, our subject's father, was born and reared upon his father's farm at Stratford, and became a mason by trade, serving his apprenticeship in Milford. He followed his trade in Stratford for many years, doing much work on contract, and he lived to the good old age of seventy-five. In religious faith he was a Methodist, and he and his estimable wife were prominent members of the church at Stratford. He married Amy J. Bristol, a native of Milford, who died at the age of eighty-four. She was one of the eight children of Samuel A. Bristol, a well-known farmer of Milford, and his wife, Betsey Van Nostrom, a native of Fairfield, Conn. Of the children of Andrew and Amy Clemens, we have record of the following: Mary; Andrew B., our subject; Louis, who settled in Iowa; Lucy; ^{Frederick Milo, sec. Seymour} Jane, wife of Wilson Clark; and Emily, wife of David Judson. ^{past & present - Clemens family}

Our subject's early life was spent in Stratford, and he secured his education in the common schools of the locality. When seventeen years old he went to Derby to learn the cabinet maker's trade, and on completing his apprenticeship took a position in the pattern shop of the foundry of Colburn Brothers, remaining three years. For five years he had charge of the machine and pattern room of the Farrell foundry at Ansonia, and spent the next eight years as superintendent of the Birmingham Iron Foundry, at Derby, his work being of recognized value in building up that business. He then returned to the Farrell foundry to remain as superintendent until his retirement from active work thirty years later (1893), and he is still in the employ of the company as adviser, and also superintends the work of draughting. At the time he took charge of the plant there were only two small buildings, one forty by sixty feet, and the other forty feet square, while the works now cover two blocks. Only forty men were then employed, but during his term as superintendent the force was increased to 700 men in all departments. His ability as an inventor was called into play to furnish suitable machinery for the business as it expanded, and he secured a number of valuable patents. For some time he was a director and stockholder in the company, and his investments now include several houses in the bor-

ough. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served three terms as burgess.

In 1845 Mr. Clemens married Catherine E. Gerard, a native of Long Island, who died aged sixty-six years. She was a Congregationalist in religion, and her ideal of Christian life was daily exemplified by her in the home and social circle. She was one of the eight children of Azel Gerard, a blacksmith, now deceased, who was employed for some time in the Halleck ship yard at Derby, and later in the Bassett auger factory. Mr. Clemens has three living children: (1) Marie married Thomas Wood, superintendent of the Coe Brass Co., at Ansonia, and has one son, Robert, who married Miss Eva Perkins, and is now superintendent of a brass mill in New York. (2) Frank, superintendent of the pattern shop in the Farrell foundry, married Miss Elizabeth Van Dusen, and has one son, Frank, now a pattern maker in the same factory. (3) Jessie married Bradley Doty, a contractor in New York, and has one son, George, a pattern maker.

MICHAEL J. LAWLOR, proprietor of the "South End Hotel," Waterbury, is a native of Ireland, born in County Kilkenny in 1842. His father, John Lawlor, was a coal miner in Ireland, where he passed his entire life, and married Mary Coogan, of County Kilkenny. Ten children were born of this union, eight of whom attained maturity, and five of whom are living at present: Margaret, Mary, John, James and Michael J. Of these, Margaret married Gilbert Keller, of New Haven; Eleanor, deceased, married a Mr. Dolan, of New Haven; Mary is the wife of Patrick Fenneley, of Albany; John is a liquor dealer in Waterbury; James is a mechanic in New Haven; and Michael J. is our subject.

Michael J. Lawlor received his education in his native land, and in 1861, at the age of eighteen, came to this country, where he engaged in mining in Pennsylvania. Upon locating in Waterbury, in 1864, he became interested in the making of ivory articles, such as buttons and billiard balls, and later was employed for seven years by the firm of Holmes, Booth & Haydens. At the end of that time he engaged in the grocery and liquor business in Brooklyn (Waterbury), and in 1882 built his fine brick block on South Main street, in which he has conducted his hotel business since 1890.

In June, 1864, Mr. Lawlor married Catherine Hickey, who was born in Waterbury, Conn., and who at her death left four children, Frederick W., George H., Charles J. and Mary E., all of whom are living at home. In 1886 Mr. Lawlor married Maggie Collins, who died without issue. In 1893 he wedded Josephine Keefe, who was born in Perryville, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Lawlor are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Lawlor is politically a Republican, and fraternally is associated with the Knights of Columbus and the New England Order of Protection. He has made his own success in

life, totally unaided, having commenced with literally "not a cent" in the world, and working at first for \$18 per month. He possesses the requisite attributes for a successful hotel man, having besides a genial personality and tactful manner, a wide knowledge of human nature in all its workings.

WILLIAM THOMAS WOOLLEY, a prosperous dealer in furniture, carpets, curtains, stoves and ranges, on Center street, Meriden, and one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of the town, owes his present high position in the financial world to his own untiring energy, and to the devotion and encouragement of a noble wife. A native of the County of Kent, England, he was born April 3, 1844, and is the sole survivor of the six children born to William and Louisa (Lawrence) Woolley. William Woolley, Sr., removed from Dover to Sheffield, England, and engaged in manufacturing there until his death. His wife also died in Sheffield. They were faithful and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were highly respected by those who knew them.

In his infancy William T. Woolley was brought by his parents to Sheffield. His opportunities for obtaining an education were meagre in the extreme, as when but a child he was put to work in a rope walk, and then in a brass works, where he engaged in chandelier making. At the age of fourteen he was bound out to serve in a cork factory, his salary of three shillings a week for the first year increasing one shilling a week for each year until his apprenticeship expired, at twenty-one. After finishing his trade he continued with the cork factory for six years, but the outlook seemed so discouraging to his progressive spirit that he determined to strike out for himself. Having married before he was twenty years of age, in September, 1864, he took his bride of a few months, and, embarking in the sailing vessel "Atmosphere," at Liverpool, came to America. From New York he came to Naugatuck, where he obtained employment in a cutlery factory, and spent six years at knife making. The ambition to better his condition inspired him to leave this factory for one in the same line at Goshen, Litchfield Co., Conn., where he remained two years, and he then returned to Naugatuck, remaining until 1873. In that year he assumed a position in the knife making department of the Miller Bros. Cutlery Co., at Meriden, but after a few years removed to Southington, Conn., and spent ten years in the same business. In 1887 he determined to risk the savings of years in a business of his own, and accordingly started in the furniture business. Not meeting with anticipated success, he removed after three years to Meriden, where his natural ability came to the rescue, and in the midst of advantageous surroundings built up a good business in a store on Center street. His bright and genial manners won friends and customers from the start, and honorable business methods gained substantial footing

in the commercial world, so that, in a comparatively short time, patrons came not only from Meriden, but from Wallingford and other neighboring towns. Three years passed, and then, as if to teach by adversity the blessings of prosperity, his store was burned. Nothing daunted, Mr. Woolley built his present fine three-story building, 100x140 feet, in ground dimensions, costing over \$10,000, where he has a complete house furnishing establishment, and in connection therewith a large warehouse. Twelve hands are employed and kept constantly busy, and a liberal patronage has rewarded increasing toil. Having so keen a sense of honesty himself, Mr. Woolley insists that his clerks be absolutely truthful in the representations of stock, and he himself is always the same courteous gentleman, profoundly considerate of all with whom he has to deal. With an education gained in the school of experience and by his own reading and observation, he is broad-minded and well-posted on general topics, a fine conversationalist and very popular socially.

Mr. Woolley was wedded in England, Feb. 28, 1864, to Ellen Winter, a native of Sheffield, and daughter of Edward Winter. Their living children are: William E., a clerk in his father's store, married Lizzie Folkson; Louisa is the wife of Robert Brandt, of Bridgeport; Thomas, employed by his father, married Cora Bailis; Henrietta is a book-keeper in her father's establishment; Joseph is also employed by his father; George is a student in the Business College at Hartford. Mrs. Woolley is a refined and cultured woman, a devoted wife and mother, to whose sympathy and help her husband owes much of his success in life. In religious connection the family is identified with the Methodist Church. Politically Mr. Woolley is a Republican, but can by no means be called an office seeker. Socially he belongs to Pacific Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F., the Montowese Tribe of Red Men, and the Foresters of America. He is also identified with Centre Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

F. B. BRILL. One of the most substantial retail drug enterprises in New Haven has been conducted since 1883 by F. B. Brill, born in that city Jan. 13, 1857, of rugged Teutonic ancestry. His father, John Brill, was a native of Saxony, Germany, and after coming to New Haven, about 1856, engaged as a carriage draughtsman until retiring in 1886, his death occurring in 1891. His wife, formerly Ida Amelia Tischendorf, a native of Saxony, and whose ancestors were jewelers by trade, died in 1896, leaving six children: Annie, who married Edward Lohse, of New Haven; Otto, a carriage maker in New Haven; George, formerly a druggist, now a mechanic, of this city; William, a druggist; Theresa; and Frederick B., our subject, who is the eldest child of the family.

The education of Mr. Brill, at the Eaton school, New Haven, was interrupted, at the age of fourteen, by his entering the employ of A. S. Blackman,

druggist, with whom he remained for five years. This training, though practical and thorough, was supplemented by a course in the New York College of Pharmacy, from which he graduated in 1876. Immediately thereafter he entered a drug store in Brooklyn, where for eight years he applied and added to his already extensive knowledge of drugs. Arriving here, in 1883, a thorough, practiced and competent pharmacist, he made a bid for the confidence of the people and their extended and liberal patronage, and the wisdom of his selection has been repeatedly demonstrated in the meantime. Having purchased the store and business of Charles R. Converse, on Grand avenue, and also opened a branch store at No. 1320 State street, he, in 1894, removed to 258 Oak street, on the corner of Asylum, and in Aug. 1901, located at 245 Dixwell avenue.

On March 15, 1885, Mr. Brill married Catherine Bloss, born in Hessen, Germany a daughter of George Bloss, who is a resident of New Haven. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brill, Alfred B. and Clara T. In politics Mr. Brill is a Democrat, and in 1899 as elected alderman of the Second ward, a singular mark of honor, as he is the only Democrat elected from the ward in the past sixteen years.

Mr. Brill is interested in civic affairs and is one of the directors of the New Haven Free Library. Fraternally he is a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, and the Encampment, I. O. O. F.; Hamonasset Tribe of Red Men; and the New England Order of Protection. With his wife he is a consistent member of the German Lutheran Church, and contributes generously toward its charities and support.

ABRAHAM SANFORD (deceased). Among the men whose activity, prudence and business acumen left a lasting impress upon the financial and commercial life of New Haven, Abraham Sanford must occupy a leading position. A native of this city, he was a son of Elihu Sanford, a native of Bethany, Connecticut.

Abraham Sanford grew to manhood in New Haven, attending the schools of his native city, and also the Lancasterian school. When a young man he engaged in the lumber trade, and from it branched into the shipping business, success attending all of his enterprises. As increasing infirmities pressed upon him he retired from active life, and died Sept. 26, 1879, deeply mourned by his large circle of acquaintances and friends. In 1847 he married Mary Baker, who was born in Ridgefield, Conn., a daughter of Amos Baker, of Ridgefield, the latter of whom was a son of Dr. Amos Baker, the well-known and highly esteemed physician of that locality. Dr. Baker was a son of John Baker, a lieutenant in the Revolution, while Dr. Baker acted as assistant surgeon in the same memorable conflict.

Amos Baker, the father of Mrs. Sanford, mar-

ried Mary Gilbert, who was born in New Haven, a daughter of Isaac Gilbert, also of New Haven. Seven children were born of this union: Benjamin; William; Grace; Isaac G., now retired, and living at St. Louis, Mo.; Mary (Mrs. Sanford); Sarah, died in infancy; and George A., president of the Continental Bank of St. Louis, Mo. Amos Baker was a Whig in politics, and a Methodist in religious belief. By occupation a merchant, he conducted stores in Ridgefield and New Haven, in which latter town himself and wife completed their long and useful lives.

Abraham Sanford spent his entire life in New Haven, and was prominently identified with the leading enterprises of his day. A public-spirited man, he believed in advocating all measures tending towards the betterment of existing conditions, and generously gave his time and money for the furtherance of the same. No children were born of his second union, and the two born of a former union are now deceased. Frederick Sanford Atwater, the son of Mr. Sanford's daughter, Mrs. Atwater, occupied a warm place in the hearts of Mr. Sanford and his wife, and the young man was a special favorite of Mrs. Sanford, who lavished upon him the wealth of her maternal love. This estimable young man died in the spring of 1901, of typhoid fever, and his death was a sad shock to his loving relatives. He was unmarried and was a member of the Colonial Historical society.

In politics, Mr. Sanford was a Republican, and he and his family attended the Center Church in New Haven. Mrs. Sanford is a lady of intelligence and culture, and in her pleasant home is surrounded by the comforts her beloved husband furnished her. She is doubly bereaved, yet her optimistic nature looks forward rather than at the past, and she has many friends to enjoy the benefit of her kindly and helpful personality.

JOSEPH KEGELMEYER, Fire Commissioner, of New Haven, and connected with the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., of international fame, is a native son and well-known resident of this city. The family ancestry is German, the father, Joseph, and the mother, Eva (Bregth) Kegelmeyer, being natives of Germany, and the former born in Bavaria. Mr. Kegelmeyer came to New Haven, in 1845, where he met and married his wife, and a family of five children were born to them: Carrie, who married Henry Snyder; Frances, who married George L. Hyde; Charles, a resident of New Haven; and Joseph.

The elder Kegelmeyer was well educated in his own country, and after locating in New Haven, became a member of the police force. During the Civil war he was first a recruiting officer, and later he enlisted in the service. He became sergeant of Company G, 15th Conn. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Kinston, North Carolina, May 4, 1865. He was survived by his wife until 1876.

Joseph Kegelmeyer was born Feb. 5, 1857, and spent his early boyhood in this city. When he was but nine years old the death of his father threw him on his own resources, and he therefore left school and went to Wilkesbarre, Penn., and for two years engaged as a coal miner. With the exception of this temporary absence, he has spent his entire life in this city. Mr. Kegelmeyer followed his mining experience by learning the trade of cigar maker, but in 1875 became connected with the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., and this amicable and satisfactory connection has continued ever since, his present line of work being in the cartridge department.

On Nov. 16, 1881, Mr. Kegelmeyer married Hattie Gladwin, of Clinton, Conn., daughter of William Gladwin, member of an old and representative family. Socially Mr. Kegelmeyer is connected with Trumbull Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter, No. 2; Harmony Council, No. 8; New Haven Commandery, No. 2; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection; Scottish Rite, Rose Croix; Lafayette Consistory; and Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Bridgeport; 32d degree; Knights of Pythias; American Mechanics; and Ancient Order of United Workmen. In all of these organizations he is prominent and active.

As a staunch Republican Mr. Kegelmeyer has filled many offices of trust and responsibility, and gained an especial advantage in 1897, when he was elected to the Board of Public Works in the Democratic strong-hold of New Haven. The same year he was appointed Fire Commissioner, by Mayor Farnsworth, and has efficiently served in this important capacity ever since. Although Mr. Kegelmeyer is not formally connected with any religious body, his inclinations lead him to the teachings of the Universalist Church, to which his parents belonged. Thoroughly alive to the needs of a great city, he has, with characteristic courage and honesty of purpose, dealt with public interests as became an honored citizen of sterling worth and great good sense.

W. S. R. WAKE, senior member of the Boston Furniture Co., proprietors of the Boston Furniture Store, and the leading house furnishers in Waterbury, was born in Smithtown, Long Island, June 1, 1861.

Richard Wake, his grandfather, came from England to Long Island, where he was for many years a local preacher. He was the father of five children: Sarah, William (father of our subject), Richard, Charles and George. Sarah (deceased) married Henry Beare, a gardener in Hempstead, L. I. Richard is now a Methodist minister in Salt Lake City, Utah. Charles is a banker and a prominent man in Nebraska; he is a Republican. George died when a young man.

William Wake, the father of W. S. R., was born in England in 1820, and is still living. He fol-

lowed in the footsteps of his father, and is a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife, Maria (Squires), was born in Goodground, Long Island, daughter of Nicholas Squires, and died about 1890, the mother of two children: Emma and W. S. R. Emma married Ira E. Manvel, and has her home in Massachusetts. The Squires came into the section after the Indians retired and for five generations have lived in the same part of Long Island.

W. S. R. Wake spent his boyhood in various places, as his father was a traveling minister and subject to orders. He attended high school in Hartford, and in 1879 graduated from the Glastonbury Academy. After leaving school he was a clerk in the grocery store of H. J. Case & Co., and later had a similar position in Waterbury. Mr. Manvel, his brother-in-law, joined him in the establishment of a general store at Lenoxdale, Mass., and the business was conducted successfully for about a year and a half, when they was burned out. Mr. Wake then came back to Waterbury and resumed his place as clerk in the grocery, which he had given up to go to Lenoxdale. On July 28, 1883, he associated himself with Hunt & York, who were conducting a furniture and undertaking business, and spent a year and a half in their employ. He clerked for Smith & Twitchell, at Meriden, about the same length of time, and then was in the furniture business for himself a year at Westfield, Mass. Again returning to Waterbury, he formed a partnership with C. W. Elkins, and for six years they conducted an extensive business in furniture and house furnishings. When this firm dissolved the Boston Furniture Co. was formed by W. S. R. Wake and W. W. Wallace, who have rapidly built up an extensive trade, and in a comparatively brief time have come straight to the front.

Mr. Wake and Miss Lela M. Benton were married Feb. 2, 1887. Mrs. Wake was born in Lee, Mass., daughter of Charles C. Benton, of that place. The Benton family has long been known in Massachusetts, and comes of old English stock. Mr. and Mrs. Wake have two children, Meta and Edna. Mr. Wake is a Republican, and belongs to the Grange. He is a member of the First Congregational Church, and his wife is a Methodist.

JEROME B. FULLER, chief engineer of the Naugatuck Fire Department, and one of the leading citizens of that place, is a native of Connecticut, born in Scantic, Hartford county, Aug. 27, 1839, and is a son of Jehial Fuller, who was one of a large family of children, all farmers and residents of this State. The father of our subject, however, worked as a laborer and also engaged in the trucking business. He died in April, 1851, at the age of fifty-five years. By his wife, Elizabeth, also a native of Connecticut, he became the father of nine children, namely: Jane, who married a Mr. Nye, of Springfield, Mass., and both are now deceased; James, a

retired machinist of Springfield, who died in 1897; Henry, who died in infancy; Jennette, wife of William Hutchinson, of New Haven; Jerusha, wife of Samuel Pease, who is now living retired in Springfield; Cornelia, who died unmarried in 1876; Mary, wife of Erastus Hillman, of North Carolina; Jerome B., our subject; and Rose, wife of Andrew Hyde, a violin manufacturer of Northampton, Massachusetts.

The early life of Jerome B. Fuller was passed in Rockville, Conn., where he continued to make his home until 1856, when he went to Springfield, Mass., to learn the machinist's trade. He subsequently returned to Rockville, where he worked at his trade until coming to Naugatuck Oct. 5, 1869. Here he entered the employ of the Dunham Hosiery Company (then known as the Thomas Lewis Company), and is still a machinist with that concern.

On Sept. 23, 1859, Mr. Fuller was united in marriage with Miss Augusta Bidwell, who was born in Lee, Mass., and is a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Scovel) Bidwell, the former also a native of Lee, Mass., the latter of Connecticut, and both of English descent. Her grandfathers were Eleazer Bidwell and Julius Scovel. Two children were born to our subject and his wife, namely: Maud, who died at the age of five months; and Asa L., at home.

Mr. Fuller is president of the Naugatuck Electric Time Co.; is chief of the Naugatuck Fire Department, which office he has filled uninterruptedly since 1893; and is also superintendent of the fire alarm system and fire marshal. He became a member and was appointed first assistant engineer on the organization of the department in 1890, and has always taken a most active and prominent part in its affairs. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and is a member of Fayette Lodge, F. & A. M., of Rockville, and Allerton Chapter, R. A. M., of Naugatuck. Religiously he was reared in the Congregational Church, to which his ancestors belonged. His wife is quite an active and prominent temperance worker; has been district superintendent of the Juvenile Temperance Society through this valley; and vice-president of the Good Templars Society of the State. She is also a member of the Golden Cross, and is a most estimable lady.

FRANK H. WOODRUFF, a well-known resident of Milford, was born July 15 1849 in the town of Orange, New Haven county, where his family has been prominent for several generations. One of our subject's ancestors came over in the "Mayflower."

Nehemiah Woodruff, grandfather of Frank H., was born in Orange, and passed his life there engaged in farming. He married Hannah Jones, and they had five children, of whom Jeremiah, our subject's father, was the youngest. John was a carpenter and builder in New Haven, where he

died. Diantha married Aaron Fenn, a physician, who was born in Milford and practiced in Roxbury, Conn. Harriet married Samuel Smith, a farmer and contractor in Orange. Mary married Arnold Hine, a farmer in Orange.

Jeremiah Woodruff was born in Orange, and remained there, becoming known as the most successful farmer in the town, perhaps in the State. Politically he was a Republican, and in religious faith he and his estimable wife were Congregationalists. He married Miss Charlotte Nettleton, daughter of David Nettleton, a farmer in Orange, and they had five children, as follows: Styles D., a seed grower and dealer of Orange; George E., retired, of Bayonne, N. J.; Charlotte E., wife of Everett B. Clark, of Orange; Mary E., deceased; and Frank H., our subject. The mother died in 1888, and the father did not long survive her, dying in December, 1890.

Frank H. Woodruff spent his youth at the old homestead, and until reaching the age of sixteen he attended the local district school. Later he attended the high school at Orange Center, and after a year of further study at Suffield, Conn., he returned to his father's farm, of which he took charge in early manhood. He makes a specialty of market gardening and raising garden seeds. His farm in Milford contains 130 acres, and he owns much more in the town of Orange, having inherited a part of the family estate there. On Sept. 15, 1870, Mr. Woodruff married Miss Susan G. Furman, of Milford, daughter of Henry Furman, who removed to that town from Cayuga County, N. Y., and engaged in contracting, building sewers, bridges and similar works. Mrs. Susan G. Woodruff died June 16, 1882, and on Aug. 15, 1883, our subject married Miss Ella J. Platt, of Milford, a daughter of David B. Platt of the same town. By his first marriage he had two children: Carrie L., born Nov. 5, 1872, wife of Charles W. Lindley, of West Haven, Conn.; and William H., born Oct. 24, 1875, who assists his father in the management of the farm. By the second marriage he has also two children: Florence E., born June 21, 1884; and Harold F., born July 15, 1885. Mr. Woodruff is a staunch Republican, and although he has frequently declined to accept nomination for local office he is now serving as representative in the State Legislature. Fraternally he belongs to the Royal Arcanum, and is one of the leading members of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Milford, in which he has held the office of deacon for over twenty years; he is also chairman of the society's committee of the church.

JAMES P. DAVIDSON, the foreman of the blacksmith department of the Farrell Foundry in Ansonia, was born in Scotland July 3, 1836, where his ancestors for many generations had lived and died.

James Davidson, his grandfather, was born in

Paisley, near Glasgow. He was a harnessmaker by trade, and followed that avocation all his life; his wife, who lived to the very old, was also a native of Scotland, and they had a family of twelve children.

John Davidson, the father of James P., was reared a harnessmaker, and followed that trade until his coming to America in 1862. His first location was made in Pittsburg, and from there he moved to Hamilton, Ohio. In 1873 he came to Ansonia, where he led a retired life until his death in 1881, when he was seventy-two years old. Jane Pollock, his wife, was born near Glasgow, in 1818, and had a family of thirteen children. Four of this family are now living: James P.; Archibald, of Hamilton, Ohio; Margaret, who married George Sloss, and lives in Ansonia; and Eliabeth, who is the wife of George Malkam, of Ansonia. The mother died in 1878 at the age of sixty years. The parents were both members of the Presbyterian Church.

James P. Davidson established himself in Ansonia in 1860. He had been educated in the thorough and solid manner customary in Scotland, and had learned the blacksmith trade, beginning when he was fifteen years old, and when he had mastered it, following the trade some years at Newcastle, England. On his arrival in the United States Mr. Davidson came directly to Connecticut, where he secured a position with the Farrell Company at Waterbury, and in October of that year (1860) came to Ansonia, to take a similar position in the foundry of the same firm in this city. Since that time Mr. Davidson has remained continuously in their employ, and is noted as the oldest man in the works in point of service. Mr. Davidson has seen the foundry increased many times in extent, and when he came he found a house three blocks away from it. Now he lives eight, and the intervening space is closely filled. He is the oldest foreman in the works, and one of the most trusted workmen in the factory. There are comparatively very few living in Ansonia who were here in 1860.

Mr. Davidson was married in Newcastle, England, in 1857, to Miss Margaret Douglass, a native of Scotland. To this union were born six children, five of whom are now living. Of these, Robert, a machinist in Farrell foundry, is married and has two children, Clara and Robert; Jane, who married Frank Cabaolie, a machinist, and has five children, Kitty, Jane, Margaret, James and Frank; John, a machinist in the Farrell foundry, married Mary Cunningham, and has two children, James and Terry; and Archibald, also a machinist, married Maria Sheren and has five children, Archibald, James, Blanche, Mary and Margaret.

Mr. Davidson is a Republican in politics, and has been a member of the I. O. O. F. since 1862. He belongs to the benefit association connected with the foundry. He is in good circumstances; some years since he built his own house, and two

adjoining, and now owns three fine residences. He and his family are connected with the Methodist Church.

CHARLES REED, assistant superintendent of factory "B" of the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Co., at Naugatuck, New Haven Co., Conn., is one of the most energetic and progressive business men of that place. He has worked his way upward from a humble position, and his life demonstrates what may be accomplished by tireless industry, enterprise and good management. He is a man of broad capabilities who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

A native of Connecticut, Mr. Reed was born in Newtown, Dec. 14, 1856, a son of Martin E. Reed, who was born in Brookfield, this State, in 1815, and died in 1898. The paternal grandfather was a native of England, and on coming to this country located in Brookfield, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life. His only child was Martin E., who removed to Newtown in early life and there married Sarah Batterson, a native of that place. She died in 1860. Both were members of the Episcopal Church, and he was a Republican in politics. They had three children: Frank, who is with the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., at Bridgeport, Conn.; Charles, our subject; and Carrie E., unmarried.

When Charles Reed was three years old the family went West, where they remained four years, and then returned to this State, the father being engaged in the manufacture of combs at Newtown. There our subject grew to manhood, acquiring his literary education in the local schools. On starting out in life for himself he worked for the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., at Bridgeport, for two years, and for three years was employed in the armory at New Haven. In 1877 he came to Naugatuck to learn the rubber business with the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Co., in whose employ he has since remained. He has won promotion from time to time until he is now assistant superintendent of factory B.

In 1894 Mr. Reed married Mrs. Catherine Knapp, a daughter of Isaac Wells, of Sandy Hook, Conn. Socially he affiliates with Centennial Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., of Naugatuck; and politically is identified with the Republican party. He was a member of the board of burgesses in 1897 and 1898, and proved a most capable official, for he is a progressive man, pre-eminently public-spirited, and all that pertains to the public welfare receives his hearty endorsement.

C. ART. WARD, M. D. Among those who devote their time and energies to the practice of medicine and have gained a leading place in the ranks of the profession is Dr. Ward, a prominent physician of Waterbury, Conn., and proprietor of the Mad River Sanitarium. He is a native of

Tioga county, N. Y., born in Candor, son of Charles P. and Minerva P. (Smith) Ward, both now deceased. The parents were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. The father was a dealer in stock and lumber. He was a Republican in politics.

Dr. Ward attended the district schools near his boyhood home, and at the age of fourteen years entered the Susquehanna Seminary, at Binghamton, Broome Co., N. Y., where he spent two years. Later he was a student at Wyoming College, Kingston, Luzerne Co., Penn., where he also spent two years, and then attended the United States Medical College. After graduation he entered upon the duties of his profession at Newark, N. J., where he remained until 1880, in that year coming to Waterbury, Conn., and locating at Mill Plain. He built the Mad River Sanitarium at considerable cost, and has fitted it up for the care of his patients. This institution he successfully carries on in connection with his private practice, and is meeting with excellent success in the undertaking.

In New Haven Dr. Ward was united in marriage with Miss Bertha C. Alvord, a native of West Hartford, Conn., and a daughter of Jerome Alvord. By this union has been born one child, Leland Adelbert. Mrs. Ward is an accomplished lady, of refined and cultured tastes, and is a member of the Congregational Church. In his religious views the Doctor is liberal. He is a member of the State board of the Eclectic Medical Society, and fraternally is a Freemason. Gentlemanly and courteous in manner, he makes many friends, and is quite popular in both professional and social circles.

FRED L. LEHR, one of the enterprising young business men of New Haven, is a son of Gottfried Lehr, who for almost half a century has been one of the leading German residents of the city, and grandson of Conrad and Elizabeth Lehr, natives, respectively of Schierstein and Neudorf, Germany, the former living to be sixty-five, and the latter sixty-three years old. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and of their eight children Gottfried is the only survivor. Conrad Lehr was a cabinetmaker by occupation, and traveled extensively over the continent of Europe.

Gottfried Lehr was born Jan. 15, 1832, in Schierstein, Germany, and lived in his native country until nineteen years old. He then crossed the ocean to America, landing in New York, and in June, 1852, came to New Haven, where he has since resided. In West Baden, Germany, he had learned the tailor's trade, and after his arrival in this city entered the employ of Mr. Fitch until embarking in business on his own account in 1858. With the exception of three years, during which he lived retired, Mr. Lehr has been engaged continuously at his trade, and though his son has

now succeeded to the business he has not entirely relinquished active interest in it. For many years he has been one of the most prominent Germans in New Haven, active in the promotion of the city's welfare, and taking the interest in public affairs which an intelligent, public-spirited man naturally feels. He has also become well known in social circles, and in 1852 was one of the organizers of the German Turners, of which society he is now the only surviving charter member. He was also a charter member of the School Society, a German Educational Association; and is a member of the Haru-Gari, in which he has held all the offices up to the highest in the State; Concordia Lodge, No. 1, German Aid Society; Germania Lodge, I. O. O. F., in which he has held membership forty years, and has held all the offices and Aurora Encampment and Canton Aurora, in both of which he is the oldest member and has held all the offices. In 1855 Mr. Lehr married Barbara Kirchner, a native of Germany, and of the children born to them five are living.

Fred L. Lehr was born April 12, 1865, in New Haven, where his entire life has been passed. He was educated in the common and high schools of the city, and under his father's instruction mastered the tailor's trade, which he has made his life occupation. In 1890 he became his father's partner, and in 1895 bought out his father's interest in the establishment, which he has since conducted on his own account at No. 88 Church street. He is endeavoring to do business along the lines established by his father, who has won a splendid reputation in New Haven as a man of sound judgment and unquestioned loyalty and integrity.

In 1890 Fred L. Lehr married Emma Fresenius, one of the six children of Philip Fresenius, whose only son, Henry, is the present treasurer of New Haven, and a prominent resident thereof. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lehr, Fred L., Jr., and Clara Emma. Like his father, Mr. Lehr is active in Masonic circles, being a member of Connecticut Rock Lodge, F. & A. M., Pulaski Chapter, Crawford Council, the Royal Arcanum, the New England Order of Protection, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Knights of Honor, and the Independent Order of Good Fellows (Juste Lodge). He has been identified with the Connecticut National Guard, at one time serving as captain of Company E, 2d Regiment, and he is now color sergeant of the 2d company, Governor's Foot Guards. Like his sire, he is a staunch Republican in political sentiment, but he has repeatedly refused official honors.

MILES E. PAYNE, one of Cheshire's leading agriculturists and representative citizens, was born in Bristol, Hartford Co., Conn., June 26, 1846, and belongs to an old New England family. The first of the name found in the records of New Haven county was Joseph Payne, who was born Nov. 14,

1751, and lived in Prospect when it formed a part of the town of Waterbury. There he owned land and engaged in farming and milling until his death. He was married, April 8, 1773, to Hulda Hotchkiss, a daughter of Gideon Hotchkiss, of Waterbury, by whom he had one child, Harmon, born Dec. 9, 1773. The wife and mother died March 22, 1774, and he was again married, Nov. 21, 1774, his second union being with Esther Hotchkiss. Their children were: Joseph, born Oct. 13, 1776; and Peter, born June 13, 1779. The second wife died Feb. 23, 1787, and on Sept. 26, the same year, Mr. Payne married Abigail Olcott, who died Jan. 22, 1795. By that union there were three children: Esther, born July 23, 1788; Susanna, who was born June 25, 1790, and died in September, 1804; and Hulda, born Dec. 6, 1792. For his fourth wife Mr. Payne married Lois Hotchkiss, daughter of Abraham Hotchkiss, June 1, 1795, and they had four children: Silas, born April 19, 1796; Olcott Hotchkiss, born March 12, 1798; Herrick, who was born June 12, 1802, and married Patty Frost; and Edward Merritt, born Oct. 21, 1804. The father died April 25, 1805, and his last wife, in November, 1842.

Joseph Payne, Jr., son of the progenitor of the family in this county, was born in Prospect, Oct. 13, 1776, and owned and operated a farm in that town, near the Waterbury reservoir, where he died Nov. 17, 1855, his remains being interred in Prospect Center cemetery. He was a member of the Congregational Church. On June 16, 1798, he married Ruth Beecher, who was born in August, 1777, a daughter of Ezekiah Beecher, of Cheshire, and who died Nov. 23, 1823. For his second wife he married Rebecca Barnes, who was born Nov. 17, 1791, and died in Prospect, Nov. 17, 1876. His children were as follows: Julia, born Nov. 30, 1799, married Alfred Stevens, and died April 8, 1887; Maria, born Oct. 26, 1800, married Russell Miles; Joseph Burton was born Jan. 11, 1803; Stephen Hotchkiss was born Oct. 4, 1805; Edwin Beecher, born Oct. 30, 1811, died July 13, 1814; George was born Oct. 19, 1813; Edwin Beecher (2d), born March 20, 1816, was the father of our subject; Harmon, born Feb. 23, 1819, is a resident of Bristol, Conn.; and Ruth Elizabeth was born June 23, 1822.

Edwin B. Payne, father of our subject, was a native of Prospect, where he was reared upon a farm and educated in the district schools. After his marriage he removed to Bristol, where he followed teaming for a time, and then returned to Prospect, where he conducted a hotel and also engaged in the manufacture of matches, being one of the first in this section to carry on that business. In 1855 he removed to Cheshire, where he followed farming for a time, and later engaged in the same occupation at Mt. Carmel, in the town of Hamden, for five years. The following four years were passed in Southington, Hartford county, and from

there he came to Cheshire Center, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying here July 19, 1894. His remains were interred in the Cheshire cemetery. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and a prominent Democrat, who most capably filled the offices of selectman, assessor, treasurer and grand juror, and first selectman of Hamden. In Cheshire he married Gertrude K. Miles, a native of that town, a daughter of John and Lurinda (White) Miles, and great-granddaughter of Dr. Joshua Porter, an Englishman and an early resident of Southington. Mrs. Payne, too, was a member of the Episcopal Church. She died on the home farm, in 1896, and was laid to rest in Cheshire cemetery. In their family were three children: Elba, wife of C. L. Beecher, of Southington; Miles E.; and Ida, wife of Nathan A. Doolittle, of Plantsville.

The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Cheshire, Prospect and Waterbury, and also a select school, and remained with his parents until he attained to his majority, after which he engaged in farming and teaming, first in Mount Carmel and later in Southington. He began life as a farmer in 1873, on the Almon Ives farm of 100 acres in Cheshire. He has since made many improvements on the place, and in connection with general farming has engaged in stock dealing, making a specialty of cattle and sheep. He buys most of his cattle in the West and sells it to the Eastern markets.

On June 7, 1880, Mr. Payne was united in marriage with Mrs. Martha E. Scoville, of Prospect, a native of New Haven, and a sister of George L. Talmadge, of Prospect, in whose sketch appears a record of their ancestry. Our subject and his wife have one child, Lucius Edwin, who is attending school. Mr. Payne is a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics is a supporter of the Democratic party. He has served as a member of the school committee, and does all in his power to advance the welfare of his town and county along educational and moral lines.

EDWARD L. TUTTLE was born in Winsted, Conn., Sept. 22, 1866, son of John L. Tuttle, whose birth occurred in the same place in 1835. Leverett Tuttle, the latter's father, was born probably in the same place, and married Chloe Colt. They settled on the farm, and reared a family of three children: Ellen M., Charlotte M. and John L. Ellen married Oren L. Hopkins, a farmer in Winsted. Charlotte married James Manchester, of Buffalo, New York.

John L. Tuttle has been a farmer in Winsted, all his life, and is still living there. He married Annie Bemis, a native of East Burke, Vt., whose father, Alonzo Bemis, was also from Vermont. To Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tuttle were born three children: Alice died at the age of two and one-half years. Fannie married George W. Benedict, and has her home in Waterbury. Edward L. is our sub-

ject. John L. Tuttle is a Democrat, and his father held the same political faith. They were Congregationalists in religious connections.

Edward L. Tuttle grew to manhood on his father's farm, and received his early education under the teachers of the public schools, making such thorough preparation that at the age of sixteen he was admitted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he attended two years. At the expiration of this period he was taken into the employ of the Strong Manufacturing Co., at Winsted, and after one year came to Waterbury. This was in the summer of 1886, and he has continued to make that city his home to the present time. He was put in charge of a shipping room in the Waterbury Manufacturing Co., and held that position for two years, when he went to Plume & Atwood as bookkeeper, continuing thus for about the same length of time. With Randolph & Clowes he also worked two years, and he was bookkeeper for the Connecticut Indemnity Life Insurance Co. for two years. On leaving that institution he went into the Manufacturers' National Bank, where he is now holding the position of teller.

Edward L. Tuttle and Miss Bell Buckland were married Dec. 29, 1891, and they have one child, Lewis. Mrs. Tuttle was born in Waterbury, Conn., daughter of A. J. Buckland a resident of that city for forty years. Mr. Tuttle, like his father and grandfather, has always cherished the Democratic faith. He was elected town treasurer in 1899, receiving the compliment of a re-election in 1900. Mr. Tuttle is a member of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., and also of the Red Men, at Waterbury, belongs to the Concordia Singing Society and the Waterbury Club. He and his family are associated with the Second Congregational Church.

JOSEPH BRENNAN, a well-known resident of Naugatuck, New Haven Co., Conn., is a native of Ireland, born in County Kilkenny, about 1841. His paternal grandfather spent his entire life as a farmer in that country. He had five children: Laurence and John, also farmers of Ireland; Nicholas, the father of our subject; Julia; and Anastasia.

Nicholas Brennan was also a native of County Kilkenny, and an agriculturist. He wedded Mary Fitzpatrick, who was born in the same place, and in 1854 they came to the United States, locating in Waterbury, New Haven Co., Conn. He died in Naugatuck in 1869, his wife in 1875. To them were born eight children, namely: Margaret, widow of Joseph Hanlan, and a resident of Waterbury; John, a rubber worker now residing in New York; Bridget, wife of William Ayers, of Naugatuck; Patrick, a blacksmith of New Haven; Joseph, our subject; Mary, deceased; Ellen, a Sister in a convent at New Bedford, Mass.; and Laurence, deceased.

The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of his native land until the emigration of the family to America in 1854. Soon after his arrival

here he began work in the foundry of the Tuttle & Whittemore Co., now the Naugatuck Malleable Iron Co., and has since been in their employ. Industrious, enterprising and economical, he has prospered and now owns considerable property in Naugatuck, all of which has been acquired through his own unaided efforts.

In 1874, Mr. Brennan was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Lannan, also a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, and to them have been born four children, namely: Ellen, who is now in a convent at Providence, R. I.; Josephine, who was graduated from the Naugatuck high school, in 1898, of which institute her sister Ellen is also a graduate; and Estella and Lauretta, who are still in school. Mr. Brennan and his family are members of St. Francis Catholic Church. He is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and in 1881, most ably represented his town in the State Legislature.

GEORGE H. BEEBE, an enterprising and successful business man of Ansonia, is the proprietor of a livery stable which compares favorably in equipment with any in the State. His success is the more creditable to him from the fact that it has been gained through his own well-directed efforts, and the story of his life conveys a useful lesson.

Mr. Beebe was born July 2, 1835, in Oxford, this county, where his ancestors settled at an early day. His grandfather Beebe was a farmer there for many years, but died before our subject was born.

Sheldon Beebe, our subject's father, was born and reared at the old homestead in Oxford, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in Oxford and Derby. He died in 1848, aged sixty-two years, and his wife, Lydia B. Bates, died in 1897, at the advanced age of ninety-three. Her father, Amos Bates, was a well-known resident of Oxford, and spent his life in agricultural pursuits. Our subject was the eldest of a family of four children. Of the others Francis is married and lives in Westville.

George H. Beebe was but a boy when his father died, and at the age of fifteen he left home to make his own way in the world. For some time he worked at any employment that he could obtain, but in 1875 he engaged in the livery business in Derby, near Holian's hotel. He continued ten years, meeting with marked success, but he then sold out and removed to New Haven, where he was in a similar business for a short time. On selling out, he went to Chicago, but later found employment in New York City as collector for Fisk & Doerr, No. 24 State street, corner of Lexington. After two years in this position he removed to New Haven and conducted a small livery stable for a short time, but in 1895 he settled at Ansonia, where he had a stable built to meet his requirements. He keeps the finest carriages and horses in the town, the

equipment including about ten single and double coaches and an elegant landau. The sale department is profitable, and as a boarding stable it is considered the best in the city. At one time Mr. Beebe served on the police force in Derby, and the position of chief of police was refused by him. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

BERNARD P. RYCE, M. D., one of the most popular and erudite exponents of medical and surgical science in Meriden, was born in Scranton, Penn., July 25, 1861. His father, Michael Ryce, was born in Ireland, and upon emigrating to America, when a young man, located in Scranton, Penn., where he perfected himself in his life occupation of mechanical engineering. His death, in 1862, removed from accustomed haunts a man of singularly lovable and noble characteristics, and one who knew naught but devotion to family and friends. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Catholic Church. He married in Waterbury, Conn., Mary McAllenny, a native of County Armagh, Ireland, and a daughter of Bernard and Mary (Cassidy) McAllenny, the former of whom died in Ireland, while the latter died in Plainville, Conn., after living three years in the United States. Among her children was Rev. Paul F. McAllenny, at one time the well-known priest of St. Rose's of Lima, Meriden, and now the parish priest of St. Peters, at Hartford. Mrs. Ryce, who spent her last days with her son, Dr. Ryce, in Meriden, died Nov. 19, 1899, and was buried in St. Patrick's cemetery at Hartford, while her husband is buried in Scranton, Penn. She was a devout member of the Catholic Church, and a faithful wife and mother. Large of heart and generous, appeals to her consideration were rarely made in vain.

Dr. Ryce was the only child in the family, and he was but an infant when his father died. His mother went to New York, and from there to Waterbury, Conn., where she lived three years, later living for many years in Plainville, where her son attended the public schools. The family finances being at low ebb, young Bernard Paul began to work at the early age of eleven in the Plainville hardware factory, and while earning fifty cents a day, carried on his education in the night schools, and for a time was a student in the private school of Prof. Camp, at New Britain. For three years he worked for Peck, Stow & Wilcox, at Southington, Conn., and with the money saved above expenses entered Villa Nova College, in Delaware Co., Penn., taught by the order of St. Augustine, and from which he was graduated from the classical course in 1882. Returning to Connecticut he learned the trade of a machinist at Birmingham, although originally intending to study law, and having completed the trade in three years, resolved to devote his life to medicine. For a year he read medicine with Dr. North, in Waterbury, and entered Bellevue Medical College in New York in

1886, graduating therefrom in 1890. After a post-graduate course he entered upon the practice of medicine in Meriden, where for the past eleven years he has been a notable representative of his profession.

Dr. Ryce belongs to the county and State medical societies, and for two years has been county physician. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Catholic Church. His professional skill is augmented by a genial and optimistic personality, and a nobility of character which recognizes exhaustless opportunities for usefulness.

FRANK J. POTTER, the efficient and capable foreman of the shooting department of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, was born in New Haven, Conn., Feb. 11, 1854, a son of Jesse Potter, who was born in Hamden, Conn., where his father had extensive interests, including farms and stone quarries.

Jesse Potter, who was a farmer and died in New Haven, married Sophia Augustus, of French parentage, and a member of the Augustus family of Hamden. Mrs. Potter, who died in New Haven, was the mother of the following children: Eliza, Catherine, Cornelia, Caroline, Harriet, Frederick, Augustus, Cornelius and Frank J.

Frank J. Potter was reared in New Haven, where he attended the New Hallville school. Thereafter, he engaged in various enterprises until 1877, during which year he entered the employ of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, and has worked his way up to his present responsible position as foreman of the shooting department.

In September of 1885 Mr. Potter married Emma J. Lindsey, a native of Windsor, Hartford county, and daughter of Vernon and Jane (Griswold) Lindsey the latter born in Canada. Through a previous marriage with Ella Hill, Mr. Potter had one child, Eva Della, who married Walter E. Chatterton, of New Haven. Fraternally Mr. Potter is associated with the N. E. O. P., and the Winchester Lodge of Good Fellows. He was reared in the Congregational faith, and is a man whose good qualities command the respect and confidence of those among whom his industrious and useful life is passed.

JOHN LARKIN, the proprietor of a popular summer resort at Burns' Point, Milford, is the second of a family of eleven children, born to Edward and Anna S. (Callahan) Larkin, of County Kilkenny, Ireland, where he himself was born, Jan. 9, 1842. The elder Larkin, who was a stone mason, emigrated from Ireland when John was an infant, coming to America and settling first at Quebec. From Canada he soon crossed the line to the United States, and after a short residence in Vermont located in Norwich, Conn. In 1865 he removed to Minnesota, where he engaged in farming and where he died in 1886, his wife having passed away five years before. Their eldest son, who was also named

John, died in infancy. The other children, not including the gentleman who is the subject of this brief sketch, were Nicholas, William, Michael, Mary, Lawrence, Thomas, Richard, Martin and Augustine. Nicholas is a stone mason in Shelton; William is a horse and cattle breeder in Oregon; Michael enlisted in the Union army, and died in Maryland during the Civil war; Mary is the wife of a Mr. Cleary, an engineer, and lives in Minnesota; Lawrence, Thomas, Martin and Augustine became farmers in Minnesota, Lawrence dying there in 1896; and Richard died when a lad of fourteen years.

Until John Larkin reached the age of seven, his father, Edward, resided in the city of Norwich, but then removed to a farm near by, where the boy lived until he was fifteen years old. Then he took the responsibilities of life upon his own shoulders, and began, single handed, the struggle with the world in which he was destined to achieve success. His first employment was in the woolen and cotton mills of Franklin (now Sprague), Conn., where he remained for sixteen years. In 1874 he went from Sprague to Derby, where he opened a meat market. The venture prospered, and he soon added to his business the sale of groceries and liquors, his place of business being at the corner of Anson and Seth streets. He continued in these combined lines of trade until 1891, when he opened his present summer hotel at Burns' Point.

Mr. Larkin is a man of high character and established business repute. Starting in life with but little education, and beginning near the bottom of the ladder as a mill operative, he has conquered one obstacle after another through ceaseless energy and stubborn, unwearied perseverance. For him there has been no such word as fail. His fellow citizens have attested their confidence in his intelligence and probity by electing him burgess of the borough of Birmingham, and assessor of the city of Derby. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious faith a Catholic. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Murray, was born in County Cork, Ireland, a daughter of Jeremiah Murray, of County Cork, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Larkin have three children living: John W., Edmund J., and Jennie E. The oldest son is at attorney at law, and holds the office of city clerk of Derby. Edmund J. is a successful dentist in the same city. Jennie is the wife of Ira F. Floyet, of Derby, manager of the opera house there.

JAMES P. LANDERS, superintendent of the Thomas Coady Brick Co., and one of the police commissioners of the city of New Haven, is a native of Ireland, and was born in County Cork, Sept. 29, 1851. Michael Landers, his father, was born in the same locality and came from there to New Haven in 1859, and died here in 1864. His ancestors were farmers, all of whom remained in the

old country. The mother of James P. was also born in County Cork, and survived until 1881. She was the devoted mother of five children: Mary, who married Patrick Consandine and lives in New Haven; James P.; Margaret, who is Sister Superior in a convent in Stamford, Conn.; Alice; and Hannah L.

James P. Landers was about eight years of age when he came with his parents to New Haven, and he attended the primary schools and St. Patrick's parochial school, on Hamilton street. His first means of livelihood was the oyster business, and from a comparatively small beginning he built up a large trade, and successfully followed his chosen occupation for twenty-three years. April 10, 1891, he entered the employ of the Thomas Coady Brick Company, as superintendent, and since that time has rendered faithful and efficient service. In 1899 he was made a police commissioner, and performs the duties of the position with characteristic energy and ability.

Sept. 10, 1881, Mr. Landers married Catherine J. Fay, a native of East Haven, and daughter of Patrick Fay, a native of Ireland. Mr. Landers has always been a Democrat and has filled many of the local offices, including that of alderman of the Twelfth ward during 1880 and 1881. Socially he is connected with the Foresters of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Total Abstinence Society of America. Mr. Landers is a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church, and in his civic, business and private life is a citizen of whom any city might be proud.

REV. IGNATIUS KOST, who is the beloved and revered pastor of St. Mary's German Catholic Church, was born in the village of Hoefen, near Bamberg, Bavaria, Germany, June 16, 1866, and since his location in Meriden, has impressed himself upon the public as a bold and outspoken advocate of the faith he loves, and a devoted and loyal pastor of the people to whom he is a comfort and guide.

Ignatius Kost, the father of Rev. Ignatius, though an ardent member of the Catholic Church, had no thought of the present vocation of his son. The elder man spent his youth and middle life in industriously tilling the soil, as had his forefathers, and his thrift and enterprise earned the life of retirement which he is now enjoying in Bamberg. His wife, Kunigunda, who also is still living, is the mother of five children, two of whom died in infancy. Of the surviving children, John is living on the old homestead with his parents; Mary is married and lives in Passau, Bavaria; and Rev. Ignatius, of Meriden.

The education of Father Kost received its preliminary impulse in the mind of a boy of six, at which expanding age he was placed for three years at the parish school, under the supervision of the

government. This practical training was followed by a year at the Bamberg high school, after which a streak of good fortune came his way through his selection, because of meritorious scholarship, with four other boys, for higher education without cost to his parents. Thus young Kost soon found himself a student at the Academy of Munnersbadt, Germany, in the full enjoyment of the advantages of that excellent seat of learning, and with ready aptitude his keen intelligence grasped the various branches of a classical course, as well as an exhaustive knowledge of French. This school, taught by the Augustinian Fathers, became his Alma Mater in 1886, and for the following year his activities were widely diverse, and centered in the inevitable military duty to his country. In connection with this vigorous training he studied also philosophy, and so with a pronounced appreciation of its utility, continued to add to his education.

Father Kost's first inspiration to the priesthood came while he was still in college through Father De Bruycker, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, at Willimantic, who visited Germany, and made known the need of a German priest to minister to the spiritual needs of the German Catholics in his parish. Father Kost volunteered to study theology and prepare himself for the priesthood, in order that he might come to America and minister to the spiritual needs of his countrymen. At first his parents were greatly opposed to his plans, but at last consented to what seemed a divine guidance. Having gained the desired permission, Father Kost went to Louvain, Belgium, where he graduated in philosophy and French at St. Michael's Seminary, and at the American Seminary studied English and theology under Monseigneur DeNeve, finishing the course when twenty-two years of age. Too young to receive Holy Orders, consent had to be obtained from his Bishop and from the authorities at Rome, and when these were forthcoming he was ordained to the priesthood June 24, 1889, by the Bishop of Covington, Ky., who was visiting Belgium at that time.

Singularly appropriate seemed the fact that the young priest celebrated his first mass, July 7, 1889, in his native town, and for a short time thereafter ministered to a parish whose pulpit was temporarily vacant. In September of the same year he left the fatherland to engage in the work in America to which he had been dedicated, and upon arriving in the United States reported to Bishop McMahon, then in charge of the Diocese, at Hartford. For a time the young priest was sent to Willimantic to assist Father DeBruycker, and upon the death of Father Eugene J. Vygen, had charge of his parish until December, when he was sent to assist Father Van Oppen, of the French Catholic Church, in charge of St. Laurent, at Meriden. The congregation of this church also included many German Catholics. Having become thoroughly familiar with the needs of his people, Father Kost

organized, in 1891, the German Church of St. Mary's parish, a building planned by David Bloomfield being erected, which served the combined uses of church and school, the latter including thirty children. With the increase of school attendance other arrangements were necessary, and a school-house was built and placed in charge of two Sisters of Notre Dame from Baltimore. Under the supervision of Sister Helena 225 children were taught in 1900, and the original plans of church and school have been lost in subsequent improvements. A tower to the church was put up in 1894, the bell being a donation of Mr. Frank Yokel. The grounds, buildings, and general additions have cost over \$40,000, and there now remains an indebtedness of but \$9,000, with every indication of a speedy cancellation. In 1895 Father Kost gave up his residence to the Sisters and bought a home for himself on the opposite side of the street.

Many discouragements have come the way of Father Kost in his effort to build up his parish, but his natural patience and perseverance, tact and intense kindness have prevailed, and won not only devoted members to the church, but gratifying personal regard. His influence is noticeable in many channels of activity, and his counsel and general worth is by no means confined in its appreciation to the members of his own church. Among the societies founded in connection with his work, and which supply vitality and continued interest for hundreds, may be mentioned that of St. Boniface, with 165 members, the Young Men's Club, St. Elizabeth Society, Children of Mary, and several others. During the nine years of his pastorate he has had four missions in the church, and his zeal and indefatigable energy have stimulated to a higher moral and intellectual plane of life.

ADAM FABER, a well-known farmer and worthy citizen of Waterville, town of Waterbury, New Haven county, is a native of Hessen-Cassel, Germany, a son of Adam and Anna Elizabeth (Nieumann) Faber, and a brother of George Faber of Bucks Hill, Waterbury, and of the late Ludwig Faber, a railroad engineer, who served in the Engineering Corps during the Civil war. He received a limited education in his native tongue, and when a young man learned the shoemaker's trade. After completing his apprenticeship he left home and went to London, England, where he found employment at his trade, and worked at the same for four years.

Being of an adventurous disposition Mr. Faber resolved to see more of the world, and shipped as a sailor before the mast on a bark bound from London to Africa, and was shipwrecked on this voyage. On his return to London, he shipped as able seaman for the West Indies, and while returning was shipwrecked off the American coast, was picked up by an American vessel, and taken to New Orleans. All of his possessions were sunk with the

ship in the Atlantic. With other members of the crew, he was finally sent back to England, and from there went to Queenstown, Ireland, where he shipped on an American vessel. He sailed out of American ports for some time, and continued to follow the sea for nine years. At the end of that period Mr. Faber came to Waterbury, Conn., where his brother George was living, and found employment at farm work with Gilbert Prichard on Buck's Hill, at \$5 per month. Subsequently he was similarly employed by Stephen S. Camp, and then, in 1865, took contracts for chopping wood. From Waterbury he moved to Middlebury, Conn., where he engaged in teaming and working in a brickyard for a time, and then rented the Clinton farm which he operated for one year. Returning to Waterville, he rented the Brown farm, and from there worked for Joseph Welton for two years. He next worked with his brother George for Brown Brothers, in their casting department, for eleven years, and later spent four years in the casting department of the Scovill factory. At the end of that time he again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, having purchased the Daniel Cook farm on Faber avenue, Waterville, in 1872, upon which he has made many improvements. He has since engaged in agricultural pursuits, and has met with marked success in that undertaking. He is noted for his industry, enterprise and upright dealings.

At Bucks Hill, Waterbury, in 1866, Mr. Faber was united in marriage with Mrs. Christina (Wichardt) Cook, also a native of Hessen-Cassel, Germany, and widow of Henry Cook, by whom she had three children: (1) Henry C., a machinist at Platt's shop, married Kate W. Frey, daughter of Philip Frey, and they have four children, Clarence, Georgiana, Harold E. and Gertrude; he is a member of the Episcopal Church, the Independent Order of Foresters, and the Improved Order of Red Men, while politically he is a Republican. (2) William H., a caster in the Scovill factory, married Mrs. Kate Kirk, widow of Robert Kirk, and the mother of three children, Julia, Lucy and Louis; he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men. (3) Anna C. is a dressmaker, residing at home; she is a member of the Eastern Star Chapter of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Faber have had five children, as follows: (1) George Adam is a physician of Waterbury, whose sketch appears elsewhere. (2) Carrie is the wife of Frank Fenton, and has had three children, Wilfred (now deceased), Ward and Guy H. (3) Elizabeth, also a member of the Eastern Star Chapter, is the wife of William Harper and has one child, Edwin. (4) Edward N. married Bertha Feld, and has three children, Louis, Edward and ———; he is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of Pythias. (5) Louis F., now deceased, was a caster in the Scovill factory; he married Sarah Brown and was a member

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The family hold membership in the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Faber is connected with the German Order of Red Men. In politics he was first a Democrat, and later a Republican.

ISRAEL ANDREWS. The Andrews family, to which this gentleman and Alfred H. Andrews, of Meriden, belong, is one of the old historic families of New Haven county, and its first representative in the Colony of New Haven was William Andrews, a native of Hampsworth, Eng., where he had learned the carpenter trade. In 1635 he came to New England, with a colony from Hampton, near London, making the voyage in the ship "James" of London, and under the command of William Cooper. They landed in Boston, and there William Andrews was made a freeman in 1635. With the Rev. John Davenport, Mr. Andrews removed to New Haven, where he built the first meeting house in 1644. In this section his life was spent, and here he died at East Haven, March 4, 1676. He was twice married, and his second wife, whom he married Dec. 7, 1665, was Anna Gibbons, daughter of William Gibbons, Colonial Secretary in 1657. She died in 1701. To his first marriage were born: William, born in England, died Jan. 3, 1663; Samuel, also born in England, in 1632, died in 1704; Nathan, born in Boston in 1638. To this marriage were also two or three daughters, but their names are not now a matter of record.

Samuel Andrews, of the above family, came to the New World with his parents, and located at New Haven, where he married Elizabeth, the daughter of William Peck, of New Haven. In 1670 he removed to the new settlement of Wallingford, where he died Oct. 6, 1704, at the age of seventy-three. There his wife also died. Mr. Andrews was the owner of much property at his death. To him and his wife were born: William and Samuel, who both died young; Samuel; William, who married Hannah Parker; John; Nathaniel, who married Susannah Tyler; twins, who died when they were a day old; Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Hall; Mary; Joseph, who married Abigail Paine; Margery; and Dinah.

Samuel Andrews, son of Samuel, was born in Wallingford, April 30, 1663, where he engaged in farming, and spent his life. On Aug. 27, 1686, he was married to Ann Hall, by whom he became the father of the following children: Thomas; John, who died young; John, who married Hannah Meriman; Elizabeth; Samuel; Elisha; William, who married Mary Foster; and Ann, who married Joseph Royce.

Thomas Andrews, a member of the above family, was born in Wallingford, March 11, 1687, where he spent his life engaged in farming, and where he died and was buried in 1756. Mr. Andrews was twice married, his first wife being Felix, and his second, Elizabeth. To these marriages

were born: Elizabeth, who married R. Strong, of Waterbury; Benjamin; Enos; Sarah; Lois, who married Severius Carrington; Martha; Thankful, who married Jason Hitchcock.

Enos Andrews, the son of Thomas, was born April 13, 1719, in the town of Wallingford, and there he was engaged in general farming and stock raising. His wife, Content, bore him the following children: Thomas, Bede, Asahel, Huldah, Thankful and Enos.

Thomas Andrews, the eldest son of Enos, was born Aug. 8, 1744, on the old homestead, which is now in Cheshire, where he followed farming all his life. He married Sarah Brooks, and they had a family of six children: Thomas; Joab; Albert; Phoebe, who had two husbands, Mark Tuttle and Jared Ives; Amarilla, who married J. C. Lee; and Hiram.

Hiram Andrews, the sixth child of Thomas, and the father of Israel Adams, was born Oct. 16, 1796, on the farm which has been in the possession of the family for many generations, and was reared and educated in his native town. After his marriage he made his home on the old homestead. In 1824 he was married to Miss Martha M. Hotchkiss, a native of Cheshire, where her parents, Israel and Martha (Royce) Hotchkiss, spent their lives. Hiram Andrews died on the old homestead in 1869, and his widow at the home of her son, Israel, in 1890. To this union were born: Celia, widow of Miles Hotchkiss, of Plantsville, Conn.; Martha, widow of Steven Parker, of Meriden; Thomas, who died in Meriden, leaving one daughter, Martha, now a resident of that city; Caroline M., widow of Horace Yale, of Meriden; Israel, whose name introduces this article; and Alfred, who has a son, Leighton.

Israel Andrews was born Oct. 15, 1836, in Cheshire, a son of Hiram and Martha M. Andrews, noted above, and he was reared on the homestead. The boyhood of this honored old resident of Cheshire was spent after the fashion of the times, he working on the farm in summer and attending school in the winter. His entire life has been spent in agricultural pursuits, with the exception of fifteen years, when he was employed as traveling salesman for a silverware firm. A farm of twenty-eight acres was bought by him, where he gives attention to the milk business in connection with his farming operations.

Mr. Andrews married Helen C. Powell, who was born in France, but her parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Powell, were natives of England. The mother died in France, but the father, Joseph Powell, and his four daughters came to this country, and had their first home in Waterbury, Conn. In 1854 they removed to Meriden, where he died when over eighty years of age. Mrs. Andrews passed away at her home in Cheshire, May 24, 1900. Three of her children are living: Edgar Thomas, in the employ of the Winchester Repeat-

ing Arms Co., at New Haven; Genevieve, the wife of Archer Bradley, station agent at Plantsville; Hiram A., who is married, resides with his father, and has one child, Edgar. Mr. Andrews is a Republican, and is one of the leading men of his community, and the family to which he belongs has been prominent in this section since its first introduction here early in the seventeenth century.

MILO L. JUDD, one of the representative citizens of Ansonia, has been successfully engaged in business there for many years, during which time the population of the city has about doubled. He is descended from pioneer stock in both paternal and maternal lines, and was born Aug. 15, 1844, in Canaan, Litchfield Co., Conn., son of Lyman and Caroline (Gillette) Judd.

Reuben Judd, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Canaan, and spent his life there engaged as a shoemaker and farmer, dying at the age of seventy. His wife, whose maiden name was Allen, was a native of Hamden, and attained the advanced age of ninety-six years. Both were Methodists in religion. Their family consisted of five children.

Lyman Judd was born and reared on the homestead in Canaan, receiving a district-school education. In early manhood he engaged in farming, and after leaving the homestead was in various places—farming one year in Norfolk, one in Torrington and one in Goshen. He then purchased a farm in Sharon, where he remained six years. The next eight years he spent in Morris, and then removed to Ansonia, where he passed his declining years, dying at the age of seventy-four. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. While he belonged to no church he maintained the strictest principles in his daily life. He married Caroline Gillette, and they had seven children, of whom four are living, viz: Mary E., wife of H. Martin Jackson, of Ansonia; Milo L., our subject; Samuel, a resident of Stamford; and Nancy I., who married Charles Wesley Cook, of Morris, Conn. Of the others, Moses died aged twenty-seven; Charlotte A. died at the age of fifty; and Caroline, who married Adam White, a farmer of Sharon, died aged forty. The mother died at the age of fifty.

Mrs. Caroline (Gillette) Judd was born in Canaan, daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Harris) Gillette, and a descendant of Benjamin Gillette, who settled in Milford, Conn., early in the seventeenth century. He endured all the hardships of pioneer life in the days when it was necessary to keep a watch night and day, the settlers being obliged to guard against the Indians. His home, located near what is now known as the "Gulf" mills, is owned and occupied by a descendant. Joseph Gillette, our subject's grandfather, was born in Guilford, and there spent his early years. He afterward removed to Canaan, where he became a well-known

citizen, engaging in business for many years as a carpenter and joiner; he also made coffins. He and his wife were members of the M. E. Church. Both reached the age of seventy-five years. Their family consisted of eight children, of whom two are living: Gibson, a resident of Salisbury; and Elisha B., who resides on the old Harris homestead in Canaan. Mrs. Nancy (Harris) Judd was a daughter of Capt. Harris, a large land owner in Canaan, who gave the land upon which Joseph Gillette built his house.

Our subject grew to manhood in his native town, acquiring his education in the common schools. Until he reached the age of twenty-nine he remained at home, assisting his father on the farm. In 1874 he removed to Ansonia and engaged in the meat business with his brother Samuel, now a resident of Stamford. For two years they conducted a market on Main street, in the store now occupied by the New York Grocery Co., opposite our subject's present stand. The next three years were spent at a store a few doors below, but since 1879 Mr. Judd has been located at No. 107 Main street, where he enjoys a large retail trade. He carries only first-class meats. The partnership with his brother was dissolved in 1882. Milo L. Judd is now the oldest business man on Main street (in length of location) except one. For a number of years he ran two wagons. He and his brother built the present store and what is known as the Buckingham market, and a number of dwelling houses in the town. Politically Mr. Judd is a Democrat, although he votes independently on occasion. Socially he is identified with the New England Order of Protection. His family attend the Methodist Church, of which his wife is a member.

In 1873 Mr. Judd married Miss Sarah J. Cook, and they have two children, Florence M. and Edna, both of whom have taken a high-school course in addition to their common-school training. Mrs. Judd was born in Sharon, daughter of Charles and Sylvia (Bostwick) Cook, who afterward located upon a farm in Morris, where he died at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, who was born in Sharon, died at the age of thirty-three, when Mrs. Judd was but nine years old. They had four children, two of whom are living: Sarah J., Mrs. Judd; and Wesley Charles, who married Nancy I. Judd, our subject's youngest sister.

ALEXANDER S. ALAIN, M. D. The descendant of a family of French extraction and long identified with Canada, Alexander S. Alain, M. D., physician and surgeon of Meriden, was born in Quebec, Canada, Nov. 22, 1856. In his youth, Joseph Alain, the father of Alexander S., was bred to the trade of a baker in his native town of Quebec, and in the quaint city followed his useful occupation until his death while yet comparatively young. In his political views he ad-

hered to the old Liberal party, and in religion was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church. In Quebec he married Domethilde Bilanger, who was born and died in Quebec. They had three children: (1) Theophile, who is a railroad man in Canada; (2) Alexander S.; and (3) Alvine, the wife of Dr. Rousseau, who is now deceased.

Dr. Alain attended the schools of his native city, and was graduated from the Seminary of Quebec, with a strong desire for professional life. Becoming a student of Laval Medical College, he spent two years in that famous institution, and two years at the Victoria Medical College—now the Laval Victoria—where he was graduated in the class of 1879. Locating at Batiscan, province of Quebec, he remained for ten years, and in 1889 removed to Meriden. He has since spent one year in Rhode Island.

Dr. Alain was married in 1885 to Rosa Lonoquette, a native of Quebec, and widow of Charles Brunelle, by whom she had one child, Rebecca, the wife of Calixte La Boeuf, a lawyer of Montreal.

Dr. Alain was formerly a member of the City Medical Society, and a visiting physician to the Meriden hospital. He is a Republican in political affiliation and for two years represented the First Ward of Meriden in the City Council. He was at one time president of the French Republican Club, of Meriden, and with his wife belongs to the French Catholic Church, where he acted as leader of the choir. Dr. Alain has unusual musical endowments, and is a master of the violin. He is a member of the Saengerbund of Meriden, and is variously associated with the professional and social interests in which the town abounds. Dr. Alain upholds the highest and most advanced tenets of his great profession, for the practical application of which he is fitted both by natural and acquired endowments.

WILLIAM MILTON is one of the substantial citizens of Waterbury, where his business standing and personal character are of the very highest grade. As a business man his methods were such that those who came to trade by chance, were converted into regular patrons. During the Civil war he wore the Union blue, and made a record as a soldier that attests alike his bravery and his loyalty to his adopted country. He was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, Dec. 25, 1840, a son of George Milton.

The birthplace of the father, George Milton, is uncertain, for it is not known whether he was born in Ireland, or in England, but the family, however, is of English origin. Mr. Milton was a farmer in Ireland, and died on his home place. Ann McGlynn, his wife, a native of Ireland, is now deceased. They were the parents of sixteen children, of whom ten grew to maturity, and five came to this country: James, a mechanic, died in Waterbury;

Bridget married the late John Cass, and has her home in Waterbury; Catherine married Edward Brady, and resides in Malden, Mass.; and Winfred came to this country and lived for a time in Memphis, Tenn., but later went to California, where all trace of her is lost.

William Milton spent his boyhood days on the old Irish farm, and grew up amid its romantic scenery. All the education he obtained was acquired before he reached the age of sixteen, when he came to New York, and was an errand boy in that city for some time. The young man tired of the great city, and sought a home in Waterbury, which has given him a pleasant welcome. On his arrival here, he was employed by the Waterbury Watch Co., and for many years he was a workman in their factory. Mr. Milton has also worked in other eastern cities, and has a high standing as a capable and efficient mechanic. In 1886 Mr. Milton engaged in the boot and shoe business on South Main street, Waterbury, where he was quite successful, but has since given it up. During the Civil war Mr. Milton was for a time attached to a regimental band.

Mr. Milton and Miss Nellie McDermott were married in 1873. Mrs. Milton was born in Waterbury, and is a daughter of William McDermott, who was born in Ireland. She died about twenty-five years ago, but her husband, loyal to her memory, has never remarried. As a Republican Mr. Milton has voted for the principles and the party leaders, but he has never sought office. Temperance matters have always aroused his enthusiasm, and he has belonged to such organizations for many years. Mr. Milton has served as commander of Wadhams Post, G. A. R., and has been President of the "Holy Name Society" since it was organized. As the oldest trustee of the Immaculate Conception Parish, of the Roman Catholic Church, his services have been long and efficient.

DAVID CAREY, an honored citizen of Branford, and a molder by trade for many years, was born in County Limerick, Ireland, June 23, 1831, and is a son of John and Hanora (Davis) Carey. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Catherine (McGraw) Carey, and the maternal grandparents were William and Ellen (O'Connor) Davis.

John Carey, who, with his family, came to Connecticut in 1851, located in Naugatuck, where he died, and was buried in Waterbury. The children of this family were: David; Ellen, who is Mrs. David Welsh; Catherine, who is Mrs. William Smith; Hannah, who is Mrs. Thomas O'Connor; John; William; and Michael. John, the fifth child of this family, served nine months in the Civil war.

David Carey came to this country in 1849, and his first work on American soil was as a farm hand in Connecticut. He later learned the trade in the cotton mills of Hamden and Naugatuck, and in 1857 came to Branford, securing employment in the

Malleable Iron Works, where he worked seven years. For one year he worked in the Sargents' shop in New Haven, and in 1865 came back to Branford to assume his present position with the Branford Lock Works.

In 1856 David Carey married Mary, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Barnett) Regan, of County Limerick, Ireland, and of the children born of this union, eight are living: Lizzie; Emily, who is the wife of Sidney Hamilton; John; Agnes L., who is Mrs. Thomas P. Carney; Eva, who married Peter Reynolds; Annie; David W. and Frank J.

Mr. Carey and his family are members of the Catholic Church, in which they are highly respected for modest character and genuine worth. Since 1863 Mr. Carey has been a member of the Molders Union, and was its first president, filling that chair two terms. For six years he was corresponding secretary of the union. In politics he is a Democrat, and for two years was one of the burgesses of Branford.

EDWARD McMANUS, general contractor, Waterbury, is a native of Ireland, and was born in County Roscommon, about 1850. His father, James McManus, was a farmer in Ireland, as was his father before him, and passed all his life in his native land. He married Bridget Glennon, a native of County Roscommon, and they had five children, of which family Maria married Peter McLaughlin, of Hartford, Conn.; Edward; Catherine, a widow, lives in Waterbury; John is somewhere in the West; and Winifred was unmarried and died in Ireland. The parents are both dead.

Edward McManus left the surroundings of his birth and childhood at the age of twenty years, and sailing from Irish shores, landed in America, and located in Hartford, Conn. For sometime he followed farming and for seven years engaged in the manufacture of brick. In 1878 he came to Waterbury and from a small beginning in the truck business, gradually increased his capacity until now he is prepared to take any kind of contract work, even to building sewers, railroads, houses, etc. At first he had but two horses; now he has several; and gives employment to from fifty to seventy-five men, at times having as many as one hundred and twenty-five men under him. He has not married, and his sister Catherine keeps house for him.

Mr. McManus is a member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Socially he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and in politics he is a Democrat. He has been a "hustler" all his life, and by hard work, careful management, and judicious savings, has accumulated a considerable amount of property.

GEORGE R. BALDWIN is an agriculturist of energy and ability, who throughout his entire business career has been prominently identified with the upbuilding and development of New Haven county.

and has materially advanced its interests along various lines. As a wide-awake, energetic business man, he successfully followed the mason's trade for many years, but for the past twelve years has devoted his time and attention to farming in the town of Oxford.

Mr. Baldwin was born March 6, 1822, on the farm in Oxford where his brother Frederick now resides, and is a son of Stephen and Betsey (Hubbell) Baldwin. The father was a native of the same town and a son of James Baldwin, a Revolutionary soldier, who lived in the town of Seymour. The father died at the age of seventy-six years, the mother at the age of seventy-eight. Our subject was the oldest of their five children, the others being Eliza A., wife of Nathan Proctor, of Woodbury; Lucy, widow of Hobart Churchill, of Waterbury; Sarah M., widow of John Parker, of Oxford; and Frederick, who resides on the old homestead.

George R. Baldwin passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm, and attended the common schools of the neighborhood. At the age of fourteen years he commenced learning the mason's trade with his father, for whom he worked four years, and then went to New Haven, where he followed his trade several years. At length he formed a partnership with Isaac B. Lake, and engaged in contract work at Seymour until 1888, excavating and laying foundations, etc. During that year he sold his interest to his partner and has since given his attention to the operation of his farm, which he purchased in 1845, and upon which he has made his home since his marriage.

In 1844 Mr. Baldwin married Miss Emily Sperry, and to them were born four children, Bernard S., Allie E., Almira and one who died in infancy. All are now deceased. Bernard S. was a private in the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery, during the Civil war, and died at Bermuda Hundred, Va. In politics Mr. Baldwin is a Democrat, and he has served the town of Oxford as selectman five years; and first selectman two years. He was elected grand juror several times, but never served. He is one of the old and honored residents of the town, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

JOHN J. GAILEY, M. D., Waterbury, New Haven county, Connecticut.

JOHN HOBART JOHNSON, prominent contractor, builder and real-estate dealer of Stonycreek, New Haven county, is a native of Connecticut, and was born in Wallingford, New Haven county, March 27, 1837.

John H. Johnson, his father, also born in Wallingford, was in early life for several years the owner of vessels which ran between New Haven and New York in the commission business. Later he for fifteen years engaged in the real estate business in Brooklyn; and then removed to Northford,

this county, where he died in 1897, at an advanced age. He married Abby Williams, and of this union were born the following children: Martha, now Mrs. George Fancher; Emily S., now the wife of J. I. Gruver; John Hobart; Susan A., wife of Dr. Augustus Whelus; and Willoughby. The paternal grandfather, Ira Johnson, and the maternal grandfather, Willoughby Williams, were farmers of Wallingford.

John Hobart Johnson was reared in Wallingford until eight years of age, or till 1845, in which year his parents removed to Branford Point, where his father kept hotel for two years, removing thence to New Haven, where the elder Johnson managed the "Colonnade House" for eight years. From there the family went to New York, thence to Brooklyn, where John Hobart served a four-years' apprenticeship at the ship carpenter's trade, which he afterward followed eight years. In 1870 Mr. Johnson removed to Stonycreek, New Haven county, where he has since achieved large results in contracting and building, and dealing in real estate, renting, collecting, etc.

Mr. Johnson has been twice married; first, to Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Mary (Green) Ruland, of Long Island, and of this union there are four children: Julia L. the wife of W. W. Reese; George F.; Minnie; and Carrie. For a second wife Mr. Johnson married Emma Josephine, daughter of Richard and Lucretia (Moulthrop) Russell, of North Branford, and two sons have been born of this marriage, Clayton H. and Frank R. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Johnson is a member of the F. & A. M., Corinthian Lodge, No. 103, Northford; the I. O. O. F.; and Seaside Lodge No. 84, Stonycreek. Politically he is a Democrat, and has served as justice of the peace at Branford.

OLIVER T. NORTON, one of the stirring business men of Waterbury, has contributed his share towards the improvement of the city, and as a real-estate dealer has put on the market some of the choicest additions of recent years. He is an honorable and straightforward business man, whose words do not need a bond to secure credence.

Mr. Norton was born in Plymouth, Conn., March 4, 1844, and is a son of Stephen Norton, born in the same town, and grandson of Rodney Norton, probably born in Plymouth, and a trooper in the war of the Revolution. Like many of his forefathers, Stephen Norton was a farmer by occupation, and while his earlier life was spent near Plymouth, Conn., he latterly settled at Wolcott, Conn., where he had a valuable country home. His wife, Lydia Bradley, was born in Bristol, Conn., and was a daughter of Lucius Bradley, a farmer. Mrs. Norton who died in 1865, was the mother of twelve children. They were named: Amen, Lewis, Andrew, Oliver T., Eunice, Sarah, Mary, Lydia, Turchus, Walter, Addie and Elliott. Amen served in the Civil war,

and was killed in the battle of the Wilderness. Lewis is a mason in Waterbury, and Andrew is a dairyman in the same place. Eunice married Irving Davis, of New Haven, and Sarah married Arthur Terrell, a farmer in Wolcott, Conn. Mary and Lydia died young, and Turchus, Walter and Addie are deceased. The latter was the wife of Policeman Williams, of Waterbury. Elliott left the country some years ago, and nothing is known of his whereabouts.

Oliver T. Norton spent his boyhood days on the home farm in Plymouth, and when sixteen years old left home and began an apprenticeship as a mason, in which line of activity he engaged until 1875. During that year he branched out into contracting and building, and has since achieved great success in his chosen work. For some years he has been engaged in extensive real-estate deals, and from time to time large properties have passed through his hands. His building enterprises are principally conducted in Waterbury, where his public spirit and general progressiveness have met with a deserved appreciation.

Mr. Norton and Ellen Warner were married in 1864, Mrs. Norton being a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Ezra J. Warner. Mr. and Mrs. Norton are the parents of two children, Willis V. and Ernest W. Mr. Norton is a Republican, and himself and sons are stanch advocates of the grand old party. They are attendants upon the services of the Methodist Church, with which several of the family are formally united.

JOHN ST. LAWRENCE, a well-known resident of West Haven, is the proprietor of Hills' Homestead, on Beach street, Savin Rock, one mile from West Haven, and four miles from New Haven. The resort, the oldest in this section, is easily reached by the Winchester Avenue Railroad and the Woodmont Line of electric cars, and under the able and far sighted management of its present proprietor has increased its reputation and patronage. Mr. St. Lawrence was born June 9, 1857, in Hartford, Conn., and is of French descent in the paternal line. His father, Timothy St. Lawrence, was born in Ireland of French parentage, and much of his boyhood was spent in the Emerald Isle. On coming to America he located in Hartford, and for twenty-five years previous to his death was foreman for A. Taylor, a leading lumber dealer. His wife Anna Hagan, was also of Irish descent, and they had one son and six daughters, all of whom are living.

The education of Mr. St. Lawrence was acquired in the common schools of Hartford and Hannon Commercial College, and at thirteen he became a bell boy in the "Allyn House" in that city, one of the finest hotels in Connecticut. So faithfully did he perform the services required of him that at the age of fifteen he was promoted to the position of clerk, which he held for five and

one-half years, and during this time extended his knowledge by attending business college. At twenty-two he went to the "Globe Hotel" in Syracuse, as clerk, and five years later became clerk of the "Osborn House" in Auburn during the winter season, and of the "Cayuga Lake House" in the summer, both houses being under the same owner. While manager of the latter hotel he learned the business of steward, and his next position was that of steward in the "United States Hotel" in Hartford, where he remained six years. He then became manager of the Hills' Homestead, for the widow of Alfred Hills, and at her death purchased the property. The restaurant already had a national reputation, and for forty years has been the headquarters of the leading business and professional men of New Haven, and the great social clubs of that city. The great Yale dinners are served there, and the famous Fessenden reunion of the Legislature, in 1895, is recalled as one of the largest banquets ever given in this section. Natural advantages redound to the popularity of this resort, and no more advantageous situation could be desired. It commands one of the finest views of the Sound, and the beautiful grape arbor covering the veranda is a most attractive feature. Mr. St. Lawrence has made many improvements, and caters only to the best trade, taking special pride in the serving and quality of the viands. He can dine 250 at one time in the restaurant, while the tents upon the spacious lawn will permit tables for from 200 to 300 guests.

In 1883 Mr. St. Lawrence married his first wife, Miss Mary Bowen, a native of New Haven, who died in 1889 leaving one son, Arthur. His second wife, formerly Miss Katherine Desmond, is a native of Brooklyn. Politically Mr. St. Lawrence is a Democrat, but takes liberal views of local affairs, voting for the best man. His popularity would make him a desirable candidate, but he has so far declined to run for office. He is a charter member of the Hartford Lodge of Elks, and a member of the Knights of Columbus at Hartford.

CHARLES L. P. SMITH, M. D., one of the prominent young members of the medical profession in New Haven, was born in this city, Jan. 22, 1876, a son of George W. and Mary (Porter) Smith, the former a son of James Smith, an old resident of Norwalk, Conn. George W. entered Civil war service, at the age of fifteen, and faithfully served his country through three years. James Smith had been engaged in the wholesale oyster trade, in Norwalk, and after the war his son, George W., removed to New Haven and entered upon the same business. Here he married Mary Porter, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, a daughter of George Porter, who had located in New Haven when Mary was but three years old, and now lives a retired life in this city. To Mr. and Mrs. George Smith were born: Geneva, who married H. C. Backus, an electrical engineer of

Newark, N. J.; an infant; Dr. Charles L. P.; Reverdy; and Nellie, who died when about seventeen years old. George Smith was well known in his locality as an unostentatious citizen, of good repute, a Republican in politics, and a consistent member of the Episcopal Church.

Dr. Smith spent his boyhood days in New Haven where he received private instruction after finishing the common-school course. He early displayed a leaning toward the medical profession, and following this inclination entered the Yale Medical School, from which he graduated with credit in 1898. This thorough equipment was followed by a post-graduate course in New York City, and by embracing the almost boundless opportunities for investigation afforded in that great metropolis.

Locating in New Haven, Dr. Smith has met with gratifying success, and is highly regarded by his numerous patients and fellow practitioners. He is one of the progressive and well read physicians who understandingly adopt all modern discoveries for the amelioration of pain and the cure of disease. In political faith he votes and works with the Republican party, and retains his connection with the Episcopal Church, in which he was carefully reared.

JAMES A. KNOX, manager of the paper box and printing department of the Waterbury Mfg. Co., Waterbury, is a native of Massachusetts, and was born in Boston, Aug. 22, 1850.

Thomas Knox, his grandfather, lived and married and reared his family of three children in Boston, of whom Barnabas and Thomas were farmers near Springfield, Mass., while Adam, who was born in Boston, Sept. 15, 1804, became a trained nurse, and for many years acted as such in the Massachusetts Hospital. He married Martha Locke, who was born in Rye, N. H., a daughter of Joseph L. and Olive (Berry) Locke, also natives of Rye, an item of interest in connection with the latter being the fact that he rang the church bell during the Revolutionary war to warn the people of Rye that the British were approaching. Five children were born to Adam Knox and wife, viz.: Mary E., the wife of Charles F. Hall, of Boston; George H., living retired in Boston, where he was a fireman for several years; Charles H., formerly a stock raiser in Maine, and now retired; Joseph L., who served in the Civil war and is now living a retired life; and James A. Adam Knox died in Boston in 1892, having been predeceased by his wife in 1854. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican. Himself and wife were members of the M. E. Church.

James A. Knox attended the public schools of Boston until he was fourteen years old, and at the age of nineteen began to learn the trade of paper box making in his native city, and followed the same there until 1887. In July of the same year he came to Waterbury, where he has ever since engaged with the Waterbury Mfg. Co., and at present has

charge of the paper box and printing department.

In April, 1872, Mr. Knox was united in marriage with Theresa G. Morey, who was born in Boston, Mass. Five children have been born of this union: Joseph A., Clara I., William M., Charles H. and Mary T. Mr. Knox is prominent as a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order United Workmen, and the United Order of American Mechanics. He has filled all the chairs in these orders, and at the present time is presiding president of the past masters' organization, A. O. U. W., of the State of Connecticut. In politics he is a Republican, and in 1893-94 was councilman from the Second ward of Waterbury, and is now a member of the board of public safety, and was recently elected a member of the bureau of assessments.

FRANK M. BROWN, formerly an enterprising and successful young business man of Milford, was born Nov. 30, 1863, at Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn., a son of Silas and Jennie (Mead) Brown.

Silas Brown, who followed shoemaking in Ridgefield throughout his active years, was a native of Putnam county, N. Y., while his wife was born in Ridgefield. This worthy couple had seven children, viz.: Julia, James, Ella, Josephine, Edith, Frank M. (our subject) and Winfield (deceased).

As a boy Frank M. Brown attended school in Ridgefield, and in 1880, when seventeen years old, he went to Milford to find employment in a shoe factory. After working for several years with more or less irregularity, he determined to engage in an independent business and in 1894 he opened up a line of sporting goods, cigars and bicycles. The central telephone office, which was located in his store, was also under his direction. Mr. Brown is now located in Bridgeport. On Sept. 13, 1883, he married Miss Lillian Porter, daughter of George H. Porter, a well-known resident of Milford, and they have one child, Miriam, now (1901) aged nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were popular socially, and the latter is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Brown belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W., and during his residence there was an active worker in the Milford Fire Department. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party, and at one time he served as constable.

JOHN J. SULLIVAN, one of the progressive and successful business men of New Haven, occupying the important position of foreman of the plating department of the New Haven Clock Co., engaging also as proprietor of an undertaking establishment, at 342 Grand avenue, is a native of New Haven, born in that city Dec. 17, 1864, and is of Irish ancestry. His father, William Sullivan, was well known in New Haven, where he located in 1840, but the paternal grandfather, who lived and farmed and died in Ireland, never came to

America. William Sullivan, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, and who engaged in the shoe business during his years of activity, married Bridget Calahan, also of County Cork, Ireland, who survives him, his death having occurred in 1891. Five children were born of this marriage: Owen, who died at the age of twelve; Margaret, who died at the age of four; Mary, who married James Howard, of New Haven, the latter now deceased; Thomas, who is a successful contractor in this city; and John J.

John J. Sullivan spent his boyhood days in New Haven, and received his education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1881. About this time he went to work for the New Haven Clock Co., and has since been one of their valued employes, occupying the responsible position of foreman in the plating department. Although deeply interested in his work, and qualified therefor by years of practical experience, he is also engaged in other business enterprises, one of which is the undertaking business on Grand avenue.

July 12, 1893, Mr. Sullivan married Nellie Hart, of New Haven, daughter of James Hart, who came to America from County Sligo, Ireland. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan,—William and Mary. Mr. Sullivan has been a lifelong Democrat, and for many years has taken an active interest in political undertakings. He was made one of the fire commissioners July 1, 1899. Socially he belongs to the Knights of St. Patrick and the Henry Grattan Club, and he is one of the leading members of St. Francis Parish Catholic Church. As a citizen, Mr. Sullivan stands high in this city and is a worthy representative of the progressive and influential business men of New Haven.

JOHN BRENNAN COAKLEY, time-keeper at the Branford Lock Works, and express order clerk in the shipping department of the factory, was born in Durham, Conn., June 12, 1855, and is a son of Daniel F. and Catherine (Brennan) Coakley, natives respectively of County Cork and County Roscommon, Ireland.

Daniel F. Coakley was by occupation a shoemaker, and upon coming to this country in 1851 located in Branford, and worked at his trade for about a year and a half. He then lived in Waterbury for about the same length of time, going then to Durham, and returning to Branford in 1878. Here he spent his last days, dying Nov. 23, 1883, at the age of fifty-five years. Five children were born to Daniel and Catherine Coakley, of whom all but one grew to maturity: John B.; Ellen F., who became the wife of John Steigmuller; Daniel; and Peter.

After completing his education in Durham Academy, at the age of nineteen years John Brennan Coakley settled on a farm, and for five years engaged in its cultivation. In 1879 he came to

Branford and secured employment with the Branford Lock Works, and for a time was employed in various capacities, securing his present position in 1882.

Oct. 14, 1885, Mr. Coakley was married to Cornelia E. McKennon, the adopted daughter of Jeremiah Daly, of Branford, and a native of this city. Of this union the following children have been born: Daniel F.; Anna, deceased; and John B., Jr.

Mr. Coakley and his family are members of the Catholic Church. He is connected with various fraternal orders, being an active worker in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Foresters of America, the Knights of Columbus and the New England Order of Protection. He is a Democrat in politics and is registrar of voters in Branford.

MICHAEL J. LANGFORD, one of the worthy citizens that Ireland has furnished to the New World, has for several years been actively identified with the business interests of Naugatuck, New Haven county, and has also taken quite a prominent and influential part in her public affairs. He was born in County Kerry, Ireland, April 3, 1860, a son of Michael and Bridget (Murphy) Langford, natives of the same place, where they still continue to make their home. To them were born six children, namely: John, a mechanic of Naugatuck, Conn.; Mary, wife of John Maley, of New Haven, foreman of the Sargent & Co.'s works, and also a contractor; Michael J., our subject; Nora; Bartholomew, who died in America at about the age of twenty-two years; and Patrick, who is engaged in school teaching in Ireland, and with his wife conducts the post office at Ballybunnion.

Reared in his native land, Michael J. Langford acquired his literary education in the national schools, and at the age of seventeen years began life for himself by working as a farm hand for two years. On June 6, 1880, he came to America, and first located in Mt. Carmel, Conn., where he learned the iron molder's trade, at which he worked for about six years. At the end of that period he embarked in the meat and grocery business at Union City, Conn., with J. J. Linskey, under the firm name of Linskey & Langford, and this connection lasted about four years, when the partnership was dissolved, but Mr. Langford continued to engage in the meat business at that place for about seven years. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man, who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

Mr. Langford wedded Miss Mary Patterson, a native of Cheshire, Conn., and a daughter of Thomas Patterson, who was of Irish extraction. Mrs. Langford died in 1894, leaving five children: Louis F., Agnes E., Alice M., Mary R. and William L. Fraternally Mr. Langford is a member of the Foresters of America and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and religiously is a member of St. Francis Catholic Church. His political support

is given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he takes quite an active and prominent part in public affairs. He was a member of the first board of burgesses after Naugatuck became a borough, and filled that office for one year, after which he was a member of the board of charities for a short time. He was next appointed superintendent of the poor, and has most efficiently served in that position for four years.

WILLIAM O'NEIL, senior member of the progressive firm of O'Neil & Warner, carriage builders, horse shoers and blacksmiths, at Waterbury, is a native of Scotland, and was born in Brechin, Forfarshire, Jan. 28, 1852.

His father, William O'Neil, claims the same nativity, and is a son of Bernard O'Neil, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, whence he migrated to Scotland, and there married Elizabeth Mill. A quarryman by occupation, the grandfather was killed in the performance of his at all times dangerous calling. William O'Neil is a paper maker by trade, and has passed all his life in Scotland, his home still being in Brechin. He married Elizabeth Webster—now deceased,—also born in Brechin, a daughter of David Webster, a linen manufacturer. Four children were born of this union: David W., a member of the firm of Bradley, Currier & Co., stair builders, inside wood workers, etc., New York; James W., superintendent for James McCauley, of Boston; Mary, wife of George H. Priest, of New Haven, Conn.; and William. The mother of this interesting family is deceased.

The youth of William O'Neil was passed in the historic town of Brechin, where he was educated in the public schools and served an apprenticeship of five years to a carriage blacksmith. In 1871 he came to the United States, working for a year each in Boston, Mass., Amesbury, Mass., and in New Hampshire, eventually locating in New Haven, where he was employed at his trade until his removal to Waterbury in 1882. Here he formed a partnership with John R. Martin, under the firm name of Martin & O'Neil, carriage makers and blacksmiths, but at the end of six and one-half years sold out to his partner, and for the following six years had charge of the blacksmithing department in C. F. Goodwin & Son's carriage factory. March 1, 1895, Mr. O'Neil formed a partnership with William P. Thoms, in the same line of business, under the firm name of Thoms & O'Neil, and in course of time associated with them William A. Warner, the name then being changed to Thoms, O'Neil & Warner. On account of the death of Mr. Thoms at the end of the same year the present firm name of O'Neil & Warner was assumed. The manufacturing facilities of the concern comprise two distinct plants, the carriage factory being a three-story brick building, opposite which is the two-story forge. Both departments are equipped with all requisite tools and appliances, no machinery being used, and all the

products are the result of skilled hand labor. Mr. O'Neil is as practical a carriage maker as Mr. Warner is horseshoer.

July 3, 1875, Mr. O'Neil married Emily E. Stone, born in Boston, Mass., a daughter of Elmer Stone, a native of England. Five children have been born of this union: James E., Webster, William H., Elizabeth and David. James E. is married and is associated with his father in business. The family are members of the First Baptist Church in Waterbury, in which Mr. O'Neil is a deacon. In national and State politics Mr. O'Neil is a Republican, but in local matters he is independent. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., New Haven Lodge. Mr. O'Neil is devoted to the general welfare of the community, and may be counted on to further any reasonable effort at improvement. In his special department of activity he has few superiors, a tribute equally applicable to his partner in business.

WILLIAM MARTIN CASEY, a prominent citizen of the town of Wallingford, was born in Washington, D. C., Nov. 12, 1861.

William P. Casey, his father, was born in the old and historic County Tipperary, Ireland, but was reared in London. He served in the English navy during the Crimean war, and joined the Confederate army at the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion. For a time he was with Mosby's Guerrillas, and later with Johnston's Raiders. While with Mosby he was captured and confined in the military prison on Morris Island. At the first battle of Bull Run he was badly wounded, but recovered, and served through the most critical years of the Confederacy. Coming north to Meriden, Conn., in 1868, he later removed to Wallingford, where he was connected for many years with the H. L. Judd Co. While going to his work on the morning of July 19, 1894, he was killed by a train on the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., when he was aged sixty-five years. Mary Carroll, his wife, was born in England, and is now living in Meriden. To them were born: William Martin; Nora, who married John Bradley, of Waterbury; Mary, who married Patrick Towney, of Waterbury; and two that died in infancy.

William M. Casey came when eight years of age with his parents to Meriden, where his education was completed in the public schools. At the age of sixteen years he took the burden of his own support on his shoulders, and entered the employ of the Breckenridge Co., and was also employed by Rogers Brothers and the Meriden Bronze Co. In October, 1886, he came to Wallingford to work as a polisher with H. L. Judd & Co., and in February of the following year was promoted to the foremanship of the polishing and buffing department, with thirty men under his instruction and management, and this position he is still holding. Mr. Casey is a self-made man in every respect. Against great difficulties he has made his way to a good position,

and he holds the confidence of his associates to a marked degree.

Mr. Casey belongs to the Silver City Council, A. O. U. W., Court Robert Wallace, Foresters of America, and has been assistant fire chief of Wallace Hose Co. No. 2, for three years. For a number of years previous to his appointment he had been a member of the Company. Mr. Casey is a member of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, of Wallingford, and is president of the Y. M. T. A. & B. Society. Much interested in out-of-door recreations, he is a great devotee of base-ball, and at one time was the very successful pitcher of the Wallingford Club. He is a social young man of many friends, and is a dancer of more than local reputation. A talented performer on the snare drum, he has given instruction in its playing both in Wallingford and in Meriden for the last fifteen years or more. For the last three years Mr. Casey has been on the Democratic town committee, and is a hard worker for his party.

On June 2, 1886, Mr. Casey was married to Margaret Doonan, and they have three children: Mae, born Feb. 22, 1888; Edward, born July 19, 1890; and Frank W., born May 30, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Casey occupy a very pretty home on North Main street.

JOHN M. BLAKE, proprietor of Blake's Fourth Ward Cafe, in Branford, was born in Warrington, England, March 6, 1854, son of William and Mary (Kation) Blake, both natives of County Galway, Ireland.

John Blake, the paternal grandfather, was the son of a steel plate shearer, and spent the most of his life in England, dying in Warrington in 1870. He was the father of eleven children, five of whom grew to maturity: John M.; Margaret, who afterward became Mrs. James Burns; William; Thomas; and George.

John M. Blake was reared in Oldham, England, and there he had his education in the public schools. When he had become old enough to assume the burden of his own support he served six years and seven months as an apprentice at the machinist business in Oldham, gaining a thorough knowledge of every branch of the trade. Mr. Blake followed this work for sixteen years in England, working as a journeyman machinist. In the month of March, 1886, determined to find a more favoring field for his industry, he came to the United States, locating in Branford, and finding employment in the Lock Works. Here he was employed for about four years, and he then took a position as a clerk in the Totoket House, where he remained several years. In 1898 he embarked in business for himself, and has been highly successful.

Mr. Blake was married June 12, 1899, to Margaret A., a daughter of Timothy and Margaret (O'Brien) Fitzgerald, of Branford, formerly of Ireland. To this union has come one son, William.

Mr. Blake and wife are members of the Catholic Church, where they are known as loyal and earnest workers and zealous for any onward movement in the church and parish. In politics Mr. Blake is a Democrat.

JOHN L. SAXE, a well-known business man of Waterbury, and one of the most prominent and influential German-American citizens of the Naugatuck Valley, was born in Efford, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, May 4, 1845, and is a son of Andrew and Amelia Saxe, also natives of Prussia, and born respectively Jan. 6, 1796, and Jan. 22, 1806. In 1852 the family came to America and took up their residence in Waterbury, Conn., where the father died Jan. 6, 1877, and the mother Aug. 11, 1886, and they were interred in Riverside cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics the father was a Democrat. In his native land he served as government inspector of cloth, or commissary inspector, and during his residence in this country followed the occupation of a tailor. In his family were four children: William, who died in St. Paul, Minn.; Julius, who went west and died; John L.; and Charles F., a resident of Waterbury.

John L. Saxe accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, the ocean voyage lasting seven weeks and a half. They first located in Birmingham, Conn., and later in Ansonia, where he attended the public schools, and from where he came to Waterbury. He spent a short time in Bristol, and also worked in a factory at Terryville, Litchfield county, and at the age of fifteen visited St. Paul and St. Cloud, Minn., where he spent eight months with his brother in subduing the Indians. Returning east at the opening of the Civil war, he enlisted in New York City, Aug. 16, 1861, in the 4th New York Cavalry, under Col. Dickel, and spent three years in the service, being discharged at Washington, D. C. When peace was restored he returned to Waterbury, Conn., and for a short time worked as a brass finisher for the Waterbury Brass Co., and he next found employment with Holmes, Booth & Haydens, and as foreman of their silver plating department for twenty-one years traveled extensively through the New England and Western States. Subsequently he was connected with Plume & Atwood for six years, and while with this firm invented a riveting machine, known as the J. L. Saxe riveting machine, which bears the distinction of being the only one of its kind in the world. This has proved a very useful and valuable invention, and it is now utilized in some of the largest belt and other factories in the country. Unlike the average human, the machine is capable of doing many things at the same time, and not only holds the work on the table but makes a hole through it, puts a rivet in the hole, a burr over the rivet, and rivets the same, all in one revolution of the machine. Mr. Saxe started the Belting Supply Co., and continued in that line until meeting with

reverses in business, when he turned his attention to his present bric-a-brac, antique and second-hand furniture business, in which he is meeting with gratifying success.

On Sept. 22, 1868, Mr. Saxe was united in marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Philip Gephardt, who died at Waterbury, Conn., Jan. 6, 1870, leaving one child, Amelia Josephine, who was born Dec. 27, 1869, and is now the wife of A. A. Hartman. Mr. Saxe was again married, Jan. 1, 1875, his second union being with Miss Annie Maria O'Connor, daughter of Stephen O'Connor. They have five children: Laura Elizabeth (wife of Henry Kiser), born Aug. 29, 1876; Leonard John, born April 15, 1878; Andrew C., born Dec. 19, 1881; Annie Belle, born July 19, 1883; and John Leonard, Jr., born Sept. 22, 1887.

Mr. Saxe has taken an active part in public affairs, and is a recognized leader of the Democratic party in his community, and one of its staunch supporters. He served as constable of the town of Waterbury six years; selectman one term; assessor one term; grand juror many years; and was a member of the State Legislature during the sessions of 1891 and 1893, serving on several important committees. He represented the Third ward in the city council of Waterbury for three terms, and was chairman of the committee on public lands and buildings. He has also served as alderman two terms; as a member of the school board of Waterbury and chairman two years, and during that service rendered valuable aid to the cause of education. He is a prominent member of Comstock Lodge, N. 13, K. P.; the Uniformed Rank of the same order; Uhland Lodge (a German branch), I. O. R. M.; and the Grand Army Post of Waterbury, of which he was one of the organizers. He is now colonel and aide of military instruction in the public schools, a department of the Connecticut Grand Army of the Republic. He is broad-minded and liberal in his views, a good debater and a very intelligent and progressive man.

J. S. MOORE. The name of J. S. Moore is associated with more than thirty years of substantial business activity in Branford, during which time he has established a reputation for skill, enterprise and honest dealing.

A native of Southoldtown, Long Island, N. Y., Mr. Moore was born Sept. 21, 1839, and is a son of Silas and Mehitabel (Terry) Moore. The paternal grandfather, Silas Moore, was of Scotch descent, and was among the very early settlers and farmers of Long Island. He embodied the sterling and worth while characteristics of his race, traits transmitted in a marked degree to his son and grandson.

J. S. Moore was reared in his native community, and his early training was not unlike that of other farmer boys of his time. When old enough to shift for himself he left the common schools and

served a three years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's and joiner's trade, having completed which he worked at his trade for two years. In 1862 Mr. Moore set up in business for himself as a wagon maker at Southoldtown, L. I., and at the end of seven years, in 1869, removed to Branford, and has since been successfully engaged in the same line of business.

In November, 1857, Mr. Moore married Matilda P., daughter of John P. Griffin, a resident and prominent citizen of Mason, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have one son, Wilford Lee, who was married to Luella Hubbard, daughter of Henry W. and Emma (Linsley) Hubbard, of Branford. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore has been born one daughter, Ethel, the only grandchild of the family. Mr. Moore and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of Branford. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN H. FRUIN, a retired merchant at Waterbury, Conn., is a native of that town, born Feb. 22, 1859.

William Fruin, father of John H., was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and married Johanna Magner, a native of the same county. Of this union there were born eight children in Ireland, John H. being the only child owning American nativity. In order of birth these children were named as follows: Mary, Johanna, Robert and William, all deceased; James J., whose life record may be found elsewhere in this volume; Bridget is married to James Henebry, a molder residing in Waterbury; Margaret is the widow of Charles Hayes, of the same city; Anna is married to Edward McGrath, inspector of school buildings in Waterbury; and John H. William Fruin, the father of this family, came from Ireland to Waterbury in 1854, and died here in 1884, his wife surviving him until 1892.

John H. Fruin was educated and reared to manhood in Waterbury. In 1880 he engaged in the grocery and liquor trade at No. 455 West Main street, and of this he made a complete success, as he retired in 1892, and has since turned all his attention to his tenements, of which he owns a large number.

In May, 1883, Mr. Fruin was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Margaret Condon, who was born in Bethlehem, Conn., a daughter of Thomas Condon, a native of Ireland. Three children were born of this marriage: William, who died in 1898; Frank; and Robert. Mrs. Margaret Fruin was called to the home of the blessed in 1887, and in July, 1891, Mr. Fruin married Miss Nellie Gibson, a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Cornelius Gibson. In politics Mr. Fruin is a Democrat, and as a prime favorite with his party, has served on the board of council two years and two years as street commissioner, but has served more through a sense of public duty than for reward or glory. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and

the Catholic Legion. A Roman Catholic, he is a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church, and is liberal in contributing to its support. The social position of himself, wife and children is quite enviable.

ESTELLA A. HUBBELL was for some time a successful and popular teacher of Bethany and Woodbridge, but now devotes her time and attention to the management of her farm in the latter town. She is a woman of excellent business and executive ability, and has met with marked success in her undertakings. At the age of seventeen years she commenced teaching school in Hamden, and continued to follow that profession until 1897, since which time she has personally superintended the operation of her farm in Woodbridge.

Silas Hubbell, her grandfather, the eldest son of Silas Hubbell, Sr., an officer in the Revolutionary war under Gen. Putnam, was born in Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn., Feb. 22, 1772, and died in New Haven May 31, 1856. On April 20, 1820, he married Abiah Churchill, of Southampton, Mass., who was born in 1781, and died in Westfield, Conn., Dec. 27, 1855. To them were born three children, one son and two daughters.

Silas Churchill Hubbell, the only son of this worthy couple, was born in Montgomery, Mass., Sept. 17, 1826, and was married in Ballston Spa, Saratoga Co., N. Y., to Angeline Jones, who was born Aug. 26, 1827, daughter of Ebenezer and Angeline (Sear) Jones. Her father was born Aug. 10, 1798, her mother Sept. 11, 1798. In their family were the following children: Almira, born Dec. 14, 1820, a resident of New York State; Matilda, born Aug. 22, 1822, a resident of Saratoga county; Rufus, born Feb. 10, 1824, deceased; Angeline, mother of our subject; Juliette, born June 13, 1831, residing in Hop City, N. Y.; Wesley, born Nov. 23, 1832, deceased; Catherine, born Aug. 19, 1834, who makes her home in Amsterdam, N. Y.; Emeline, born Aug. 20, 1836, deceased; Ebenezer, born Feb. 8, 1841, living in Plymouth, Mass.; and Isaac, born May 10, 1842, and Mary L., born Feb. 15, 1846, both deceased.

To Silas C. and Angeline (Jones) Hubbell came four children, namely: Edward S., born Dec. 12, 1854, a meat buyer of Woodbridge; Charles J., born Sept. 2, 1861, who died in infancy; Estella Angeline, born Aug. 3, 1863; and George R., born Dec. 4, 1868, a progressive farmer of Woodbridge.

Soon after their marriage the parents of our subject came to Westville, Conn., and the father successfully engaged in the practice of medicine there and in the surrounding towns for forty years. Both in professional and private life he was widely and favorably known, and is certainly deserving of honorable mention in the history of his adopted county. He died in Woodbridge May 24, 1895, and his wife passed away Sept. 7, 1898, honored and respected by all who knew them.

WILLIAM H. WRIGHT, merchant, Waterbury, where for over thirty years he has been a resident, is a native of England, born April 3, 1857, near Manchester.

Edward Wright, father of William H., of the same nativity, born in 1832, was a woolen manufacturer in England, and also followed the same line of business in Waterbury, Conn. In his native land he married a Miss Hall, who died there when our subject was an infant; he died in Waterbury. Seven children were born to this union, a brief record of whom is as follows: James E. is a mechanic in Waterbury; John W. is foreman with the American Pin Co., Waterville, Conn.; Sarah A., unmarried, lives in Waterbury; William H. is our subject; twins died in infancy; and Lewis N. is engineer on the Naugatuck branch of the N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad.

William H. Wright received his education in the schools of his native land, and when ten years old, in 1867, he with his father and brothers and sisters came to America. For one year the family lived in Glenham, Dutchess Co., N. Y., and from there removing to Waterbury, where our subject attended private school for a time. His first business experience was in the Holmes, Booth & Haydens Mfg. Co's works, where for three or four years he was employed in the plating department, and afterward for some three years was shipping clerk for the same firm. He then, in 1879, entered the employ of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., and was with that firm twelve years, or until 1891, in which year he bought out the American Tea Co. From that time until 1899 he was associated with John E. Weible, but buying out his partner's interest, he has since been conducting the business alone.

In October, 1884, Mr. Wright married Jennie E. Wright (no blood relation), who was born in Waterbury, and five children have blessed their union: Walter W., Frank E., Lewis N., Edith H. and Howard W., all living. Mr. Wright is a Republican in politics, and has served his adopted city in various offices of trust; was alderman of the third ward 1896-97, and being re-elected served in 1898-99. He was a member of the town committee about ten years, and for some twenty years has been connected with the Phoenix Fire Department of Waterbury, being one of its most enthusiastic members. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons, and he also belongs to the Red Men and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

BERNARD F. KIVLAN, a well-known citizen of Branford, was born in East Haven, Conn., in August, 1865, and is a son of Bernard and Ann (McGinness) Kivlan, natives of County Leitrim, Ireland, and who came to the United States prior to 1860. The parents located at East Haven, where the father engaged in contract grading, excavating and teaming to the time of his death, in 1892. The children of this family were: Kate, who married

Michael Burns; Mary, the wife of Dennis Freeman; John; Lizzie, who married Henry Donnelly; Bernard F.; Maggie, the wife of Edward Priest; and Jennie.

Bernard F. Kivlan was reared in East Haven, where he secured his education principally in the night schools. At the age of nineteen he went on the road as a traveling dealer in bakers' goods, teas, coffees, butter and groceries, and followed this business in East Haven until 1889. That year he came to Branford and continued in the same business. In 1891 he went into the liquor business, in which he is still engaged.

Mr. Kivlan has been twice married, his first wife being Margaret, a daughter of John and Mary (Williams) Sullivan, of Branford, by whom he had one son, John, who is now dead. His second wife, Mary, a daughter of William and Mary (Woods) Hartley, is the mother of four children: Anna J.; Bernard B. F.; Marian T.; and William H. The family are members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Kivlan is a Democrat in politics. He is connected with the United States and the Connecticut Bottlers' Associations.

JEREMIAH H. DUNN is a leading contractor and prominent business man of Naugatuck, where on all sides may be seen evidences of his handiwork. Thoroughly reliable in all things, the quality of his work is a convincing test of his own personal worth, and the same admirable trait is shown in his conscientious discharge of the duties of different positions of trust and responsibility to which he has been chosen in business and political life.

Mr. Dunn was born in Queens County, Ireland, March 15, 1857, and is a son of Thomas Dunn, who is still living in that country at the advanced age of ninety-four years. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Cornelius Dunn, a carpenter by trade. The father has been a farmer and also a public contractor, building bridges, etc. He erected the house on the farm which has been his home for almost eighty years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Phalan, was also born in Queens County, and died about twenty years ago. To them were born four children: Cornelius, who was sergeant of the police in Ireland, and died in 1895; Maria; Jeremiah H.; and Grace. The daughters are both unmarried.

In his native land Jeremiah H. Dunn grew to manhood, working during the day and attending school in the evening. Under his father, who was then a contractor, he learned the mason's trade. It was in 1879 that he crossed the broad Atlantic and landed in Boston. Before coming to Naugatuck he spent some time in Lowell, Mass., Clinton and in Southbury, Conn., where he spent two years, being foreman of the gang which built the large mill there. Subsequently he was foreman for Chatfield & Chatfield, large contractors of Waterbury,

Conn., and remained with them for four years. In 1887 he came to Naugatuck with a gang of men, and as a contractor has since engaged in business on his own account. He built the large factory for the Goodyear India Rubber Co., and then took charge of the Parish House, which he built and which is a fine piece of workmanship. As a contractor and builder he has since erected perhaps one hundred houses a year, built walls for cemeteries and constructed bridges, etc. He also does concrete work, and in 1898 built four miles of sidewalk in Naugatuck, besides three miles of sewers. He owns twenty-five acres of land in the city, which he has platted, and to which he has given the name of Fairview. As a business man he is prompt and notably reliable, and the success that he has achieved is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts.

In November, 1890, Mr. Dunn married Miss Margaret McVoy, a native of Naugatuck and a daughter of Thomas McVoy, and to them have been born five children: Thomas, Jeremiah, Arthur, Philip and Margaret. Politically Mr. Dunn is a staunch Democrat, and has been called upon to serve as a member of the board of burgesses and as assessor of his town. He is president of the Salem Spring Lake Ice Co., and a director in the Board of Trade. Religiously he is a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, and socially is connected with the Hibernians, the Foresters of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Waterbury Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F. As a citizen and business man he stands high in public esteem, and wherever known is highly respected.

N. JAY WELTON, a well-to-do agriculturist of Oxford, New Haven county, is a typical self-made man, and in the following record of his career there is much to arouse respect and esteem. He has placed his reliance upon industry and perseverance rather than on "luck," and by making the most of circumstances, however discouraging, has made his way to a substantial success, his fine farm being a tangible evidence of prosperity.

Mr. Welton was born in East Haven, Jan. 1, 1841, and remained there until his father's death, which occurred when he was but seven years old. He then lived with an uncle for two years, and the following year worked for his board and clothes on the farm of another uncle in Bristol, Conn. From there he went to Wolcott, where he worked for his board and attended the public schools for a time. Subsequently he was employed as a farm hand in Plymouth, Conn., and from there went to Waterbury, where he worked for the City Manufacturing Company three years, and later for the American Flask & Cap Company.

Mr. Welton next went to Meriden, Conn., and while there he entered his country's service during the war of the Rebellion, enlisting as a private, Aug. 7, 1862, in Company F, 20th Conn. V. I., for three

years or during the war. His first engagement was the battle of Fredericksburg. He then took part in the siege of Suffolk, and later was sent to Newbern, N. C., where the regiment did provost guard duty for some time. As a part of the Ninth Corps, Army of the Potomac, he took part in the battle of Wise's Fork, and was at Kinston, N. C., at the time of Lee's surrender.

After being discharged at New Haven, Mr. Welton located in Derby, this county, where he worked in the mills for one year, and then went to Seymour, where he was employed in the Douglas auger factory for seventeen years. He was subsequently connected with the New Haven Copper Co., located at Seymour, for seven years, and at the end of that time came to Oxford, where he has since made his home, and where he owns a well-improved farm. He carries on general farming, but makes a specialty of dairying and the raising of small fruits. In this undertaking he has met with well-merited success, and he ranks to-day among the leading agriculturists of the community.

On Aug. 7, 1862, Mr. Welton married Miss Laura Beers, and to them were born four children: Annie; David J.; and two who died in infancy. In political sentiment our subject is a Republican, and in his social relations is an Odd Fellow. He served as grand juror five years, and was assistant postmaster of Oxford for a time. He has the best interests of his town and county at heart, and never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes calculated to prove of public benefit.

ADAM J. DAUCH, late of the firm of Dauch & Farr, meat dealers at No. 600 South Main street, Waterbury, Conn., but who is now living at Smith's farm, Oakville, Litchfield Co., Conn., was born in Ellenville, N. Y., July 13, 1861.

Adam Dauch, father of Adam J., was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 17, 1823, came to America when a young man, and found employment as a cigar maker in Newark, N. J.; later he removed to Ellenville, Ulster Co., N. Y., and there met and married Miss Mary Disler, who was also a native of Bavaria. This union was crowned with eight children, as follows: Nicholas, now a prosperous farmer in Sullivan county, N. Y.; Frank, a distiller of witch-hazel in Ulster county; Sophia, who first married John Teller, and after his death Harrison Amnell, who is also deceased, and she is now living in Waterbury, Conn.; Adam J., the subject of this sketch; Mary, wife of Ellsworth Van Buren, of Ulster county, N. Y.; Elizabeth, married to John P. Geisler, a butcher in Waterbury, Conn.; Johanna, married to Adam Williams, a farmer in Ulster county, N. Y.; and John, who has been a farmer and butcher, and now lives in Waterbury. The father of these children was called from earth Oct. 5, 1890, and the mother in August, 1898, both in the faith of the Lutheran Church.

The boyhood days of Adam J. Dauch were

passed in the town of Wawarsing, Ulster Co., N. Y., where his school attendance was at the little old district school house. He afterward helped to improve the home farm, and while thus engaged met and married Miss Anna Wanzer, who was born in Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y., a daughter of Alfred Wanzer, a native-born American and a farmer. Shortly after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dauch came to Waterbury, in May, 1889, and Mr. Dauch went to work for the Hall & Upson Ice Co. for a short time, and then for another short period worked for his brother-in-law, John P. Geisler, in the meat business. In 1889 Mr. Dauch opened a meat market on his own account, conducted it about six months, and then formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, under the firm name of Geisler & Dauch, which firm was maintained for about three years, when Mr. Dauch again embarked alone, and so continued until the winter of 1899, when he united with Charles Farr, under the firm style of Dauch & Farr, at No. 600 South Main street, where they found a lucrative trade, both the partners being polite and accommodating salesman, and both thoroughly familiar with all the details of the business.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Adam J. Dauch have been born five children in the following order: Elizabeth, Frederick, Winnifred, Eveline and Rowland, and these are being reared with the utmost care, and promise to be, in due course of time, ornaments to society as well as useful citizens. Politically Mr. Dauch has always been a Democrat, but has never sought public office. Fraternally he is a member of the Union Club, and socially his standing is all that could be desired.

RICHARD B. LEWIS, a well-known and highly respected business man of Waterbury, is a native of England, and was born in the city of Manchester, April 3, 1850.

Evan Lewis, father of our subject, was born in Newtown, Montgomeryshire, Wales, and in December, 1850, came to America, locating in Naugatuck, Conn., where, in one of the mills, he followed his trade of spinner. He finally removed to Waterbury, and there died in 1888. He married Margaret Evans, a native of the same locality in Wales, and seven children were born to them, to-wit: Evan is deceased; Annie married Ira Webster, and they live in Binghamton, N. Y.; Margaret married D. L. Dickinson, and they live in Waterbury; David is deceased; Richard B.; Susan married A. H. Koon, and they live in Waterbury; and Charles, Jr., is deceased. The mother of this family is still living in Waterbury.

Richard B. Lewis was seven years old when the family came to Waterbury, and here at the district schools he received his education. At an early age he entered the works of Brown Brothers and learned the trade of burnisher, and then worked for Holmes, Booth & Haydens for two years. Subsequently he engaged in the grocery and bottling root

beer business, after which he was in the employ of the Waterbury Button Co. for about twenty-five years. Since this long and honorable association he has resumed his former bottling and grocery business, and has repeated the success characteristic of all his business undertakings.

On Jan. 6, 1875, Mr. Lewis married Jane Carmody, who was born in Waterbury, in 1855, a daughter of Michael and Ann (Day) Carmody, the latter of whom was a native of Ireland, whence she emigrated to her present home in Waterbury, Conn. about 1850. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis: Charles J. and George R. The parents attend the services of the Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Lewis is a Republican, and he is socially a member of the A. O. U. W., K. of P. and Sons of St. George, in which latter order he has been treasurer of the Grand Lodge four years, and treasurer of the local lodge twelve years.

HARRY ALFRED ELCOCK, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Branford, was born in Enfield, Hartford Co., Conn., June 2, 1870, and is a son of Alfred and Mary (Kerr) Elcock, natives respectively of England and Scotland.

Albert Elcock, the paternal grandfather of Dr. Harry A., came to the United States about 1846, and located at Bennington, Vt., where he was superintendent of the Powder Works. From there he moved to Pottsville, Penn., and in the early fifties located at Hazardville, Conn., where he filled the position of superintendent of the Hazard Powder Works for about twenty years, when he retired from active business life and made his home in Hartford, where he died in February, 1899, at the ripe old age of eighty-three. His wife was formerly Mary Silver.

Alfred Elcock, the father of the Branford physician, who was the only child of his parents, was brought to this country when about three years old, and practically his entire life has been spent in this state. While still very young he found diversion and interest in the Hazard Powder factory, of which his father was manager, and in time acquired a thorough knowledge of the business, eventually having charge of the charcoal department for nearly twenty years. At the present time he is a contractor for the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, at New Haven, where he has resided since 1887. His wife, formerly Mary Kerr, was a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Stewart) Kerr, natives of Scotland, Presbyterians, and prominent and respected people in Enfield. Two children were born to Alfred and Mary Elcock: Harry A. and Mary S.

Harry Alfred Elcock was educated in the Hartford city schools, and in the high school at Worcester, Mass. In 1886 he entered Yale College, taking the Academic Course, and two years later entered the Medical Department of that famous institution, from which he was graduated in 1891.

For a year and a half he achieved commendable results as house surgeon of the State Hospital at New Haven, and then studied six months in the Manhattan Eye and Ear Infirmary in New York City. 1894 and 1895 were spent in the University of Berlin, Germany, and in Guy's Hospital Rotunda, Dublin, and upon returning home in 1895 he opened his office in New Haven and spent the winter in practice. The following spring he removed to Boston, where he was employed by the United States Government as a pathologist after he had practiced a year and a half in that city.

In February, 1899, Dr. Elcock came to Branford, to pursue the practice of his profession, and here his success has been immediate and marked. His polished and courtly ways, his well stored mind, his vast fund of professional information, and his manifest ability as a practitioner, have brought him a host of patrons and friends.

Dr. Elcock was married Nov. 22, 1899, to Margaret, a daughter of Patrick and Rosanna (Plunkett) McKiernan, of Norwich, Conn., and a niece of Ex-Senator J. D. Plunkett.

Mathew Elcock, the great-grandfather of Dr. Elcock, was in the English army at Waterloo, where he was wounded, and where he was given the Victoria Cross for bravery. He died in Enfield, Conn.

Dr. Elcock is a member of the Catholic Church, and is enrolled in the K. of C., the C. B. L., the A. O. U. W., and the I. O. H. In politics he is independent, taking thought for the good of the community, and seeking the best men for the various official positions.

TERENCE F. COUGHLAN, of Waterbury, is one of those Irish-Americans, who, by their own intrinsic worth and industry, have won a firm place in the estimation of their fellow townsmen. Mr. Coughlan was born in Kings County, Ireland, March 4, 1849, where his father, Terence F. Coughlan, Sr., engaged in farming. The latter died when our subject was nine months old, and the mother, Mary Condon, also a native of Kings County, was left with four children—James T., Patrick, John and Terence F. Of these, James T. owns a market and drug store on Baldwin St., Waterbury; Patrick is a painter, and resides in Waterbury; and John died about 1852. The mother died in Waterbury.

Terence F. Coughlan was but one year old when his widowed mother located in Hartford, Conn., and in 1852 came to Waterbury where young Terence passed his boyhood days. After finishing his schooling, he found work in different factories, his first wages being twenty-five cents per day. For a short time he worked in Hartford, and then returned to Waterbury, where for some time he was employed in a spoon factory. He next began to learn the butcher's trade, being employed in the market owned by his brother, James T. About 1885, Mr. Coughlan engaged in the meat business

on Baldwin street, where he remained for seven years, meeting with much success. From there he moved to No. 65 Washington street, where he has since remained. His market is one of the most popular in Waterbury, his upright business methods and his courteous treatment of his customers winning for him a steadily increasing patronage.

In 1873 Mr. Coughlan was united in marriage with Mary Ann Lynch, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of Michael Lynch, who has since passed away. Five children were born of this union: Edward, Terence, Jr., Mary, Peter and James, the last named being deceased. In 1890 Mr. Coughlan wedded Mary Cahil, and of the five children born of this marriage, three are living: Frances (deceased), Raymond, Frederick, Catherine, and one that died unnamed. Politically Mr. Coughlan has always been a Republican, and in 1888 efficiently represented the Fourth ward in the council. Socially he belongs to the Foresters of America, and the Improved Order of Heptasophs. In religious faith the family are Roman Catholics, and are affiliated with St. Francis Parish.

THOMAS FRANCIS LYONS, a noted manufacturer of mineral waters and bottler of wines and ales for family use, whose place of business is on Pratt street, Meriden, was born in Sheffield, England, July 19, 1859, and comes of a family long located in County Tipperary, Ireland.

John Lyons, father of Thomas F., was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, where his father was a farmer, and died while he was but a child. The orphan lad could have but little education as he was compelled to support himself at a very early age. For a time he was a teamster in his native village, and while still a boy went to Sheffield, where he worked in the iron works. Through industry and economy he managed to save some money, and when he was ready to settle down he returned to his native place and married Ann Ryan. She was born in Kings County, Ireland, and was a daughter of Daniel and Mary Burke Ryan. The father died in his native home, and the mother came to America with her children, making her home in Meriden, where she died and was buried. Many of the members of her family are still living, and are among the oldest Irish settlers in the city.

John Lyons, with his bride, went back to Sheffield, where their home was made for many years. There he worked in the iron trade, and there four of their children were born. Mr. Lyons finally came to see the advisability of a removal to the United States where the needs of his growing family could be better served. In 1860 they embarked at Liverpool for New York, and as they had brothers-in-law already established in Meriden, this city naturally became their destination. Here Mr. Lyons passed the remainder of his days engaged in general work, supporting his family, and becoming possessed of a comfortable competence. He died in

1881, and was buried in St. Patrick's cemetery. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Catholic Church. An honest and hard-working man, his character was beyond reproach, and he possessed the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. Mrs. Lyons, his widow, is still living in Meriden, and is much devoted to her children. A member of the Catholic Church, she is known as a good Christian woman. Mr. and Mrs. John Lyons were the parents of a family of eight children, of whom the first four were born in England, and the last four in Meriden: Mary married William Watts, of Meriden; John died in Meriden; Margaret is the wife of Dennis Horrigan, of New Britain; Thomas Francis; Agnes is now the wife of Michael O'Leary, of Middletown; James, now employed with his brother Thomas, married Nellie McNulty; Daniel, also working with his brother, Thomas F., married Laura Baribanck; Nellie is the wife of Joseph Lannon, of Meriden.

Thomas Francis Lyons was only one year old when his parents arrived in Meriden, and here his childhood and youth were passed in attendance upon the public school, and later in St. Rose's parish school. At the tender age of twelve years he took upon himself the burdens of life, and began working in the woolen mill, receiving \$13 a month. After several months he went to the Malleable Iron Co., and was later employed as an office boy in the office of the Meriden Silver Plate Co., and here he remained until he was eighteen years old. At that time he entered the factory of the Foster, Merriam Co., to learn the trade of a brass molder, and from there he went to the Miller shops, where he worked in the molding department for three years. About this time Mr. Lyons had grown weary of the factory life, and entered the employ of Maurice O'Brien, spending several months in his butcher shop. This business, however, did not please him, and he returned to factory life, and for seven years worked in the brass foundry of Bradley & Hubbard, and two years in factory of the Meriden Bronze Company. After that he was foreman in the brass foundry of J. O. Smith & Co., at Westfield, for a year, when the firm failed. Mr. Lyons came back to Meriden, and spent a year with the Bronze Company, another year with the Malleable Iron Co., and four years as foreman of the factory of C. Rogers & Brothers. In July, 1890, Mr. Lyons began to do business for himself, buying a half interest in his present establishment, continuing his work for a time at the Malleable Iron Co. In July, 1891, Flinn & Lyons, for such was then the title of the firm, removed to Pratt street, and in 1895, Mr. Flinn retired, leaving Mr. Lyons as the sole owner of the business. It has greatly prospered under his management, and now uses three teams and gives employment to seven men.

Mr. Lyons was married in Meriden Jan. 30, 1884, to Miss May Rafferty, born in County Galway, Ireland, and a daughter of James and Mary Ann

Rafferty, both of whom were County Galway people. To this very fortunate and happy union were born the following children: Mary Joseph died young; John is at school; Walter died young; Willie died young; Imilda; Eva died when four years old; Elmer; and Thomas Gerold. Mr. Lyons belongs to the John Dillon Club, and Meriden Division of the A. O. H. He is a charter member of the Silver City Athletic Club, and also of the Catholic Club, and belongs to the I. O. of H. Mr. Lyons is a Democrat, but takes no interest in political machinery. He and his family are all strict members of the Catholic Church. From early boyhood he has been a hard worker, and by his own industry and perseverance he has won for himself a good standing in the world.

EDWARD McGRATH, a retired business man of Waterbury, Conn., was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, April 1, 1851, a son of Thomas and Margaret (Powell) McGrath.

Thomas McGrath was born in 1814, in the same house in which his son had his nativity, a son of John McGrath, who was a farmer and passed his life in Ireland. To the marriage of Thomas McGrath with Margaret Powell, who was of English extraction, and a descendant of Sir Edward Powell, there were born fifteen children, and they that were born in Ireland were brought to America by their parents about the year 1863, and comprised the largest family at that time in Waterbury. Of their children, we have the following record: Margaret is single; Alice is the wife of Michael J. Ryan, of Waterbury; John died in infancy; Edward is the subject of this sketch; Thomas is a cigar manufacturer in Waterbury; James died after reaching maturity; Bridget is unmarried; Robert is in business in Waterbury; Patrick has disappeared from the family view; Mary is single; Catherine died in infancy; Dennis is a foreman in a street railroad shop in Chicago; Morgan lives in Waterbury; Catherine (2) is married to Edward S. Cullen, of Waterbury; and John (2) is deceased. Thomas McGrath, the father of this family is still living, but his wife was called away in 1898.

Edward McGrath was eleven years of age when brought to Waterbury. He had attended school in Ireland, and supplemented the learning there acquired by an attendance at the Waterbury schools. His first work for wages was with Brown & Bros., brass manufacturers, with whom he remained one year; he was next employed four years by Rogers & Bros., after which he spent fourteen years with the Holmes, Booth & Haydens Co. In company with his brother-in-law, Robert Fruin, he engaged in the retail meat trade, continuing four years, and he then embarked in the wholesale ale trade, which he carried on ten years, since which time he has confined his attention to the management of his real estate.

In 1872 Mr. McGrath was happily joined in

marriage with Miss Anna L. Fruin, whose parentage is referred to in the sketch of her brother, John H. Fruin, on another page of this work. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McGrath have been born four children as follows: Thomas S., John (a student of law at Yale), Edward and William, both in school. Of these, Thomas S., a physician, died Jan. 11, 1897; his death was a severe blow to the family. While ministering to a consumptive patient in the hospital he was infected with the disease, which caused his death; but his loved ones have the consolation of knowing that, as the father, himself, feelingly expressed it, he "died at his post of duty."

In politics Mr. McGrath is a Democrat and has served on the school board for some years, and has been inspector of buildings and materials. In religion a Catholic, he is a member of the Immaculate Conception parish and liberally contributes financially to the support of the Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Order of the United Workmen.

P. A. OLSON, one of the industrious, enterprising and prosperous young farmers of North Haven, Conn., was born in far distant Sweden, July 16, 1852, and he accompanied his parents to America when he was eighteen years of age. They first located in New Jersey, and there our subject engaged in farm work, and later came with them to Middlesex county, Conn., where his first employment was on the Conn. Valley R. R. Shortly after this he engaged in the town of Essex with a farmer by the name of Roswell Bailey, and continued in his employ for a period of two years. Mr. B. F. Smith then engaged him as foreman of his country place, but a short time later, a better opportunity offering, Mr. Olson removed to Portland, Conn., where he did a flourishing business, driving ox-teams in the brown stone quarries. However, as he had given such universal satisfaction as foreman of Mr. Smith's place that gentleman felt that Mr. Olson's services were absolutely necessary, and after favorable arrangements had been made, the latter returned, remaining several years.

At this time, wishing to see something more of the world, Mr. Olson journeyed to New York, and for nine years drove a truck wagon for Arbuckle Bros., during which time he carefully saved his earnings, until, at the expiration of that period, he came to North Haven and purchased a farm, known as the John Hoadley place, which was badly run down. By careful management and excellent farming, Mr. Olson has brought the property up to a high state of cultivation, and has erected comfortable buildings. He carries on a profitable fruit-growing and dairying business, conducting a large milk route in New Haven.

Mr. Olson was married, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Charlotte Johnson, a native of Sweden, who died in North Haven, in 1896, leaving two children:

John Walter, at home, assisting his father; and Hilma Matilda, who married Robert Clinton, a resident of North Haven. Later Mr. Olson married Hannah Anderson, also Sweden, and one child has been born to them, Anna Eveline. In politics, Mr. Olson is a staunch Republican, and has served as grand juror. Socially, he is a member of the New England Order of Protection and North Haven Grange, serving the latter as steward for three years, and one year as overseer. In religious matters, he is a consistent member of St. John Street Lutheran Church, of New Haven. Commencing life as a poor boy, by his care, thrift, energy and perseverance, Mr. Olson has worked himself to his present comfortable position, as he is eminently a self-made man, and he deserves great credit for the success which has come to him.

JOHN HURLEY, ex-member of the board of aldermen, from the Fifth ward, Waterbury, and the present inspector of the city sewers, was born in County Kerry, Ireland, March 16, 1858, a son of John and Johanna (Flaherty) Hurley, both now deceased.

John Hurley, the father, was a well digger. He married Johanna Flaherty, and they had seven children, viz: Thomas, a well digger in Ireland; Michael, who died in Waterbury, Conn., at the age of forty-two years; Catherine, who is the wife of Patrick Mulvihill, of Waterbury; Mary, now Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, of the same city; John, whose name opens this sketch; Timothy, deceased; and Margaret, who died at the age of eleven years.

John Hurley, the subject of this article, was educated in the national schools of his native county, and in due course of time became a well digger under the instructions of his father. His parents having died in Ireland, he came, at the age of seventeen years, to America, and first found employment with the Clock Case Company, in Waterbury, with which he remained thirteen years, and then embarked in the liquor business.

Mr. Hurley has been twice married. His first wife was Margaret Fitzgerald, a native of Ireland, who bore him two children, Johanna and John. After her death he wedded Kate O'Brien, of Waterbury. In politics Mr. Hurley is a staunch Democrat and has represented the Fifth ward of Waterbury in the board of aldermen two years, 1898 and 1899, and was then appointed inspector of sewers. He has strong fraternal tendencies, and is a member of the Foresters of America, and also of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. A devoted member of the Catholic Church, he contributes liberally toward the support of Immaculate Conception parish, to which he belongs, and of which his wife and children are also members.

PATRICK FRANCIS STRAPP, M. D., is one of the most highly esteemed and successful citizens of Seymour. Although not yet attained to middle

age, he has successfully prosecuted a professional career as physician and surgeon, and in his community life supported substantially his church as well as numerous other organizations of which he is a member. At an early age, Dr. Strapp learned the lesson of industry and application to the business in hand. He put into practice the principles inculcated into his mind and heart during the study period of his life; and now, in the prime of his success, he sees the "labor of his hands" bringing forth good fruit in his own city and adjacent towns. It will certainly be most interesting to trace the steps leading from the ancestral period of this life to the present height of success and renown.

Dr. Strapp was born in Collinsville, Conn., March 25, 1865, but his parents, Edward and Ann (O'Dwyer) Strapp, were both born in County Tipperary, Ireland. Edward Strapp came to America when a young man, and immediately engaged in the axe business in Collinsville. In 1867 he removed to Seymour, and conducted a saloon and grocery for a number of years, and in connection herewith dealt extensively in real estate and building. He died in 1878, at the age of fifty-four years, and was survived by his wife, who died in 1890, at the age of fifty-three years. Several children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strapp, all of whom are still living. Of their children, Mary married Peter Moran, of Waterville; John Strapp is with the firm of James Swan & Co., an association amicably continued for the past twenty years; Patrick Francis is the subject of this sketch; Catherine; Nora married Patrick McCormack, of Ansonia; the youngest daughter, Rose, is a graduate of the Seymour high school. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strapp were prominent citizens and devoted attendants of the Catholic Church, the mother at one time having dedicated a memorial window. All of their children have followed the example of their parents, and each liberally supports the Church. A brother of Mrs. Strapp, the Rev. Father P. J. O'Dwyer, was one of the first parish priests in Ansonia, and at the same time had charge of the Catholic Church in this town. Afterward, he removed to Birmingham, and later to South Norwalk, where he died. Our subject's brother, John Strapp, was likewise active in Church affairs, and as a layman satisfactorily filled the position of trustee for ten years. He was chiefly instrumental in starting the local Council of Knights of Columbus, in which organization he held all of the offices, including that of treasurer. He was equally prominent in the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick for twelve years, at various times holding all of the offices. He was also a member and officer of the Second Division of A. O. H. of Ansonia, and he has been a member of the Fire Department since its organization.

In his native town Dr. Strapp received his education in the Connecticut grammar and high schools, and, having worked his way through school, entered

the Holy Cross College of Worcester, Mass., for a four-years' course. Following this he took a two-years' course in the Yale Medical School, and afterward a course in Bellevue Hospital Medical College. After his graduation in 1892, Dr. Strapp located in Seymour, where he has since met with gratifying success. He soon developed a special liking for surgery, and his services in that branch of his profession are in great demand in Seymour, as well as in the surrounding country.

While discharging his professional responsibilities, Dr. Strapp succeeds in devoting considerable time and energy to social, educational and Church work. He is a member of the Connecticut Medical Society, and of the Aurora Council of Knights of Columbus, of which he is examining surgeon. Six years ago, he was elected a member of the school board of Seymour, and has since served in that capacity. He was one of the promoters of the Water Company, and still retains an interest in this municipal enterprise. In politics Dr. Strapp sides with the Democratic party. He is a regular attendant of the Catholic Church.

Thus far the life of Dr. Patrick Francis Strapp has been a succession of deeds of service to humanity and elevating influence to the community in which he resides, and it gives promise of continued activity and the further development of that sound judgment and ripe experience which are absolutely necessary in shaping the ideas of the rising generation, and pointing out the conservative path which leads to the survival of all the noble principles that make life a success.

WILLIAM TIMOTHY CORCORAN, practical plumber, and dealer in general hardware at Branford, is a native of Connecticut, and was born in Waterbury July 1, 1854.

John Corcoran, his father, was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1833, and was reared in England until his tenth year, when he came to the United States, making his New World home in Connecticut. Here he learned the trade of wire drawer, which for many years he followed in Waterbury, and where, during the latter part of his life, he engaged in the grocery business. He married Elizabeth Neville, also a native of Ireland, who bore him twelve children, seven of whom grew to maturity, viz.: Margaret, now Mrs. Edgar Meagher; Mary A.; William T.; John; Fanny; Emma, the wife of J. Leeson; and Frederick. The father of these died in Waterbury in 1867.

William T. Corcoran received a liberal common-school education, and at the age of fourteen began a three-years' apprenticeship with a plumber at Bridgeport. At this he worked as a journeyman up to 1887, eight years being spent in Branford, where he had located in 1879, and in 1888 commenced business there on his own account, meeting with well-merited success.

In 1879 Mr. Corcoran married Marcella, daugh-

ter of Peter and Elizabeth Kane, of New Haven. Mrs. Corcoran, who died June 9, 1899, was the mother of three children: Emma A., Fred A. and William Neville. The family are members of the Catholic Church. Socially Mr. Corcoran is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the American Order of Protection, and with the Connecticut Master Plumbers Association. Politically he is a Democrat.

JOHN W. KATT. One of the progressive German-American citizens of Meriden successfully engaged in the grocery business in this city for a number of years, is John William Katt, who was born in the town of Ottendorf, province of Hanover, Germany, Oct. 9, 1865.

William Katt, the father of John W., also a native of Ottendorf, was born in 1823, and was educated in the common schools, and engaged in farming up to the time of his death, in 1882. Mr. Katt was a staunch member of the Lutheran Church, a good and loyal citizen, an indulgent father and kind husband. Mrs. Katt, formerly Katherine Cornett, a native of Germany, was a woman of fine character and died while her children were still young. She also was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Katt were: Henry, now a resident of Union Hill, New Jersey; Herman, who is engaged in the grocery business in Union Hill, New Jersey; August, a dealer in delicacies, in Hoboken, N. J.; Julius, who is a prominent citizen of Meriden; John W., who is the subject of this review; Katherine, who married and resides in Germany; Anne, who married and resides in San Francisco, Cal.; Mamie, who married and lives in Germany; all of the children reflecting credit upon their ancestry. For his second wife Mr. Katt married a Mrs. Troill, of Germany, who has also passed away.

John William Katt was well educated in his native land, where he remained until the age of fifteen years. At this time he was induced to emigrate to America, in the hope of making a better future for himself, four of his brothers having already become citizens of the United States. June 4, 1881, he left his home, and after a pleasant voyage landed in New York, where he soon obtained a position as clerk in a store, remaining in the same place four years. In 1885 he came to Connecticut and obtained a clerkship in the grocery store of Fred Mueller, later securing a position at \$12 per week with A. C. Block, in Meriden, with whom he remained until starting in business for himself in 1889. For the past twelve years he has continued with unabating success, and for eight years has occupied his present commodious quarters on Twiss street. Through strict attention to business, an accommodating spirit and desire to please, together with methods which have assured his patrons of just dealings, he has built up one of the largest

trades in this locality. In all his endeavors he is ably assisted by his capable wife, who is a woman of excellent business qualifications, besides being a model housekeeper, and a helpmate in every sense of the word.

Mr. Katt was married in Meriden, Conn., in December, 1889, to Bertha J. Ketelhut, a native of Germany, a daughter of John Ketelhut, a respected citizen of Meriden. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Katt: Harry, who died young; William; Gertrude; and Emma. Mr. and Mrs. Katt are members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Katt is connected with the German Aid Society and the German school board. In politics he is a Democrat, but has not been a seeker for office. Mr. Katt enjoys the esteem of his fellow-citizens and is justly considered a representative of the best class of the German-Americans.

JOSEPH N. NORWOOD, D. V. S., one of the most popular and successful veterinary surgeons of Naugatuck and vicinity, was born in Lynn, Mass., Nov. 20, 1859, and belongs to a very old Massachusetts family. His grandfather, John Norwood, was probably a native of Lynn, and as a Methodist minister he preached in various places throughout that State. He married Louisa Moore, and they made their home in Lynn, where both died. Their family consisted of three children: John P., the father of our subject; Lydia, wife of Frank Moss, a cabinet maker of Lynn; and Susan, wife of William Carleton, a shoemaker of the same place.

John P. Norwood was born in Lynn, Mass., and continued his residence there throughout life, being engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery in that vicinity. He was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and an ardent Republican in politics. In early manhood he married Miss Ann F. Tate, who was born near Bangor, Maine, and was a daughter of Joshua Tate, also a native of that State, and a farmer by occupation. Her family was of English descent. She died in 1871, the father in 1896. Their children were Ada, now wife of Joseph Norwood, of Michigan; Charles, a veterinary dentist of Salem, Mass.; Joseph N., our subject; and Frederick, who when last heard from was in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Joseph N. Norwood, of this review, was reared in his native town, and was graduated from the high school of that place in 1878. He then attended the private veterinary school conducted by Prof. Abbott at Lynn, Mass., and shortly after leaving that institution, in 1881, he came to Naugatuck, Conn., where he has since successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession. At one time he also engaged in the livery business, but now devotes his entire time and attention to veterinary surgery, having the largest practice of any man in the profession in his section of the county. He receives calls from Waterbury, Middlebury, Seymour and all the surrounding towns.

On April 2, 1876, Dr. Norwood was united in marriage with Miss Emma E. Elliott, a native of Dunbarton, N. H., and a daughter of Sylvanus Elliott. Of the two children born of this union, Annie died at the age of three and a half years; Arthur N. was graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College with the class of 1899, and is now engaged in practice with his father. Politically our subject is not identified with any particular party, but endeavors to vote for the best men. Fraternally he is an honored member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Waterbury; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias, at Naugatuck.

REINHOLD BRENNER, senior member of the well-known firm of The Brenner Bros. Mfg. Co., Waterbury, is a native of Germany, and was born May 12, 1868.

The paternal grandfather, George Brenner, was born in Austria, near the Swiss frontier and died in Germany, where he held a position under the government, and where Julius Brenner, the father of Reinhold, was born. The latter in his native land was a manufacturer on an extensive scale of iron and steel tools for use in glass factories all over Europe, his business giving employment to many hands. In 1884 he came to America, and is living retired in Meriden, Conn., although his wife, formerly Albertina Zenke, of German birth and parentage, died in Meriden July 28, 1890. Of this union there were nine children: Ida married Gustave Widner; Lena married Julius Brenner; Emil is a blacksmith; Julius died at the age of four years; Reinhold; Johanna is unmarried; Richard is attending college at Springfield, Mass.; Walter is in business with his brother, Reinhold; and Julius is a mechanic in Meriden, Conn.

Reinhold Brenner received his education in Germany, and learned his trade under his father's able instruction. In 1884 he came with the rest of the family to America, and during his four years of residence in Meriden followed his original trade, and learned others required in his present business. In 1889 he came to Waterbury, in response to an offer made by the Mathews & Willard Mfg. Co., who knew of his skill and particular fitness for their special line of business. Mr. Brenner was the first man to make fancy wrought-iron articles, such as lamps and fixtures of all kinds, in Waterbury, and the industry has grown from a small beginning to one of surprising proportions. After five years of faithful service for Mathew & Willard, Mr. Brenner engaged in the manufacture of fancy articles at his own home, later renting a building, and finally, putting up his present commodious brick factory on Ward street. His business during all this time was increasing week by week, and has about doubled every year since he commenced in Waterbury. At first he had to supply the power with his own hands, turning a wheel, but now he has steam

power, and employs several workmen. The products of his factory embrace all kinds of interior and exterior wrought iron and brass work for architectural purposes, including fire escapes, gates, doors, window gratings, bank railings and office work, and iron fences, in which class of work the firm has no superior anywhere.

On Aug. 3, 1890, Mr. Brenner married Ida Kann, who was born in Germany, a daughter of John Kann. Three children have blessed this union, Erma, Edward, and Ruth. The family attend the German Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. Brenner is Independent.

CLARK J. NETTLETON is one of the honored and highly respected citizens of Naugatuck, who was for many years actively identified with her business interests, but is now living retired at his beautiful home in Union City. His is an honorable record of a conscientious man, who by his upright life has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

Mr. Nettleton was born in Naugatuck, Feb. 28, 1856, a son of Clark Nettleton, a native of the same town. His grandfather, Caleb Nettleton, was probably born in Milford, Conn., where he followed farming for a time, but after his marriage to Nancy A. Clark, he located on a farm in Middlebury, where they reared their family of eight children, namely: George, a carpenter who resides on the old home farm in the town of Naugatuck; Royal, a carpenter of New Haven; Clark, father of our subject; Sarah, deceased wife of E. J. Stone, of Waterbury; Julia, deceased wife of Chester Hitchcock, of New Haven; Emmerett, wife of Henry Sperry, of New Haven; Mariette; and Alma.

Clark Nettleton remained upon the old homestead, and there died in December, 1855, a short time before the birth of our subject. He married Laura Osborne, a native of what is known as Osbornetown, a part of the town of Naugatuck. She is still living. Her father, Ezra Osborne, was born in the same locality, and was a farmer by occupation. Our subject is the youngest in a family of three children, the others being Elliott, a carpenter of Naugatuck; and Eugenia, wife of Alfred Platt, of Platts Mills, town of Waterbury.

Clark J. Nettleton spent the first fourteen years of his life on the home farm in Naugatuck, and pursued his studies in the schools of that locality. He then went to Platts Mills, where he worked for a farmer some time, and for a year and a half was in the employ of A. L. Platt. Subsequently he clerked in the grocery store of C. H. Smith at Union City for five years, and then entered the Malleable Iron Works, where he learned the pattern maker's trade, and where he continued to work for about eight years. He was next engaged in the livery business with Joseph Norwood at Naugatuck, under the firm name of Clark J. Nettleton for three years, after which he returned to the Naugatuck Iron

Company, and remained in their employ until his retirement from business in March, 1898.

Mr. Nettleton was married, March 25, 1898, to Mrs. Ella A. Smitn, of Naugatuck, a daughter of S. A. Andrews. In his political views he is a Republican, and in his social relations is a member of the I. O. O. F., and I. O. R. M., of Naugatuck. He contributes to the support of the Congregational Church, of which his ancestors were members, and never withholds his aid from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit.

CHARLES BREWER was born Sept. 21, 1856, in England, a son of William Brewer, who was born in Cornwall, England, March 15, 1830, and whose ancestors for several generations were Cornishmen.

Thomas Brewer, the grandfather of Charles, was born about 1800 in Cornwall, England, and there followed farming all his life. He was a prominent man in his community, especially in church affairs, and died in 1868. He married Mary Tink, who was born in Cornwall, a daughter of Gerrans Tink, a farmer, and died in England at the advanced age of about ninety. To this union came five children: Reuben, who was drowned at the age of nineteen; William, mention of whom will later be made; Thomas, a harness maker at Mamaroneck, N. Y., now living retired; James, a carpenter and builder in London (he has a son, James, now living in Waterbury); and one that died. The father of Thomas Brewer also bore the name of Thomas, and he passed his life as a farmer in Cornwall.

William Brewer learned the shoemaker's trade, and followed it all the time he was in England. In 1854 he married Ann James, a native of his birthplace, and a daughter of Henry James, a currier by trade. She died in England in 1862, and four years later Mr. Brewer came to the United States, locating in Stamford, Conn., where he followed shoemaking. There were three children in his family: Bessie, who married George O. Booth, of Waterbury, Conn.; Charles, whose name appears at the introduction of this article; and Reuben, a traveling salesman, of Waterbury. Mr. Brewer has been a Republican since the organization of the party.

In 1866 Charles Brewer came with his father to Stamford, where he attended public school until he was eighteen years of age, at that time entering the employ of the Yale Lock Manufacturing Co. In 1877 he came to Waterbury, and for ten years was employed by the Matthew & Stanley Co. In 1887 he went to Toronto, Canada, and for three years was superintendent of the Toronto Light & Lamp Co. Returning to Waterbury at the expiration of this period, he was appointed foreman in the Scovill Manufacturing Co.'s plant, and continued with that establishment until July, 1899, when he entered upon the duties of his present position as county commissioner. Mr. Brewer has always taken

an active part in politics, and has been an influential force in town and county affairs. In 1891 he was elected a member of the common council, and served in that body five years. In 1897 he was elected second selectman, but declined a renomination, and in 1899 was made county commissioner, an office with a four years' tenure. Mr. Brewer belongs to the Young Men's Republican Club, the Union League Club of New Haven, the Knights of Pythias, and Townsend Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Brewer and Miss Jennie M. Carswell were married Dec. 26, 1881. Mrs. Brewer was born in Walden, Vt., a daughter of Norman W. Carswell, who was born in Woodstock Aug. 8, 1819, and died Aug. 18, 1898. Mariette (Oviatt) Carswell, his wife, was born in Unionville, Conn., and is now living in Waterbury. They were the parents of six children, of whom Frank was killed in the Civil war; Maria is the widow of Henry Cummings; Stella married Samuel Sloan, and lives in Waterbury; Henry was a mechanic and a music teacher, and died in California in 1893; and Jennie M. became Mrs. Brewer. Mr. Carswell was an expert millwright, and did considerable work in the South. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, while his wife was a Baptist. Turner Carswell, his father, was born in Woodstock, Vt., was a farmer, and married Eunice Hagar. They reared a family of four children, of whom Norman W. is mentioned above; Maria married William Bullock; Ann married Hiram Phillips, a farmer at Plainfield, Vt.; Eunice married Asher Moore, and both are deceased. Caleb Carswell was the father of Turner Carswell. This family came originally from Wales, and the Oviatts, Mrs. Brewer's ancestors in the maternal line, descended from a man of that name who came from France at an early day and settled in Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer have made their home in Waterbury since their marriage, and have many friends, who value them for their sterling characteristics.

THOMAS J. KILMARTIN, M. D., one of the younger physicians of Waterbury, who is rapidly coming to the front, was born in that city Nov. 3, 1872, son of Thomas Kilmartin, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, in 1848, and died in June, 1899. Thomas Kilmartin, his father, kept a general store in Ireland, and died in the old country.

Thomas Kilmartin, father of Thomas J., came to Waterbury when about nineteen years old, and married Margaret Hennesy, who was born in County Limerick, daughter of James Hennesy, a large farmer of that county. She died in 1891. Seven children were born to this union: Thomas J., Margaret, Catherine, Mary (deceased), James, Eleanor and Mary (2) (deceased). Margaret is at home. Catherine is a school teacher. James has succeeded his father in business. Mr. Kilmartin was a silver plater in Waterbury for many years. Then he

opened a grocery store on West Main street, which he carried on for seventeen years. Mr. Kilmartin was a Democrat, and was tendered official positions, but repeatedly declined. He was a member of the Catholic Benevolent Legion at the time of his death, and was always a faithful son of the Catholic Church, to the support of which he freely contributed.

Thomas J. Kilmartin grew up in Waterbury, where he attended the public schools, and was graduated from the high school in 1889, at the age of sixteen, the next fall entering Niagara University, and graduating in 1892 from that well-known school. Mr. Kilmartin entered the Medical Department of the University of New York the same year, and was graduated with the class of 1895. He received an appointment to the Fordham branch of Bellevue Hospital, and spent a year and a half in that position. In the fall of 1896 he returned to Waterbury, and opened an office for the practice of his profession. His success has been immediate and pronounced, his patients including some of the best people of the city, and he has a fine standing in the community, both as a gentleman and an able and conscientious physician. Dr. Kilmartin is not married. Educational matters greatly interest him, and he is serving his third year on the board of education, where for two years he has been chairman of the committee on school houses and hygiene. This is regarded as the most important committee of the board, as all the school houses are under its supervision, and it is expected to look after their ventilation, sanitary condition, and general care, as well as after the insurance and the erection of new buildings. Dr. Kilmartin served on the board of health for two years under Republican rule, although he is a Democrat, and was for some years town physician. Dr. Kilmartin is assistant surgeon of the 2d Regiment, holding the rank of first lieutenant. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Columbus, the Independent Order of Foresters and the Ancient Order of Foresters, in all of which he is examining physician; and also belongs to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the International Order of Odd Fellows. As might be expected, he is a member of the State and County Medical Societies. Dr. Kilmartin is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish, of the Catholic Church.

GEORGE R. WHEELER, a well-known farmer and dairyman of Woodbridge, is a native of New Haven county, born in Southford Feb. 16, 1863. His paternal grandfather, Ambrose Wheeler, was a resident of Monroe, Conn., where he died when our subject's father, David N. Wheeler, was but two years old. The latter was born in Monroe Nov. 16, 1837, and throughout life was employed at various pursuits in Southford, working in a paper manufactory for some years. In Hotchkissville, Conn., he married Ellen F. Judson, and to them

were born four children, namely: Alvin D., a resident of Shelton, Conn.; George Russell, our subject; Lillian Adelia, wife of William R. Alcott, of Ansonia; and Nellie May, wife of John B. Shepherd, of Hartford, Connecticut.

On the maternal side Mr. Wheeler comes of a family of English origin of the better middle class. They did not flee from persecution, but voluntarily emigrated from Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Suffolk, England, to America. William Judson, from whom our subject can trace direct descent, came to America in 1634, and first located in Concord, Mass., but later removed to Stratford, Conn. and after a short time spent there came to New Haven, where he died in 1660. His son, Lieut. Joseph Judson, died at Stratford Oct. 9, 1690, and the latter's son, John Judson, died Jan. 12, 1710. John Judson was the father of children as follows: John, Joshua, Joseph, Chapman, Martha, Ephraim, Isaac, Daniel and Mary. One of the sons was our subject's great-great-grandfather, which one we are unable to state. The great-grandfather married Ruth Hine, and the grandfather, Russell Judson, married Phoebe Homan.

George R. Wheeler spent the first sixteen years of his life in his native town. His opportunities for obtaining an education were limited to the advantages afforded by the common schools, and at the early age of ten and a half years he began earning his own livelihood, working for his board and clothes among the neighboring farmers, and attending school for a few weeks during the winter months. When a young man he worked a few months in a paper mill at Southford, from there went to Ansonia, and farmed for a short time near Seymour. He worked in shops at Ansonia, and also with Wallace & Sons, and was employed in a fish market for a time. He next obtained a position in Franklin Farrell's foundry, and was with the Bassett Co., at Derby, for a time. For three years he had a milk route at Seymour, and worked during that period in the Bassett machine shop. For a short time he engaged in the milk business in West Haven, and also worked in the grocery store of a Mr. Roberts, of Ansonia. Subsequently he engaged in farming upon a large farm in Orange, which he rented, and then carried on the milk and vegetable business there for three years, keeping a herd of from twelve to sixteen cows and also three horses. On first coming to Woodbridge, Mr. Wheeler rented property, and on Nov. 15, 1898, he purchased a farm of eighteen acres, having one of the most beautiful homes in the entire town. Here he follows the milk business and farming, buying large quantities of milk, which he retails.

In West Haven Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage with Miss Emma E. Warner, who was born Oct. 21, 1864, a daughter of Charles F. and Harriet (Thompson) Warner, and they have two children: Edith Alfretta, born Sept. 13, 1886; and Glenna May, born Jan. 18, 1895. Mrs. Wheeler is a mem-

ber of the Episcopal Church, and the family all attend service there. Politically our subject is identified with the Republican party, and socially he is a member of Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, I. O. O. F., and Friendship Lodge, No. 34, A. O. U. W., both of Ansonia. He is widely and favorably known, and those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends.

CLARENCE V. SEWELL, one of the leading young business men of Naugatuck and a prominent contractor and builder of that place, was born in Chestertown, Md., Jan. 28, 1867, a son of William P. and Sarah J. (Price) Sewell. The father was a native of Delaware and a miller by trade, operating both a grist and saw mill. He died in February, 1898, at Trappe, Md., where his widow still resides. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he was a Republican in politics. Their children were Clarence V., our subject; Harrison G., a resident of Trappe, Md.; and Charles S., a blacksmith of St. Michael's, Maryland.

When a small boy Clarence V. Sewell accompanied his parents on their removal to St. Michael's, Md., where he attended school until sixteen years of age, and then went to Bridgeville, Del., where he commenced learning the carpenter's trade, though he finished his apprenticeship at Trappe, Md. In 1888 he came to Naugatuck, New Haven County, where for two years he worked at his trade for the Goodyear India Rubber Shoe Co., and later was in the employ of local contractors and builders for the same length of time. On Dec. 25, 1893, he began taking contracts for himself, and is to-day one of the leading architects and builders of the place. He has a shop on South Water street, where he does jobbing, and also manufactures inside woodwork of all kinds, his machines being run by electricity. He is progressive, enterprising and industrious, and the success that he has achieved is due entirely to his own well-directed and energetic efforts.

On March 28, 1889, Mr. Sewell was united in marriage with Miss Abbie L. Stillson, a native of Woodbury, Conn., and a daughter of John B. Stillson, and to them have been born two children: Elsie L. and Frank V. Politically Mr. Sewell is identified with the Republican party, and socially affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Naugatuck. He is an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of that place, and is also a member of the Young Men's Christian Association.

DAVID S. ASHMAN, quarryman and selectman, Stonycreek, and one of the popular and progressive citizens of the town of Branford, is a native of New York State, born June 27, 1856, in Monroe, Orange county. He was reared and educated in his native town, whence in 1875, being then nineteen

years old, he came to Connecticut, settling at Stonycreek, town of Branford, New Haven county, where he has since been engaged in the quarry business.

On Sept. 24, 1880, David S. Ashman was married to Alice, daughter of John Hotchkiss, of Stonycreek, and four children were born to them: Jessie, Samuel, Minnie and Sarah. In his political preferences our subject is a Republican; has held the office of constable two years, and has served as grand juror, and as selectman four consecutive years, still filling the latter incumbency. Socially, he is affiliated with the F. & A. M., Widows' Sons' Lodge, No. 66, and Charles Halleck Chapter, also with the I. O. O. F., of Branford. In religious faith he and his wife are consistent members of the M. E. Church.

JOHN SACHSENHAUSER was born in Germany, June 13, 1855, a son of Alweis and Mary (Weinzel) Sachsenhauser, both natives of that country.

Alweis Sachsenhauser followed farming as an occupation, as had his father before him, and he lived and died in his native town. He married Mary Weinzel, and they had five children: Joseph (in Germany), Mary (who died in St. Johns, Minn.), Michael (deceased), John and Theresa (in Germany).

John Sachsenhauser spent the first fifteen years of his life on the home farm, and received his education in the local school. At that age he had to shift for himself, and worked for a time among the neighboring farmers. On July 2, 1881, he landed in New York City, where he found work as a sausage maker, a trade he had learned in Germany, and worked for a time in a brewery. For about two and a half years he worked for a celebrated sausage maker in that city, and then engaged in the same line for himself on Spring street, continuing for almost two years. In 1886 Mr. Sachsenhauser removed to Waterbury, and continued in the sausage making business. For a short time he had a partner, but the greater part of the time he was alone until 1896, when he connected himself with Valentine Bohl, and formed The Valentine Bohl Company. This company was incorporated Jan. 1, 1900, and is doing a fine business.

On July 6, 1884, Mr. Sachsenhauser was married to Miss Mary Lange, who was born in Germany, where Henry Lange, her father, was a carriage maker and farmer; both he and his wife, Catherine Bontous, the latter of French extraction, died in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Lange were the parents of three children: Eugene, a farmer in Germany; William a meat dealer in the city of New York; and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Sachsenhauser are the parents of a family of five children, all of whom are living: John H., William, Emma, Carl O. and Theresa. Mr. Sachsenhauser is independent in his political relations. He is a member of the Con-

cordia Singing Society and the Turnverein. In religious belief he is a Roman Catholic, but his wife and children are Protestants.

CLIFTON E. HOYT, a prominent and successful contractor and builder of Derby, Conn., was born in that town, July 21, 1865, and is descended from an old Fairfield county family. His paternal grandfather, Warren Hoyt, was a native of that county and was a farmer by occupation. He married Elizabeth Boughton, of Pound Ridge, who died April 22, 1870, and he departed this life July 11, 1880. In their family were thirteen children, namely: Nancy J., born Nov. 8, 1820, died in 1842; Daniel B., born March 16, 1822, was the father of our subject; Thomas M., born April 17, 1824, is a retired contractor living in Iowa; Betsey Ann, born April 3, 1826; Aaron E., born April 21, 1829, died in 1855; David N., born Oct. 20, 1831, is a farmer in Iowa; Henry A., born April 9, 1833, is a farmer in Baltimore; Elias F. and Louis S., twins, were born Jan. 13, 1835, and the former is a farmer of Ridgefield, Fairfield county, the latter a rubber manufacturer of Boston, Mass.; Warren T., born May 14, 1838, is a veterinary surgeon of Hanover, Penn.; John W., born Jan. 24, 1841, died in 1863; Jane E., born April 2, 1843; and Peter F., born Aug. 28, 1846, died in 1847.

Daniel B. Hoyt, father of our subject, was born and reared in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Conn., and there learned the carpenter's trade, which he later followed in Derby, where he removed when a young man. He married Miss Lucy C. Smith, a native of Burlington, Conn., and a daughter of Nelson Smith, a farmer by occupation. She died March 27, 1889, the father, Dec. 23, 1894. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Church, and in politics he was a Republican. They were the parents of six children, namely: Edwin B., whose whereabouts are now unknown, was born May 2, 1860; Clifton E., our subject, is the next in order of birth; Lamont W., born Feb. 13, 1868, is a carpenter of Bridgeport; Bertha M., born Oct. 30, 1870, is the wife of Benjamin A. Thayer, a railroad engineer of Springfield, Mass.; Benjamin H., born July 28, 1876, died May 18, 1896; and Everett H., born Jan. 8, 1879, is a carpenter working with our subject.

The boyhood and youth of Clifton E. Hoyt were passed in Derby in attendance at the local school until nineteen years of age, when he commenced learning the carpenter's trade. After working for his father for a time, he was admitted to a partnership in the business, and when his father retired our subject and his brother, Lamont W., carried on the business under the firm name of Hoyt Brothers, but at present our subject is alone, having purchased his brother's interest. He does general contracting in masonry, as well as carpenter work, and has established a large and profitable business.

On Oct. 13, 1886, Mr. Hoyt was united in marriage with Miss Carrie F. Hoyt, a native of Ridgefield and a daughter of Elias F. and Martha (Lessey) Hoyt. Her paternal grandfather was Warren Hoyt, also the grandfather of our subject. Her mother was born in New Fairfield and was a daughter of Alanson Lessey, a native of the same place. Our subject and his wife have three children: Frances S., born July 1, 1889; Helen M., born June 22, 1892; and Elsie M., born July 4, 1895. The family attend and contribute to the support of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Hoyt is a member of Housatonic Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Derby. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen he does all in his power to advance the interests of his town and county.

MORTIMER DORAN, a selectman of the city of Waterbury, Conn., was born in Branchdale, Schuylkill Co., Penn., July 20, 1863, and is of Irish extraction.

The paternal grandfather was interested in a coal mine in Ireland, and the maternal grandfather was the owner of a lime kiln. John Doran, father of Mortimer, was born in Queens County, Ireland, and was a coal merchant. During the famine of 1846 and the persecution by the English government, John Doran left his native land to seek relief in America, and in New York City married Miss Catherine Coss, a native of County Queens, Ireland, who was likewise driven to America by the terrible famine. For a short time after marriage Mr. Doran worked as a silversmith at Tiffany's famous jewelry establishment in New York, and then started with his wife for the coal mines of Pennsylvania, in which he worked for over thirty years. Of the children of John Doran and wife we have the following record: William, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; Anna and Julia, both single; Mortimer, who died in infancy; Thomas, a merchant in Waterbury; Mortimer (2), the subject of this sketch; Mary, married to Dennis McCarthy, a prosperous meat dealer of Waterbury; and Catherine, the wife of Henry Comisky, an insurance agent, of Waterbury. John Doran died in February, 1891, and his wife passed away in October, 1884.

Mortimer Doran resided in the coal region of Pennsylvania until nineteen years of age, attending school in the meanwhile. In February, 1882, he came to Waterbury, worked for Brown Brothers about a month, and then was employed in the Plume & Atwood factory for a considerable time. For about three years he held the responsible position of foreman of the dipping department of the Waterbury Button factory, and then embarked in the grocery trade, but after a short time he entered the employ of the Waterbury Watch Co., with whom he continued about three years.

On Feb. 8, 1888, Mr. Doran was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Hannah F. Walsh, a daughter of John Walsh, who assisted in the construction of the mammoth steamer, the "Great Eastern." The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Doran has been blessed with four children, viz.: Mary, Kittie, Grace and Gertrude. Politically Mr. Doran is a Democrat. He was elected first selectman, and has devoted most of his attention to city affairs. Fraternally Mr. Doran is a Knight of Labor. For about eighteen years he has been a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and is now county president of the order; he also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and to the Heptasophs. In local military matters he has always taken a lively interest, and has filled the position of captain of Company E, Hibernian Rifles, and has been captain of Company G. Mr. Doran and family are members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, to which they liberally contribute of their means, and they are universally esteemed by their neighbors, irrespective of religious considerations.

F. F. NORMAN, president and treasurer of The Norman Printers Supply Co.; office and ware-rooms, Nos. 391-5 State street; machine and repair shop, No. 22 Artizan street, New Haven, Connecticut.

EVERETT L. MOORE, formerly engaged in the livery business at Branford, was born at Cutchogue, Long Island, Nov. 12, 1863, a son of Joseph T. and Lucretia A. (Mapes) Moore, both natives of the State of New York.

Joseph T. Moore has made his home in Branford since 1885, and is connected with the market of which C. H. Wilford is proprietor. A kindly spirit and a thorough knowledge of his business have won for him many friends since his advent in Branford.

Everett L. Moore was reared in his Long Island home, where he attended the public schools and made good preparation for an active and industrious career in after years. In his early manhood Mr. Moore went into the western country, and in 1887 located in Minneapolis, Minn., where he was engaged in business as a ticket broker for two years. Following this he conducted an employment agency for some time, and in 1893 came to Branford, where his father was already well established. Here he was busied in various enterprises for several years, and in 1897 undertook the livery business, in which he was very successful. The frank and hearty way in which he met his customers, his untiring efforts to meet the public demands, and his fair and courteous treatment of the public won for him a steady and profitable patronage.

Mr. Moore has been twice married. His first wife was Laura Helston, of Brooklyn, N. Y., by whom he had two children, who are now living: Hattie S. and Everett L. His second wife was

Grace, daughter of George and Jane (Lane) Linsley, of Branford, and to this union were born three children: Joseph, Vera E. and George. In his first marriage Mr. Moore was afflicted not only with the loss of his wife but with the death of two children, Josie Adelaide, who died in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Laura May, who died at Fort Hill, Ill.

Mr. Moore belongs to Woodlane Lodge, No. 39, K. of P., and is highly regarded in that fraternal order. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as constable for three years. He takes an active and enlightened interest in public affairs.

JAMES DONAHUE, well-known resident of Waterbury, is a native of Ireland, born in County Cavan in 1805.

James Donahue, father of our subject, also a native of County Cavan, was a farmer all his life, and died there. By his wife, Mary (Reilly), who also died in Ireland, he had thirteen children, all of whom save one reached maturity, and seven—three sons and four daughters—came to America, viz.: Patrick (now deceased), who was a priest in Lakeville, Conn.; Bernard (also deceased), who was a machinist; James, our subject; Ellen, wife of John Sandom, of Waterbury; Bridget and Mary, both single; and Ann, wife of M. J. Drury, of Waterbury.

James Donahue, our subject, received his education in Ireland, after which he for a time clerked in a grocery store. At the age of fifteen he came to Waterbury, and learned clock-case making with the Waterbury Clock Case Co., and after two years was in the employ of John Sandom, in the liquor business, until 1893. In that year he commenced in his present retail liquor business, corner of Main and Elm streets, in which he has met with much success. He erected the building in 1892, and has one of the finest liquor stores in Waterbury, well equipped in every respect. In politics Mr. Donahue is a Democrat, and in religious faith he is a member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury.

CARL SCHILF. The farm has ever many attractions for the successful business man. Carl Schilf, the subject of this sketch, was for many years a prominent cigar manufacturer, learning the trade in his youth. Later in life he directed his attention to farming, and in that vocation he has proved equally successful. He is now an extensive land holder and resident of Bethany.

Mr. Schilf was born on a farm in Prussia, May 29, 1842, and received a good common-school education. At the age of sixteen years he began an apprenticeship at cigar making and completed it three years later. He left the trade to enter the German army, and remained four years in the military service of his native land. During this time he participated in two wars, those of Prussia with Denmark and with Austria, the latter in 1866.

Twice Mr. Schilf was wounded in battle. In 1867 he returned home, and began the manufacture of cigars, continuing for two years, when he decided to come to America. He landed at Castle Garden, New York, with only \$2 in his pocket. He went to New Haven and then for eighteen months he worked at his trade. He then began at New Haven the manufacture of cigars as a business of his own. It proved a successful venture and he continued it successfully for fifteen years. Mr. Schilf resolving to engage in farm work purchased a tract of seventy-two acres in Bethany, which he cultivated for eight years. He then purchased and moved to the farm of about one hundred acres which he now occupies, and where he carries on a dairy business and general farming. He now owns about two hundred acres of land and is one of the most successful farmers of the town.

Our subject has been twice married. By his first wife, Miss Amelia George, he had three children, Annie, William and Frederick (deceased). For his second wife Mr. Schilf in 1882 married Miss Matilda Engle, and to this union there were born three children, Carl, Emma and Grace, of whom Emma is deceased. In politics Mr. Schilf is a Democrat. He is one of the most prosperous and highly esteemed citizens of Bethany. He is a self-made man, and has demonstrated the possession of exceptional business abilities.

GEORGE FABER, Sr., now living retired on Bucks Hill, Waterbury, comes from the Fatherland, and the strongest and most creditable characteristic of the Teutonic race have been marked elements in his life, and have enabled him to win success in the face of opposing circumstances. He possesses the energy and determination which mark the people of Germany and by the exercise of his powers he has steadily progressed, and has not only won a handsome competence but has commanded universal respect by his straightforward business methods.

Mr. Faber was born in Hessen-Cassel, Germany, July 26, 1826, a son of Adam and Anna Elizabeth (Nieumann) Faber, who spent their entire lives in that province. The father was a land owner and farmer, and a Protestant in religious belief. He died in 1838. In his family were five children, of whom the eldest son was accidentally shot at the age of one year and a half; John lives on the old homestead in Germany; George is next in order of birth; Ludwig, a railroad engineer, died in the West; and Adam is a resident of Waterville, Connecticut.

George Faber attended the public schools of his native land, but being left fatherless at the age of twelve years, was unable to obtain a higher education. At fourteen he was bound out to a tailor, and while serving his three years' apprenticeship not only received no compensation for his labors but had to pay \$38 for the privilege of learning the

trade. Not wishing to enter the army, he bade his mother and brothers good-by, and at the age of seventeen came to the New World on the bark "Henrietta," which was forty-two days in making the passage from Bremen to New York. On landing in this country he found himself \$18 in debt, having borrowed that amount from a fellow passenger to pay his way.

In New York City Mr. Faber found employment at his trade, but as he only received his board for his work he resolved to try something else, and went to New Jersey, where he worked as a farm hand for \$8 per month, considering that good wages at the time. At the end of six months he came to Connecticut, and found employment on the farm of a Mr. Waller, in the town of Washington, Litchfield county, where he remained a year and a half. Having saved \$84.00, he next went to Pennsylvania, where he worked as a section hand on the Reading Railroad for \$22 per month, but at the end of six months returned to his old employer in Washington, Conn., remaining with him a year. He then came to Waterbury, New Haven county, and worked as a farm hand for a Mr. Wilton on Bucks Hill for a year.

Mr. Faber was married in Waterbury in 1851 to Sarah Frisbie, a native of that town, and a daughter of Capt Laurens Frisbie, and sister of E. L. Frisbie, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Of this union were born five children: John E., who went West while young; George, who died at the age of four years; William A. and Frederick L., both farmers of Bucks Hill; and Annie E., at home. The wife and mother died January 15, 1897, aged seventy-four years, and was laid to rest in Bucks Hill cemetery. She was a consistent member of the Episcopal Church and a most estimable woman.

After his marriage Mr. Faber began work in a brass shop at \$1.25 per day, and continued in that employ for thirty-three years, being a contractor most of the time. As his family grew up he purchased a small farm on Bucks Hill in order to keep his sons from the temptations of city life, and erected thereon a fine residence. He has added to his place from time to time, until now he and his son own over 200 acres of valuable land on Bucks Hill, in the town of Waterbury. For some time he was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, but for the past fifteen years, on account of ill health, he has lived retired. He is a self-made man in the truest sense of the term, having by industry, economy and honorable dealing secured a valuable property, which enables him in his declining years to lay aside all business cares. He is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, of Waterbury, and is a Democrat in politics.

EDWARD K. HOSLEY, a well-known carpenter of Branford, is the youngest child of Benjamin Adolphus and Lois (Ward) Hosley, and was

born in Branford, Dec. 5, 1865, where his honest and industrious life and genial disposition have won for him the enduring good will of the community.

From the sketch of B. F. Hosley, which appears elsewhere in this work, it appears that the Hosley family, originally spelled "Horsely," came from England and settled in Gill, Mass., and that certain branches of the family still retain the first spelling. L. D. Hosley, the grandfather of Edward K., was a native of Vermont, and settled in Branford about 1815, and died there in 1855. His wife, formerly Anna Aritta Beach, became the mother of a numerous family of children, her oldest son, Benjamin Adolphus, born June 1, 1823, being reared in Branford, which town has always been his home with the exception of fifteen years spent in East Haven. Lois Whitney Ward, to whom he was married April 2, 1849, bore him seven children. The history of the Beach family runs back through seven generations to John Beach, who settled in New Haven in 1647.

Edward K. Hosley was educated in the schools of Branford, and has always made this town his home. After leaving school he served an apprenticeship of three years at the carpenter's trade, which has been his chosen occupation since 1881. A skilled workman and an accommodating gentleman, he is in constant demand, and never lacks for business.

Aug. 8, 1892, Mr. Hosley married Adeline Augusta, daughter of Richard and Ellen M. (Tucker) Mather, of Old Lynne, Conn., and of this union there are two children, Richard L. and Millie Anna. Mr. Hosley is associated with the Knights of Pythias and the New England Order of Protection, and in politics is a Republican.

ZOPHER PEARSALL (deceased) was for many years a prominent business man of New York City, and made his home during the latter years of his life in Pearsallville, New Haven Co., Conn. He started out in life with nothing but his own indomitable energy, and his success was due entirely to his own well-directed efforts. His word in all transactions was considered "as good as his bond," and he was justly recognized as a most honorable and straightforward business man.

Mr. Pearsall was born May 16, 1817, on Long Island, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hawkins) Pearsall, natives of the same place, and most estimable people. He was reared on the home farm, and while still in his teens went to New York City, where he worked in the Fulton Street Market, learning the butcher's trade with his brother, Denton Pearsall. Together they engaged in the business for several years, and the brother finally withdrew and in time advanced to the position of president of the Second Avenue Railway Co. Left to himself, however, Zopher Pearsall continued the meat business and built up an extensive trade, augmented by supplying all of the great Atlantic liners.

During the Civil war, while prices were high, he bought extensively, but the war closed before he could fill his contracts, and in consequence he lost heavily. The worry over business matters undermined his health, but he was determined to satisfy his creditors by paying one hundred cents on the dollar. His last days were spent at his summer home in Pearsallville, Waterbury, where he died May 31, 1883, and he was interred in Riverside cemetery. He was a self-educated as well as a self-made man, and deserved great credit for the success that he achieved in life. He was liberal in his religious views, and believed in no hide-bound creeds. As a citizen he was highly respected, enjoyed the confidence of his associates, and was regarded as a man of excellent business judgment.

Mr. Pearsall was twice married, his first wife being Mary Underhill, a daughter of Gilbert Underhill, and who died in New York. Two children were born of that union: William, who died young; and Sarah Louise, deceased wife of James Bradley. In Newark, N. J., Mr. Pearsall married Laura Elizabeth Russell, a daughter of Lauren L. and Mary (Fairclough) Russell, and granddaughter of Enoch Russell, who was a soldier of the war of 1812. By his second marriage two children were born. Zopher was educated in the district schools, the Episcopal College of Cheshire, under Rev. Dr. Norton, and Payne's Business College; he and his wife reside in Pearsallville. Emma Louise is a graduate of St. Margaret's Young Ladies Seminary, married William H. Hyler, and they have one child, Laura L.

MRS. LAURA E. PEARSALL proved a true helpmeet to her husband in the best sense of the word. After his death she took charge of the business in the Fulton Street Market, and carried it on very successfully for fourteen years, working night and day until all of her husband's debts were paid. She conducted the business until she had secured a comfortable competence, and now makes her home in Pearsallville, where she has an elegant residence tastefully furnished, in which she takes great pride. Mrs. Pearsall numbers among her treasures some rare and costly oil paintings and bric-a-brac. She possesses rare business and executive ability, has built a number of fine dwelling houses in Pearsallville, and has fitted up Lake Wood Park, at a cost of \$20,000. The park is an ideal summer resort, and its fifteen acres are beautified by flowers and an artificial lake and all those aids known to the landscape artist and true lover of nature. Mrs. Pearsall is a member of the Episcopal Church, and is extremely charitable and public spirited.

CHARLES PIERSON AUGUR, a prominent agriculturist and representative citizen of Woodbridge, belongs to an old Colonial family.

The first of the name of whom we have any authentic record was Robert Augur, a native of England, who came to America in 1668 and located

in Connecticut. He had two sons: John, who died in New York; and Robert, who was married Nov. 20, 1673, to Mary Gilbert, daughter of Lieut. Gov. Gibbert. The next in descent was Isaac Augur, who married Eunice Tyler, of Hamden, Conn., and to them were born children as follows: Isaac, Justice, Phelix, Joseph, Prosper, Elizur, Eunice, Elizabeth, Prudence, Lois, Mary and Sally. Of this family, Isaac Augur and his wife Lois had five children: Isaac, Daniel, Philemon, Hezekiah and Esther. Of these, Isaac Augur was married Oct. 4, 1774, to Esther Dauman, of Hamden, and their children were Elihu, Isaac, Hezekiah, Joel, Esther, Harriet and Eliza. Of these, Joel Augur, the grandfather of our subject, was born in New Haven Sept. 8, 1779, and died April 13, 1826. He was a carpenter by trade, and carried on business in New Haven, owning a house on Whalley avenue. He married Phila A. Newhall, of Hamden, who was born Jan. 4, 1780, and died March 9, 1855. Their children were: Joel, Lewis, Daniel, George, Wealthy Ann, Susan and Elizabeth Comfort.

Daniel Augur, father of Charles P., was born in New Haven July 16, 1807, and was married Sept. 7, 1828, to Delia Middlebrook, of Bridgeport, Conn., by whom he had four children: Minot; Amelia, who died young; Amelia (2), wife of Judge Henry Stoddard, of New Haven; and Charles Pierson, our subject. When a young man the father moved to Bridgeport, where he was employed in a shoe factory as a skilled workman, and later was foreman in a factory at New Haven for some years. In 1832 he came to Woodbridge and purchased a farm of twenty-six acres, and also bought land in the towns of Orange and New Haven. From 1832 to 1860 he followed farming and building, and in the latter year took up seed growing, in which he continued to engage up to the time of his death. This work for a time proved very profitable, but western competition and European importation lessened the demand and reduced prices. Mr. Augur was familiarly spoken of as "Captain," having gained the title by service as captain of the Up-Town Militia of New Haven, an organization now known as the Blues. At the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 24, 1890, he was probably the oldest commissioned officer in the State, his commission dating back to 1829. In politics he was a Democrat of the Jeffersonian type, and in religion was a member of the Episcopal Church of Westville. He was three times married, and his first wife, the mother of our subject, died Jan. 19, 1864. She was one of a family of four children, the others being Hiram (now deceased), who went South prior to the Rebellion, and accumulated considerable wealth there as a saddler; Mills, who died in Bridgeport, leaving a son Seth, who is now a wealthy man of California; and Bradley, a resident of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Charles P. Augur, whose name introduces this review, was born in Woodbridge Nov. 2, 1849. He began his education in the district schools, later

attending Guilford Academy one year and a commercial college two years. He had planned taking a course at Yale, but owing to ill health was unable to do so. For a time he was employed in the Home Insurance office at New Haven, and also in the office of the Folding Chair Co. In 1873 he took up seed growing with his father, and has since continued in that business, though not so extensively as in past years. He is also engaged in general farming and market gardening, and follows the carpenter's trade to some extent.

In Westport, Conn., Mr. Augur married Miss Isabella Allen, daughter of Isaac Allen, member of the family to which belonged Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame. To them have come the following named children: Edith H., born May 20, 1873, married Charles Peck, son of Phineas E. Peck, of Woodbridge. Erroll M., born Dec. 9, 1874, graduated from Yale in 1897, and is now engaged in the practice of law in New Haven; he married Adeline Peck, and has one child, Alta. Elma Isabella, born June 9, 1877, attended the Westville high school, took a three years' normal course, and is now teaching school in Woodbridge. Ethel M., born Jan. 13, 1880, received a normal school training, and is also teaching in Woodbridge. Eimir E., born May 6, 1884, is attending the Boardman Training School in New Haven. Eunice H. A., born Jan. 6, 1886, is attending the same school. Elsie A., born Nov. 27, 1887, and Edna E., born Aug. 3, 1890, are both at home.

Politically Mr. Augur is a Democrat, and an advocate of the gold standard. He is an efficient member of the school board, with which he has been connected for twenty years, and has held various other local offices, including those of assessor and justice of the peace, the duties of which he has most ably and satisfactorily discharged.

ANDREW SCHWAB, retired, Yalesville, town of Wallingford, New Haven county, Connecticut.

EDWARD J. MALUMPHY, a prominent wholesale tea merchant of Derby, Conn., is one of the most energetic, progressive and reliable business men of that place. Although he is comparatively a young man, he has already attained a fair degree of success, and bids fair to become one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of the community with whose interests he has cast his lot. Mr. Malumphy was born in Wells, Hamilton Co., N. Y., May 17, 1868, a son of Thomas Malumphy, a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, who was the oldest in a large family of children, and in early life had to look after the others.

Thomas Malumphy was a member of the police force of Dublin for a time, but in 1850 came to the New World with the hope of benefiting his financial condition. A tanner by trade, he soon secured work at that occupation in the tanneries along the Hudson river, and finally went to Wells, N. Y., where he

served as superintendent of the Wells tannery for about thirteen years. In the spring of 1881 he came to Ansonia, New Haven county, where he held the position of boss over a night crew in a wire works for six months. At the end of that time he embarked in the grocery business which he still carries on with good success. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and while a resident of Wells, N. Y., held local offices. He wedded Miss Mary Doolan, who was born in Ireland and brought to this country during infancy. A family of eight children have been born to them, namely: Michael D., a member of the firm of T. Malumphy & Son, grocers, of Ansonia; Mary A., wife of James Condon, of Ansonia; Edward J., our subject; Agnes M., Harriet, Catherine and Alice, all at home; and Jennie, who died at the age of eight years.

The early life of Edward J. Malumphy was passed in his birthplace, and his education was acquired in a little school house one mile from home. After the removal of the family to Ansonia, when he was thirteen years of age, he worked for his father in the grocery store for some time. At the age of nineteen he embarked in the retail tea business, conducting what was known as the Boston Tea House on Elizabeth street, Derby, for twelve years. In July, 1898, he closed out the retail business and has since devoted his energies entirely to the wholesale trade, in which he has met with marked success. He is a wide-awake, ambitious and enterprising, and the prosperity that has attended his efforts is certainly well merited.

On Nov. 19, 1891, Mr. Malumphy married Miss Ann Cornell Walsh, a native of Bridgeport, Conn., and a daughter of Peter Walsh, who was born in Ireland and was a soldier of the Civil war. By this union four children have been born, namely: Thomas J., John C., Veronica and Rita. The family have a very beautiful new home on Seymour avenue, where their many friends are always sure of a hearty welcome. They are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and in politics Mr. Malumphy is a Democrat. For some time he was a member of the Board of Trade, but at present is not connected with that organization.

ROGER S. WOTKYNs, of the Waterbury Machine Co., Waterbury, is widely known as one of the most expert and skilled manufacturers of the present day in that city. The company make a specialty of preparing automatic machinery according to original designs and adapted to special purposes. They build presses and dies, tumbling barrels and wire-drawing machinery, and at the present have many orders from France, Spain, Austria and England, as well as different parts of the United States. They are prepared to undertake the solution of all problems of mechanical construction requisite for economical production in any industry.

Mr. Wotkyns was born in Troy, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1864. Alfred Wotkyns, his father, was born

in New Hampshire, in 1800, and died in 1886. Alexander Wotkins, grandfather of Roger S., was born in the same place in New Hampshire and died there. The first of the family in this country came from Wales. Alexander Wotkins was a physician, and his son Alfred followed in his steps. Dr. Alfred Wotkins went to Troy, N. Y., and there married Miss Eliza Brakey, who was born at Greenbush, a town not far from Albany. Her father, who was a farmer, came from the same place. The Brakeys are an old family of that neighborhood, and came originally from Ireland. Dr. Wotkins was a Whig in early life, and later became a Democrat. In 1860 he was mayor of Troy, in which city he was a man of considerable prominence. The family were connected with the Episcopal Church. Dr. and Mrs. Wotkins had five children: Benjamin M., Webster, Walter L., Grace G. and Roger S. Benjamin M., who was a real-estate dealer in Pasadena, Cal., died at the age of thirty-seven. Webster, Walter L. and Miss Grace are all living in California.

Roger S. Wotkins passed the first eleven years of his life in Troy, where he began his schooling, and then went to Chicago, where he remained until 1886. In that year Mr. Wotkins came to Waterbury to take a clerkship in the Manufacturers' National Bank, and put in nine good years in that institution. About this time the Waterbury Machine Co. was taking shape, and Mr. Wotkins became connected with same as secretary. Much of its success is due to his push and energy, and he is one of the leading men in his line in the city.

Roger S. Wotkins and Miss Mary E. Steele were united in marriage Oct. 12, 1887. Mrs. Wotkins was born in Waterbury, daughter of Edward S. Steele, of that city. To this union has come one child, Steele, whose birth occurred Dec. 26, 1890. Mr. Wotkins is an independent voter, and at the polls prefers to support the men he most approves. His Masonic affiliations are with Continental Lodge, No. 76, F. & A. M., and with Noshogon Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F. He is a member of the Psi Upsilon, a Greek letter fraternity of Yale College, and he has long been a member of the Waterbury Club, of which he was treasurer seven years. With his family Mr. Wotkins attends Trinity Episcopal Church, in which he has served as vestryman and member of the finance committee.

MORTON TRACY, one of the most respected mechanics in the city of Waterbury, Conn., was born in Goshen, Litchfield county, April 9, 1845, and is a brother of George Tracy, whose biography is given in full on another page, and in which will be found the genealogy of this subject.

When his father moved his family to Morris, Conn., Mr. Tracy was a child of perhaps three years, and there he grew to manhood. He attended the local schools, and also the "Gunnery" at Washington, Conn., a school famous in its day, and con-

ducted by F. W. Gunn. After finishing his schooling young Morton worked for the neighboring farmers by the month for three or four years, strengthening both brain and muscle, and in 1869 came to Waterbury, entered the employ of the Benedict and Burnham Manufacturing Co., to learn rolling, and there he has been ever since.

On Jan. 1, 1872, Mr. Tracy married Miss Ida M. Kilborn, who was born in Litchfield county, and is a daughter of Rollin F. Kilborn and his wife Louisa (Cogswell) Kilborn, the former of whom was born in Litchfield city, and the latter in New Preston, same county, and who were the parents of six children, viz: Angeline, who was married to Ira A. Emmons, of Morris, but who died in July, 1895; Ida M., now Mrs. Tracy; Freeman, who died at the age of thirteen years; Riley, who died at the age of one year and nine months; Alice, who married Robert Skilton, of Morris; and Edith, who was called away at the age of four years. Rollin F. Kilborn died Nov. 12, 1884, leaving his widow and the surviving children mentioned above to mourn his loss. He was an Episcopalian in religion, and a Democrat in politics, and had wielded a strong influence in the community in which he had passed his useful life. Putnam Kilborn, the father of Rollin F., was born in Litchfield, was of English descent and married a cousin, Catherine Kilborn. His death took place in the city of his birth.

To the marriage of Morton Tracy and Ida M. Kilborn have been born two children, Ellsworth M., and Carrie L.; the former graduated from Trinity College, Hartford, in 1900. In politics Mr. Tracy is a Democrat, but has never been an office seeker, preferring the quiet of his domestic circle to the turmoil of politics. He and wife and children are members of Trinity Episcopal Church, and exhibit in their daily life the sincerity of their faith in the religion they profess.

WILLIAM J. NEARY is one of the ablest lawyers practicing at the Naugatuck Bar, and is a man of sound judgment who manages his cases with masterly skill and tact. He is also a logical reasoner and has a ready command of English, which enables him to appear well before a jury.

Mr. Neary was born in Naugatuck, June 12, 1868, a son of Thomas Neary, a native of Ireland, who came to America when a young man, and in Naugatuck, Conn., married Elizabeth Buggy, also a native of Ireland. In their family were seven children: John, who died in Naugatuck at the age of twenty-nine years; Richard, who is engaged in the liquor business with his father in Naugatuck; Catherine M., deceased wife of John F. Butler, of Meriden, Conn.; Thomas, who died when about two years old; Elizabeth, who died young; Julia G., at home; and William J., our subject.

The early life of William J. Neary was passed in Naugatuck, and after attending the local schools

for some time, he entered Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., from which he was graduated in 1890, receiving the degree of B. A. He then attended the law department of Yale University, and was graduated there in 1892, with the degree of LL. D. He was admitted to the Bar the same year, and immediately opened an office in Naugatuck, where he has since successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession.

Mr. Neary was married, Oct. 30, 1894, to Miss Marie J. Ryan, of Meriden, a daughter of Daniel B. Ryan, a native of Ireland. By this union has been born one child, Vyvian M. Mr. Neary is a member of St. Francis Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, and is identified with the Democratic party. He has efficiently served as borough clerk, chairman of the school committee, and member of the board of education, and in 1897 represented his town in the State Legislature with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

WILLIAM RITCHIE, builder, 117 Bishop street, New Haven, Connecticut.

BERNARD J. McMANUS, a prominent wholesale and retail liquor dealer now located at No. 93 Elizabeth street, Derby, was born in that place, March 25, 1863, and is of Irish descent, his paternal grandfather being a life-long resident of Ireland, and a farmer by occupation. The father was a native of County Leitrim, Ireland, and when a young man emigrated to America, locating in Derby, Conn., where he continued to make his home throughout the remainder of his life, dying here in March, 1897. He was employed as a molder in a foundry during his residence in this place. Politically he was a staunch Democrat, and religiously was a Catholic, to which church his family also belong. He wedded Miss Mary Briordy, a native of County Cavan, Ireland and to them were born nine children, but five died young. Those living are Eliza; Bernard J., our subject; Thomas F., a resident of Derby; and Mary.

During his boyhood and youth our subject attended the public schools of Derby, and at the age of eighteen years began life for himself as an employe of the Shelton Bolt Company, with which he was connected for about two years, after which he turned his attention to the carpenter's trade and followed it for about three years. The following year he engaged in the butcher business in Derby, and in 1886 embarked in his present business as a wholesale and retail liquor dealer, in which line of trade he has met with excellent success.

Mr. McManus was married, in 1880, to Miss Alice Dowling, of Derby, a daughter of Joseph Dowling, now deceased, who was a native of Ireland and a wood turner by trade. Our subject and his wife have a family of four children, namely: Mary, Alice, Charles and George. They are

members of the Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. McManus also belongs to Court Otter Rock, No. 35, Foresters of America, and Storms Engine Company, No. 2. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he was one of the first city fire commissioners of Derby, which office he acceptably filled for one year.

WALTER E. BROWN, one of the leading young business men and representative citizens of Naugatuck, was born in Stamford, Conn., Oct. 10, 1871, and is a son of William R. Brown, who in early life worked at the cutler's trade, but is now a machinist living in Union City, this county. The father married Ellen Potter, who was born in Sharon, Conn., a daughter of Edwin Potter. A family of five children blessed this union, namely: Celia, now the wife of George F. Fenn, of Waterbury, Conn.; Walter E., our subject; Mabel, who died at the age of three years; Ernest, who is clerking for our subject; and Anna, who died in infancy.

Walter E. Brown was only a year old when brought by his parents to Naugatuck, where he was reared and educated, pursuing his studies in the public schools until sixteen years of age. He then clerked in the grocery store of C. H. Booth, of Naugatuck, for two years, and in the meat market of H. R. Church for three years. For the following three years he had charge of a market in Naugatuck belonging to George Hotchkiss' Sons of Ansonia, and in 1892 opened a market of his own, which he has since successfully carried on, having built up a good trade.

On Oct. 4, 1893, Mr. Brown married Miss Emma J. Nichols, a daughter of F. S. Nichols, of Naugatuck, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. They have a lovely home on Highland avenue, which was purchased by Mr. Brown in 1897, and there they take great delight in entertaining their many friends. Our subject was reared in the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his ancestors belonged, but he and his wife now attend the Episcopal Church. He is a supporter of the Republican party, and a member of Shepherd Lodge, F. & A. M.; and of Centennial Lodge, I. O. O. F. Mr. Brown also belongs to the A. O. U. W., and the Heptasophs. He is quite prominent both in business and social circles, and by all who know him is held in high regard.

HENRY J. FLANAGAN, in his lifetime a wide-awake business man of Waterbury, was a native of the city, born April 8, 1862, a son of Michael and Julia (Ronan) Flanagan.

Michael Flanagan was born in Queen's county, Ireland, and in 1860 emigrated to America, settling in Waterbury, Conn., where he lived retired for some years. To himself and wife were born four children: Thomas is deceased; Margaret married

Richard Mulcahy, and lives in Waterbury; James is deceased; and Henry J.

Henry J. Flanagan received his education in the schools of his native city, and at the age of twelve years commenced to work in a factory. In 1886 he opened a saloon and bottling establishment on Bishop street, in which he met with unqualified success.

In March, 1886, Mr. Flanagan was united in marriage with Nellie O'Connor, who was born in New York, of Irish parentage, but reared and educated in Waterbury. Three children have been born of this union, Michael, Honora and one that died in infancy. Mr. Flanagan was identified with St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church, Waterbury, with which his widow is also connected. In politics he was a Democrat, was register of voters four terms, and town constable for a short time. Socially he was a member of the Union Club, and of the Liquor Dealers Association.

FRANK W. SPERRY, a member of the well-known firm of Sperry & Amos, and one of the most successful among the young business men of New Haven, was born in this city, at No. 95 Bradley street, Feb. 20, 1874, a son of Foster W. Sperry, a well-known resident of New Haven, and a brother of Edson N. Sperry, a prosperous druggist of New Haven.

Frank W. Sperry grew up in this city, and is one of the pupils who reflects credit upon the instruction of the Skinner school, from which he went through the High school, finishing at the age of sixteen years, in the meantime graduating from Cargill's Business College, now the Child's Business College. Immediately young Mr. Sperry engaged with the Bradstreet Mercantile Agency, at \$15.00 per month, but left there to enter the A. B. Hendrick Manufacturing Co., as clerk. At the end of six months, he was obliged to make a change owing to impaired health from close confinement, and thus entered the employ of J. Gibbs Smith & Co., lumber dealers and manufacturers. For nine years he continued with that firm, entering as salesman, and leaving as superintendent of the molding department.

Alert, self-reliant and resourceful, Mr. Sperry now felt himself capable of engaging in business for himself, and in January, 1899, in association with Alexander R. Amos, started his present business, the firm being The Sperry & Amos Co. The firm manufacture moldings, turned work, inside and outside trimmings, cabinet work, office and store fixtures, veneered doors, and general builders' accessories, and have a large steam plant, on Water street, which gives employment to a large number of workmen, thus contributing materially to the industrial prosperity of the city.

The marriage of Mr. Sperry and Estelle N. Potter, of Hamden, Conn., occurred June 12, 1896, Mrs. Sperry being a daughter of M. C. Potter, also

of Hamden. Two children have been born of this union: Charlotte E. and Gladys N. In politics, Mr. Sperry is Independent, and he is fraternally connected with the Heptasophs, and is Past Archon of Whitney Conclave. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and a vestryman at St. John's.

Mr. Sperry and his partner belong to that class of progressive, energetic and successful young men, who, while not indigenous to this country, are nevertheless represented here with greater frequency, and are perhaps better appreciated than in other lands. It has been well said that our young men require an education, then a trade, then a business field, and that then the world is theirs. Judging by what this young firm has already accomplished the prediction of future success is fraught with unquestioned certainty.

HENRY B. CARTER, one of the well-known citizens of Waterbury, who is rapidly coming to the front in politics and business, was born in West Hingham, Mass., March 21, 1866, and is a son of William M. Carter, and grandson of Benjamin Carter. The grandfather came from Germany and settled in Maine, where he followed the coopers' trade for the remainder of his life. In the War of 1812 he did valiant duty for his adopted country. His wife, formerly Charlotte A. Curtis, was born in Maine in 1796, and reared a family of three boys and two girls, the former of whom followed farming, and proved good citizens.

William M. Carter, the father of Henry B., was born in Liberty, Maine, March 14, 1840, and grew to maturity among the scenes of his birth. A roving disposition led him to adopt the occupation of sailor, and in time he became a seasoned "salt," at the unusual age of twenty-one filling the position of First Mate of the brig "Eagle," plying between Boston and South American ports. At the outbreak of the Civil war he donned the Union blue, and served two years as a member of the 58th Massachusetts Veteran Volunteers, and when the war was over came to Hingham, Mass., and married Mary A. Burkhitt, who was born in Nova Scotia, a daughter of an officer in the English army stationed at that point. Shortly after their marriage the young couple settled in West Hingham, Mass., where they reared a family of five children: Henry B., Carrie E., Edward L., Florence and Ella M. Carrie E. is the wife of Herbert J. Phillips, and lives in Waterbury; Edward L. is a foreman in the works of the Waterbury Clock Company; Florence married John Dagnan, of Waterbury; and Ella married Charles E. Mann, of Waterbury, Conn. William M. Carter is a Republican, and is still living in Waterbury.

Henry B. Carter was but a child when his parents moved to Nantasket, near Hingham, where he grew to manhood, and where he attended the local schools until fourteen years of age. He then assumed the burden of self support, and from fourteen

to sixteen worked in a shoe factory, coming to Waterbury March 22, 1883, to assume a position with the Waterbury Watch Company. At the end of seven years he worked on the bench for two years, and then entered the office, eventually becoming foreman of the case department. As collector he worked for Ralph N. Blakeslee for four months, and in October, 1890, entered the employ of the Waterbury Clock Company, with whom he is serving as foreman of several small departments.

Feb. 16, 1888, Mr. Carter married Jennie M. Bennett, Mrs. Carter being a native of Jackson, Mich., and daughter of Hon. Austin W. Bennett, prominent in affairs of the Michigan town. Mr. Bennett is a man of leading characteristics, and his executive and diplomatic ability have received more than local recognition. At one time Probate judge, he was Consul to one of the German cities under President Pierce, and has been secretary for one of the larger railroad corporations. To Mr. and Mrs. Carter have been born two children, Edith A. and Harry B.

As a Republican, Mr. Carter has taken an active part in politics since casting his initial vote, and he is now senior member of the Republican town committee from the Second ward. He was president of the Waterbury Republican Club in 1898 and 1899, has been auditor and a member of the Board of Public Safety, and has frequently represented the county in State conventions. As an Odd Fellow he is Past Grand of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, and he is identified with the Continental Lodge, No. 56, F. & A. M., Eureka Chapter, R. A. M., Waterbury Council, No. 21, R. & S. M. M., Clark Commandery No. 7, Mystic Shrine, and the Eastern Star. With his family he is a member of the Methodist Church, towards whose charities and support he is a liberal contributor.

Dec. 24, 1883, Mr. Carter united with Company A., of the State Militia, and was made a corporal Aug. 12, 1885, a sergeant, Nov. 15, 1888, and first sergeant, Aug. 9, 1890. The rank of sergeant major of the Regiment was conferred upon him March 10, 1891, and that of second lieutenant Jan. 2, 1893. He became first lieutenant March 15, 1893, and Captain, Dec. 26, 1899. Personally he is an erect and soldierly man, thoroughly conversant with military tactics, and has vastly promoted the efficiency of the citizen-soldiery of the State.

HUBERT M. RIGNEY, one of the well-known native sons of Waterbury, was born Nov. 25, 1856, and is of Irish descent.

John Rigney, his father, was born in County Queen's, Ireland, a son of John Rigney, who never emigrated from his native land. John, Jr., came to the United States in 1847, settling in Waterbury, where he died in 1872, and was survived by his wife until 1895. He married Anna T. Coin, who was born in Middlebury, Conn., and whose father emigrated from County Queen's, Ireland. Five chil-

dren were born of this union, viz.: Elizabeth died single; William J. is deputy county sheriff; Hubert M.; Mary is the deceased wife of Dennis Hayden, of Waterbury; and Teresa is the wife of Patrick F. McAvoy, of Waterbury.

Hubert M. Rigney received his education at the public schools of his native city, and from youth up took an active interest in athletics. For seven years he was a professional foot racer, and for one year was instructor in that line at Yale College. The claim is made that of sixty-five races run by him only one was lost. In 1884 he engaged in the liquor business in Waterbury, continuing in same five years; then went to Oregon for a year, to recuperate his health. Returning to Waterbury in 1890 he commenced collecting the city garbage, and at the end of seven years and three months made a change to farming, in which he engaged with varying success up to 1900. Since then he has been again collecting the city garbage, and in this capacity has shown a high appreciation of cleanliness and all around sanitation.

On Feb. 21, 1883, Mr. Rigney married Nellie M. Holly, of Portland, Maine, a daughter of John and Elnora Holly, natives of Ireland. Two children have been born of this union, Hubert M., Jr., and William J. Socially Mr. Rigney is a member of the Foresters of America, and is a charter member of Court Welch No. 84. He is a member of St. Patrick's Parish Catholic Church, at Waterville, and in politics is a Democrat.

HENRY C. COOK is engaged in the manufacture of presses, small lathes, combination dies, clock tools and special machinery, and in German silver, brass and iron monitor turning. His shop is located in Gardner's Block, Ansonia, New Haven Co., Connecticut.

HENRY C. RICE, a progressive and enterprising agriculturist of Southington, was born in Cheshire, New Haven county, June 27, 1835, son of Lemuel and Maria (Andrews) Rice. His paternal grandfather, Amos Rice, was a native of Vermont, and from that State came to Cheshire, where his last days were passed. The maternal grandfather, Abel Andrews, was a farmer and old resident of Cheshire. The Christian name of his wife was Roxanna.

The school experience of Henry C. Rice terminated after a course at the Mt. Carmel high school, and he began his business career as a shop hand on government work, in the shops of the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., of Southington. He was thus employed for three years, and the following two years he spent in Cheshire, being a resident of Southington, since 1869. As a blacksmith he worked for the leading manufacturers of carriage hardware, bolts, etc., until 1889, and has since engaged in farming and stock raising.

Sept. 30, 1859, Mr. Rice married Caroline Royce,

a daughter of Lewis and Caroline (Preston) Royce, of Cheshire, and to them have been born two children, Carrie M., now the wife of Dwight H. Bennett, and George, who married Lena Miller, of Waterbury. In his political affiliation Mr. Rice is a Republican, and in religion he is a Baptist. He is one of the leading and popular citizens of his community, and wherever known is held in high regard.

ALLEN L. HALL was born March 20, 1873, in Wallingford, Conn., where he was educated in the public schools and in Cargill's Business College. When sixteen years old he started a livery business, which he disposed of at the end of a year to Walter Clark, since which time he has conducted a similar business at his old homestead on South Elm street. He has been very successful and is regarded as a reliable and thoroughly trustworthy man. In politics he is independent, but has never been an aspirant for office. He attends the Episcopal Church.

Allen L. Hall and Ida May Rawson were united in marriage April 17, 1894, Mrs. Hall being a native of Wallingford, and a daughter of William Rawson. Of this union there is one child, Henry Leroy Hall, born Jan. 25, 1896.

Henry Lyman Hall, the father of Allen L., was born in Wallingford, Oct. 1, 1840, and after leaving school was employed for a time in the Wallace factory, later clerking for his uncle, Philip Talcott, a grocer. In time he assumed charge of the paternal homestead, and in connection therewith became a very successful coal dealer. Emma L. Allen, his wife, the daughter of John Allen, of Pond Hill, died after the birth of her son, Allen L., and Mr. Hall married for his second wife Ann Looper, of New Haven, who died leaving no children. April 25, 1895, Mr. Hall married for a third wife, Catherine (Waynes) Banks, the widow of Dr. Nehemiah Banks. At the time of his death, Sept. 10, 1898, Mr. Allen was a vestryman of the Episcopal church, and at the time of the erection of the new edifice he was a member of the Building Committee. In early life he was an Odd Fellow. A Democrat until 1896, the changed conditions of the party impelled him to cast his vote for a candidate representing other principles. For several years he was a selectman of the town, and filled other offices of trust and responsibility.

The Hall family is one of the oldest in New England. Its progenitor, John Hall, came from England to Boston, and was one of the original proprietors of the town of Wallingford. John, Thomas and Samuel, sons of the emigrant, signed the Plantation Covenant in 1670, and two years later, his own name appears upon that historic document. In 1675 he was chosen selectman with his son John, and his death occurred the following year, at the age of seventy-one. He married Jane Woolen, and their children were: John was bap-

tized Aug. 9, 1646, and died Sept. 2, 1721; Richard was born July 11, 1645; Samuel, born May 21, 1646, and died March 5, 1725; Sarah, was baptized Aug., 1646; Thomas, born March 25, 1649; Jonathan, born April 5, 1651; and David, who was born March 18, 1652, and died July 17, 1727.

Samuel Hall, one of the original settlers of Wallingford, in 1668, married Hannah Walker, who died Dec. 20, 1728. The following children were born to them: John, born Dec. 25, 1670, and married Mary Lyman; Hannah, born March 11, 1673, married Ebenezer Doolittle; Sarah, born Jan. 20, 1677, died March 18, 1712; Samuel, born Dec. 10, 1680; Theophilus, born Feb. 5, 1686; and Elizabeth, born March 6, 1690, married John Moss.

Samuel Hall, son of Samuel, died June 15, 1770, at the age of ninety years. Susan Royce, his first wife, was a daughter of Nathaniel and Esther Royce. The Christian name of his second wife was Bridget. He was the father of the following children: Theophilus, born April 1, 1707; Samuel, born June 8, 1709; Hannah, born July 15, 1711; Sarah, born Dec. 6, 1713; Mehibath, born April 25, 1716; and Esther, born Nov. 7, 1719.

Samuel, son of Samuel Hall, married Sarah Hall, Dec. 7, 1731, and died Dec. 24, 1771. He was the father of the following children: Samuel, born July 11, 1732, and died in infancy; Hezekiah, born Dec. 27, 1733; Louisa, born June 30, 1736; Sarah, born Dec. 5, 1737; Esther, born Jan. 21, 1740; Love, born April 30, 1742; Elizabeth, Jan. 23, 1745; Samuel, born Feb. 28, 1750, and Demaris, born Jan. 23, 1754.

Deacon Samuel Hall, son of the above named Samuel Hall, married Elizabeth Parson, May 10, 1774, who died Sept. 27, 1823. He died Feb. 27, 1821, and was the father of the following children: Samuel, born Dec. 7, 1776; Hezekiah, born June 11, 1778; George, Aug. 13, 1780; Marilla, born June 28, 1782, married Chauncey Hall; Richard, born Jan. 26, 1785; and Jared, born Aug. 24, 1792, and died April 24, 1861, was the father of Henry Lyman Hall, and the grandfather of Allen L.

WILSON G. ARENTS, a well-known citizen of Woodbridge, New Haven county, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1856.

Permela Marvin Arents, his father, a native of the same State, was born in Tarrytown in December, 1828, was reared in Brooklyn, and became a woolen merchant in New York City, where he died July 5, 1861. On Spruce street he married Miss Anna Rebecca Bolen, daughter of John G. and Catherine (Frazier) Bolen. Her father was an engraver on metal and also a dealer in fishing tackle in New York City. There Mrs. Arents was born, on Green street, in 1834, and died in Brooklyn in 1873. She had five brothers and one sister, namely: George a resident of Somerville, N. J.; Mary Agnes, of East Orange, Essex Co., N. J.; Michael, a retired merchant and farmer, who is now in the

marine insurance business in Somerville, N. J.; Charles, Frederick and Lewis, all three deceased. The father of our subject had one brother and one sister, both now deceased: Edward, who lived on Adams street, Brooklyn, N. Y., and owned the Gothic Dancing Hall; and Augusta, wife of W. R. Tice, a jeweler of Brooklyn. Our subject is the second in order of birth in a family of three children. Edward Delenoy, the eldest, born in 1854, married, and died in New Haven, Conn., at the age of twenty-eight years; Charles Robert Anderson, born April 2, 1861, is engaged in the insurance business in New York.

Wilson G. Arents attended the academy at Fergusonville, Delaware Co., N. Y., three terms, but being in ill-health during childhood he was unable to carry on his studies as intended. When a young man he went to New London, Conn., where he was employed in various works, though the greater part of the time he followed the sawmill business, having charge of a plant. For thirteen years he worked in a sawmill at Long Cove, town of Ledyard, New London county, and in April, 1891, came to New Haven, but shortly afterward located in Woodbridge, where he purchased an improved farm of seventy acres. Here he engaged in the milk business until 1898, and has since carried on poultry raising and general farming, making a specialty of vegetables and fruits. He contemplates embarking in the grocery business soon.

In New London county Mr. Arents was married, Dec. 20, 1880, by Rev. N. Goodrich, to Miss Eva Lois Ingham, who was born Dec. 16, 1861, a daughter of John and Abigail Ingham. She belongs to one of the early and representative families of Long Island, where many of the name and family still reside. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Arents, the first four were born in New London county, the others in Woodbridge. Their names and dates of birth are as follows: Anna Louella, June 4, 1883; Edna Lois, March 28, 1885; Harold Delenoy, June 4, 1888; Bertrand Frazier, Sept. 8, 1890; Eveline Ingham, Oct. 11, 1892; Mary Agnes, who died at the age of three months; and Wilhelmina Bolen, Aug. 16, 1898. The eldest daughter has completed a district-school education and expects to become a bookkeeper. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are held in high regard by all who know them. Politically Mr. Arents is a Republican, and he gives his support to every measure which he believes will prove of public benefit.

DANIEL D. GREGORY, one of the most expert machinists in the city of Waterbury, was born in the town of Redding, Fairfield Co., Conn., Feb. 6, 1847, and descended from one of the oldest families in the county.

Alfred Gregory, father of Daniel H., was born in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Dec. 21, 1803, and died Sept. 26, 1868. He was a blacksmith by trade

and constantly employed a number of workmen. He married Huldah Barlow, who was born in Redding July 26, 1806, and died Aug. 16, 1847. To the marriage of Alfred Gregory and wife were born seven children, namely: Stephen B., who was a mechanic, but is now deceased; Frances, who died in Eastport, Maine, the wife of Rev. Leroy S. Stowe; Sarah, married to Henry Bates, a farmer in Ridgefield; Fannie, wife of Joseph Taxter, also a farmer in Ridgefield; Peter, a carriage maker at Bridgeport; Charles, who has traveled extensively and resides in Ridgefield; and Daniel D., the subject of this biography.

Huldah (Barlow) Gregory, the mother of our subject was a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Diamond) Barlow. Daniel Barlow was a blacksmith, and a native of Redding. Col. Aaron Barlow, the father of Daniel, was a hero of the American Revolution. The father of the Colonel, Samuel Barlow, was a son of John Barlow, who settled in the town of Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., in 1668; Samuel settled in Redding in 1740, and after the death of his first wife married Esther Hull, a daughter of Nathaniel Hull, who gave to the American navy one of the bravest of men—Commodore Isaac Hull. Joel Barlow, a brother of Col. Aaron Barlow, was born in Redding, Conn., and achieved a national reputation. He was appointed ambassador to France by President Madison during the reign of Napoleon, went as far as Moscow, Russia, and was very successful in his diplomacy, but on his road homeward was taken ill, and died Dec. 24, 1812.

Daniel D. Gregory was educated at the district school at Redding, and also at a select school. After leaving school he was apprenticed to the Farrel Foundry at Ansonia, Conn., for three years from 1864; he next went to Birmingham, Conn., worked one year, and then made a trip to Minneapolis, Minn., but soon returned to the East, and for two years worked in Newburg, N. Y., and eight years in Jersey City, N. J., whence he came again to Connecticut, worked awhile in Winsted, and in 1877 came to Waterbury, and here for three years was with the Farrel Foundry, three years with the American Ring Co., and for the last seventeen years has been machinist for the Plume & Atwood Company.

On Nov. 20, 1872, Mr. Gregory wedded Miss Martha E. Whitney, who was born in Salisbury, Conn., and is a daughter of Ruloff Whitney, a native of the vicinity. One child, Bertha W., who is unmarried, graced the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory. In politics Mr. Gregory is a Republican. He has served as a member of the Board of Public Works for two years; as alderman from the Third ward three terms; councilman from the same ward three terms; and at present is second selectman. As an evidence of his extreme popularity, it may be mentioned that he was elected councilman for his three terms and alderman one term from a ward

that was strongly Democratic. Fraternally Mr. Gregory has been a Mason thirty-one years, having been "made" at Tarrytown, N. Y. He is also an Odd Fellow; and is a charter member of his lodge of the Woodmen of the World; he is also a member of the New England Order of Protection. In religious matters he is liberal, yet so lives as to merit the warm esteem of all who know him.

FRED J. WOOD, dealer in coal, wood, hay and grain, Waterbury, is a native of Massachusetts, born in Hinsdale, July 13, 1855.

Richard A. Wood, father of our subject, was born in Halesworth, Suffolk, England, in 1833, a son of Richard Wood, who was a manufacturer of woolen goods in England, passing all his days there, and dying at the age of thirty-nine years. His son, Richard A., at about the age of sixteen years, came to the United States, making his first New World home at Great Barrington, Mass., where he had a cousin living, and here he followed the woolen business until 1850, in that year removing to Pittsfield. There until 1857 he was foreman in the woolen mills of Barker Bros. Co., and then went West to Illinois, where for three years he followed farming at Galva. In 1860 he returned to Massachusetts, and in Hinsdale took charge of the woolen mills of Frank Hinsdale until 1863, in August of which year he came to Waterbury to take charge as superintendent of the Great Brook Mfg. Co.'s mills, continuing with that firm until his death in August, 1868. In politics he was a Republican, and at one time he served as alderman of the First ward, Waterbury. In 1851 Richard A. Wood wedded Mary E. Johnson, a descendant of a well-known New England Puritan family by the name of Baker, and a daughter of John and Wealthy (Baker) Johnson, the former of whom served at the battle of Waterloo as an officer under Wellington. She died June 21, 1875, a member of the First Baptist Church, as was also her husband. To Richard A. Wood and his wife were born eight children, as follows: (1) Porter is an attorney at law in Waterbury; (2) Fred J., is our subject; (3) Jessie died at the age of twelve years; (4) William is a coal dealer in Meriden, Conn.; (5) Mary is the widow of Charles H. Camp, and lives in Waterbury; (6) Frank is connected with the Standard Oil Co., with residence in Waterbury; (7) Charles is superintendent of the Pope Tool Works in Hartford; and (8) the youngest died in infancy.

Fred J. Wood, whose name introduces these lines, was a young boy when the family came to Waterbury, and here he received his education, graduating from the high school. In the Farrell Foundry Co.'s works he learned the trade of machinist, after which he went to work for the Scovill Mfg. Co., remaining in the employ of that firm fourteen years, building and operating automatic button machinery. In the fall of 1888 he formed a copartnership with S. S. Taylor in the coal, etc.,

business, in the following spring purchasing his partner's interest, since when he has been conducting the business alone at No. 758 E. Main street. He makes a specialty of coal, wood, hay and grain, and is meeting with well-merited success.

On Dec. 25, 1876, Mr. Wood was united in marriage with Belle L. West, who was born in Waterbury, Conn., a daughter of David K. West, also a native of that place, and a family of seven children has come to them: Mabel P., Byron S., Helen A., William, Clara, Frank and Jennie. The family attend the services of the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Wood is a Republican.

EDWARD P. NOONAN, in his life time one of the busiest, most energetic and most progressive business men of Naugatuck, was proprietor of the leading shoe store of that place and received a liberal share of the public patronage. A native of Connecticut, he was born in Norwalk, Oct. 16, 1868, and was of Irish descent. His paternal grandfather was a farmer, his maternal grandfather, a cooper, and both were life-long residents of the Emerald Isle. The father, Michael Noonan, was born in Limerick, Ireland, and at the age of seven years came to America, locating first in Westport, Conn., where he worked as a farm hand at Greens Farms. From there he removed to Norwalk, where he was employed as coachman by different people for some years, and where he still continues to reside. In Norwalk, he married Nellie Clark, a native of County Dublin, Ireland, and to them were born eleven children, of whom five died young. The others are Edward P., our subject; Mary, wife of James McQuilan, of Norwalk; Catherine, wife of Thomas O'Brien, of the same place; and Sarah, Andrew and James H., all at home with their parents.

Edward P. Noonan acquired his education in the public schools of Norwalk, and remained there until sixteen years of age, when he went to South Framingham, Mass., where he worked in a rubber shop for two years. Coming to Naugatuck, in 1887, he entered the employ of the Goodyear India Rubber Co., with whom he remained one year; and then worked for the Naugatuck Malleable Iron Co., at Union City, as assistant foreman and time keeper for three years. In September, 1892, he opened a shoe store on Water street, and on Jan. 1, 1893, bought the stock of shoes owned by J. T. Garrison, and removed to his present store on Water street, near Maple. He carried a well-selected stock, and enjoyed the finest trade of any firm in his line in the place.

Mr. Noonan was married, Feb. 4, 1890, to Miss Elizabeth Brennan, a daughter of Andrew Brennan, of Naugatuck, and to them were born three children: Mildred, Clare and Flavian. In his political views, Mr. Noonan was independent, and for many years most acceptably filled the office of assistant town clerk. He was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, and also of the Foresters of America,

and was one of the charter members of the International Foresters, an insurance order. His death occurred Nov. 30, 1901.

L. B. BRADLEY, merchant, Derby, New Haven county, Connecticut.

FRANK H. FAGAN, a prominent young business man of Derby, Conn., and senior member of the firm of John Fagan's Sons, was born in that place, April 13, 1868, and is a son of John and Ann (Finnigan) Fagan, natives of County Longford, Ireland. The father was only about seven years of age when he crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Derby, Conn., where during his youth he worked as a farm hand. For many years he was engaged in the kindling wood business; later in the junk business; and in 1882 became interested in the coal business, which he carried on alone until 1890, when our subject was taken as a partner, the firm name being John Fagan & Son. This connection lasted until August, 1895, when the father turned the business over to his sons, Frank H. and John D., while he lives retired, enjoying a well earned rest. Our subject is the fifth in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being Ellen, now the wife of D. S. Houlihan, of Derby; Mary, wife of Augustus Whiting, of New York; Elizabeth, wife of William Russell, of Meriden, Conn.; John, who died at the age of six years; Daniel J., who is engaged in the liquor business with his father in Derby and John D., partner of our subject.

Frank H. Fagan received a good practical education in the high school of Derby, which he attended until sixteen years of age, and then entered the employ of his father, doing the very hardest kind of work in the coal yard, shoveling the coal into boats, etc. In this way he became thoroughly familiar with the business before he became a member of the firm. He and his brother, under the firm name of John Fagan's Sons, have built up an extensive trade as dealers in coal and wood, handling about 4,000 tons of coal per year. In 1896 they added trucking to their business, and since 1897 have also engaged in contracting, such as grading, road building, etc. They are now doing a very extensive and profitable business, having by fair and honorable dealing gained the public confidence and a liberal share of the public patronage.

On June 12, 1894, Mr. Fagan married Miss Lillian Sykes, of Bridgeport, a daughter of Martin Sykes, an old resident of that place who is of Irish extraction. The two children born of this union both died in infancy. In politics Mr. Fagan is a Democrat, but at local elections supports the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines. He is a member of the Board of Trade, and since eighteen years of age has been connected with the R. N. Bassett Fire Company, of which he was treasurer for many years, and is now foreman. Religiously he is a member of

St. Mary's Catholic Church; and fraternally is a member of the Knights of St. Patrick, of New Haven; the Knights of Columbus; and the Catholic Benevolent Legion.

MICHAEL E. KEELEY, of the Waterbury Scrap Iron Co., with yard and office at the foot of Field street, is a native of Waterbury, born Dec. 29, 1862.

Michael Keeley, father of Michael E., was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, April 3, 1839, one of the six children of Peter Keeley, a blacksmith, and his wife, Mary Lahey. The other five children were: Mary; Mary (2), who is married and lives in Australia; Patrick, who lives in Liverpool, England; John, who is also in Liverpool; and Richard, who died in that city. Peter Keeley and his wife never left their native land.

Michael Keeley, father of our subject, was but eight years of age when he landed in New York, where he was apprenticed to a blacksmith, and he followed the trade in that city until 1861, when he came to Waterbury, Conn. Again he went to New York and after working about nine years, returned to Waterbury and worked three years, when he went to Hartford, remaining two years, thence to New Haven for one year, and he finally settled in Waterbury. Here he worked as a journeyman for some time, and then opened a shop of his own near the present New England depot, where he carried on business ten years. His next enterprise was the purchase of some property at the corner of Chatfield and Meadow streets, where he erected a brick structure, greatly enlarged his trade, and won the reputation of being the best forge blacksmith in Connecticut. In 1885 Michael Keeley began the scrap iron business, and Aug. 1, 1887, he united with him his son, Michael E., and the firm name for two years was M. Keeley & Son. The father then withdrew, and the son continued alone for a short time, when the father resumed the business and now has a plant valued at \$35,000 or \$40,000. On Sept. 17, 1859, Michael Keeley was joined in matrimony with Miss Catherine Egan, a native of Kings county, Ireland, and this union was blessed with six children, viz.: Mary, who died at the age of four years; Michael E., whose name opens this article; Elizabeth, who was married to Eugene Grant, of Waterbury, and died when thirty-three years old; John, a blacksmith in New York; Peter, a veterinary surgeon and city and town milk Inspector; and Mary (2), who married Thomas Keefe, a resident of Waterbury.

Michael E. Keeley, the subject proper of this sketch, was graduated from the Waterbury high school with the class of 1880. For the two years following he acted as bookkeeper for his father, and then opened a gymnasium in New Haven, where he had about forty pupils, and gave instruction in all kinds of athletics for about six years. He then returned to Waterbury and embarked in the scrap-

iron business, in which he has since continued, with the exception of three years which he passed engaged in the same line in the West. Some little time after returning he was joined by his father, and together they formed the present firm. For this company Michael E. is the purchasing agent, and all profits are divided equally between the two. The volume of business transacted by the firm reaches \$100,000 per annum.

On June 28, 1892, Michael E. Keeley was joined in marriage with Miss Sophia Deagan, who was born in Redding, Fairfield Co., Conn., a daughter of John Deagan, who was formerly a school teacher, but is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Keeley no children have been born, but they have adopted a daughter, Jennie M., who is yet in school. In politics Mr. Keeley is a Democrat; fraternally he is a member of New Haven Lodge, No. 25, B. P. O. E. He has mingled with the world sufficiently to be a fine judge of human nature, and in his business transactions is strictly upright and conscientious.

CHARLES F. BRADLEY, dealer in general merchandise, Branford, New Haven county, Connecticut.

CHARLES E. ROWAN, a leading grocer and representative business man of Derby, Conn., was born in that place, July 4, 1868, a son of William Rowan, who was born in Roden, Canada, in 1831. Grandfather Rowan, who was engaged in the lumber business in Canada, was also born in that country of Irish parentage.

In his native land William Rowan grew to manhood and married Philomen Brisebois, also a native of Canada, and a daughter of Ezra Brisebois, who was born there of French parentage. Shortly after their marriage, the parents of our subject came to Derby, Conn., in 1865, and here they have since made their home. For many years the father was an employe in the Howe Pin factory, but is at present engaged in the grocery business. In his family are six children, namely: Mary Ann, at home; William, a barber, of Boston, Mass.; Lillian, wife of John J. Gaffney, of Derby; Sophia, at home; Charles E., our subject; and Charlotte, widow of John D. Whelan, of Derby.

During his boyhood, Charles E. Rowan attended the public schools of Derby, and when his education was completed, he began his business career as a clerk in the grocery store of A. E. Burke, of Derby, with whom he remained two years. For one year he clerked for C. A. Pratt, a clothier, and was with George H. Crook, a grocer, for three years and a half, after which he clerked in his father's grocery store until he embarked in the same line of business for himself in 1896. He has already built up a large and constantly increasing trade, and is recognized as one of the foremost business men of the place.

Mr. Rowan was married, Sept. 3, 1890, to Miss

Anna Bohan, of Derby, a daughter of Thomas Bohan, of Irish descent. In politics our subject is a stalwart Democrat, and on his party ticket was elected alderman of Derby from the Second ward in December, 1898, which office he filled with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. Religiously he is a member of the Catholic Church.

CHARLES B. EVERITT was born in Port Jervis, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1863, and is a son of Martin Cole Everitt, of German and Dutch extraction. The family was founded in America prior to the Revolution by Dr. Everitt, who came from Germany and settled in Hunterdon Co., N. J. He was the author of a medical work used by the profession in his native land. Isaac Everitt, son of the emigrant, engaged in farming.

John D. Everitt, son of Isaac, was a teacher by profession, but in later life followed merchandising and farming. In politics he was an old line Whig, and he served as justice of the peace, also as associate judge. He died at the age of seventy-nine. His wife, Roanna Decker, was a daughter of Daniel Decker, and she died at the age of seventy-six. Of their six children Martin Cole is fourth in order of birth; the youngest son died in 1851, at the age of twenty-one; Daniel D. resides in Montague, N. J.; and Robert lives in Centerville, N. J.

Martin Cole Everitt, the father of Charles B., was born in Montague, N. J., Feb. 4, 1828, and died in Port Jervis, Dec. 23, 1899. He remained on the home farm until he reached the age of sixteen, when he began clerking in a country store. In connection with a brother-in-law he went into business with a cash capital of three hundred dollars, carrying on a little store at Centerville, N. J. In 1851 Mr. Everitt sold out to his partner and went to Port Jervis to take a position as clerk with St. John & Birdsall, and also clerked for Charles St. John for one year, when he became a partner and for ten years he was engaged in business under the firm name of St. John & Everitt. In 1861 Mr. Everitt disposed of his mercantile interests, which had become very extensive, and in company with Henry Nooney started a store which they conducted for nearly three years with gratifying success. In 1864 Mr. Everitt took a contract to supply the Erie Railroad with from five thousand to ten thousand cords of wood a year. He bought wooded land, hired men to cut down the timber, leaving very valuable farm land, and several hundred acres became part of the family patrimony. He carried on this business five years, and made his home at Port Jervis. In 1868 Mr. Everitt entered the drygoods business, and in 1870 a stock company was formed to purchase the First National Bank of Delhi, N. Y., and by a special permit from Congress it was moved to Port Jervis, N. Y., and the name changed to the First National Bank, with a capital stock of \$100,000. Mr. Everitt became its First Vice-President. In

January, 1871, he was elected cashier and took charge of its affairs; in 1874 he was elected president, and continued as such until his resignation. He was widely known as a capable and honorable man. Mr. Everitt and Miss Louisa Armstrong were married Oct. 9, 1860. She was born in Montague, N. J., and died leaving a family of three children: John E., who is a conductor on the Erie Railroad; Charles B.; and George, who died in April, 1892, at the age of twenty-seven years. Mr. Everitt was a Republican in politics, and a Presbyterian in religious belief. He was a prominent Freemason.

Charles B. Everitt grew to manhood under the parental roof in Port Jervis, N. Y., where he attended the public school until he attained the age of sixteen. He then entered the bank with his father, but this business did not prove entirely satisfactory to him, and after one year clerking in a dry goods store, he came in 1881 to Waterbury, and was employed by The Plume & Atwood Mfg. Co., with whom he was connected for sixteen years, rising to important positions. On Jan. 1, 1897, he purchased an interest in the City Ice Co., and since that date he has been engaged in its business, filling the positions of president and treasurer.

Charles B. Everitt and Miss Susie H. Quick were married Oct. 5, 1887. Mrs. Everitt was born in Port Jervis, N. Y., Feb. 26, 1867, a daughter of Thomas J. and Margaret E. (Bonnell) Quick. Thomas J. Quick was born March 17, 1838, in New York, and lived there until twenty-one years of age. During the Civil war, he served three months from New York, and hearing that troops were being enlisted at Port Jervis, went there, and joined the army, serving until the close of the war; he was twice wounded. When the war was over he returned to Port Jervis, and clerked in a furniture store. Since 1874 he has been engaged there in the furniture business on his own account. Thomas J. Quick married Margaret E. Bonnell, who was born in Montague, N. J., daughter of LaForge Bonnell, a merchant of Port Jervis, and granddaughter of Hon. Isaac Bonnell, a prominent man in that part of the State. Capt. James Bonnell, the father of Isaac, served in the Revolutionary war. Lawrence Quick, the father of Thomas J. Quick, came from England with his wife and family, and died in Nyack, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Quick were the parents of three children: Susie H., Mrs. Everitt; Edwin, born Jan. 28, 1870, who lives in Port Jervis; and Grace, born Aug. 28, 1874, who died at the age of twenty-three. Mr. Quick is a Republican, and has always taken an active part in political matters. He has been president of his town, and is now president of the Republican Club. He is a member of the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Quick died in November, 1877, in the faith of the Congregational Church.

Charles B. Everitt and his wife are the parents of two children: Charles M., who was born in Port Jervis, Aug. 4, 1888; and Hazel, who was born

in Waterbury June 19, 1890. They have a beautiful home in Columbia Heights. Socially Mr. Everitt belongs to the Ancient Order of Heptasophs. For a time he was superintendent of the First Congregational Church Sunday-school, and he is counted among the most valued citizens of the day.

J. W. NETTLETON, in his lifetime a prominent agriculturist of the town of Milford, was born in the northern part of that town, Feb. 17, 1824, son of William and Nancy (Rogers) Nettleton.

The family has been identified with the town for several generations. Benajah Nettleton, our subject's grandfather, was born there and became a leading farmer of the locality. He married Comfort Beard, of Milford township, and had eight children, viz: William, our subject's father; Hezekiah, a farmer, who died in early manhood; Edward, a shoe dealer in Fulton, N. Y.; Leaman, a shoemaker, and later a farmer in New York State; Joseph, a farmer; Charles, a contractor and builder in New Haven; Anna, wife of Joseph Rogers, a farmer of Milford; and Abigail, who died unmarried.

William Nettleton was born in the town of Milford, Sept. 20, 1790, and learned the builder's trade, which he followed there and in the South. Later he settled upon a farm in Milford, where his death occurred. In politics he was first a Whig, and afterward a Republican. His wife, Nancy Rogers, was a native of Milford, and a daughter of Joseph Rogers, an influential citizen and the owner of about 500 acres of land in the town. Our subject was the first of a family of three children, the others being: Julia A., deceased wife of Treat I. Ford, the latter an architect now residing in Columbus, Ohio; and Garry, an architect and builder, who died in Janesville, Wisconsin.

J. W. Nettleton gained an education in the schools of Milford, attending until he reached the age of seventeen years. From early manhood he engaged in general farming, and his homestead, which contained 100 acres of land, showed the value of careful management. As a citizen he was much esteemed, and he attended the Congregational Church of Milford. Politically he was always affiliated with the Republican party. On May 1, 1847, he married Miss Elizabeth Ann Ford, daughter of Stephen B. Ford, of Milford. She died leaving no children, and Mr. Nettleton passed away in 1900.

HENRY L. FOWLER was born in Guilford, Conn., Aug. 5, 1855, son of Reuben L. Fowler, who was born in Madison, Conn. The Fowlers were an old New England family, and were descended from John Fowler, who came into this country from England at an early day. Reuben Fowler, the grandfather of Henry L., was a resident of Madison, and a soldier in the Revolution.

Reuben L. Fowler, the father of Henry L., in

early life was a farmer in Guilford, Conn., and then followed the sea until about forty years of age. After that time until very recently he has been engaged in manufacturing "Manhaden" oil. He married Sarah M. Bishop, a native of Guilford, and a daughter of Philo Bishop, of an old settled family in this part of the country; she died Jan. 4, 1892. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fowler: Sarah J., Ellen, Clara N., Henry L., Frank E., Hattie E., Frederick A. and Fannie L. Of these, Sarah married Charles Kimberly, of Guilford, and died in New Haven; Ellen married Charles Blackman, of Caledonia, New York, a manufacturer of agricultural implements, and at one time postmaster; Clara married George S. Benton, and lives in New Haven; Hattie married Robert Hawley, and lives in Unionville, Conn., where her husband is in business as a lumber dealer; Frank E. is of the firm of F. E. Fowler, of New Haven, Conn; Frederick is a tool maker in Meriden; and Fannie married Burton Brewer, and lives in Guilford, Conn., where her husband is engaged in farming.

Henry L. Fowler spent his boyhood days in Guilford, where he went to school until he reached the age of seventeen, when he spent a year working with his father. In 1873 he came to Waterbury, and entering the foundry of the Farrell Foundry Co., learned the machinist trade, working at it with that firm for three and a half years. For about the same time he was with Cross & Spears, two years with the Waterbury Watch Co., five years with the Scovill Manufacturing Co., and two and a half years with the Plume & Atwood Manufacturing Co. Mr. Fowler then returned to the Scovill Company, and has been with them to the present time, having special charge of the drafting and making of new machinery.

Henry L. Fowler and Miss Jennie M. Pickett were married Sept. 18, 1878. Mrs. Fowler was born in Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of John Pickett. To this union were born eight children: Edith, born April 3, 1880, and died July 7, 1880; Clifford, born July 12, 1881; Ralph L., born Aug. 29, 1883; Lewis A., born May 30, 1887; Alfred P., born Nov. 13, 1888; Earl F., born April 27, 1891; Dorathy E., born Dec. 23, 1894, and died April 16, 1896; and Frederick J., born July 3, 1897. Mr. Fowler lives on Wolcott street, and has a handsome residence which overlooks the city. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion the family are associated with the Baptist church. Mr. Fowler belongs to Court America, No. 98, of the Foresters of America, and has passed through all the chairs of the lodge. He is a good citizen and commands the respect of all who know him.

IRVING WHITING, a leading citizen of Ansonia, was born Nov. 16, 1859, in Forestville, Conn., a son of Henry B. and Sarah (Reynolds) Whiting.

Hawley Whiting, his paternal grandfather, was born in New York State, and settled in Plainville

at the time of the construction of the canal, being employed upon the masonry. He followed his trade there many years, but afterward went to Ansonia, where he died aged eighty-three. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Candace Hotchkiss, of Plainville, died aged sixty-seven years, and of their seven children, only two are now living, viz: William, a resident of Bridgeport, and J. H., publisher of the *Gardner News*, at Gardner, Massachusetts.

Henry B. Whiting, our subject's father, was born and reared in Plainville, and first learned the tailor's trade, but soon afterward became a clock maker in Forestville, where he followed that trade twenty years. Later he went to Ansonia, and spent ten years in the employ of a clock company there, and for a time he was engaged in the manufacture of fishing rods, until a flood swept away his shop. He then went to New Haven, where he was employed by A. B. Hendrick, as a fishing reel maker, until the time came for retirement from active work. In 1896 he removed to Ansonia, where he died Nov. 13, 1899, aged sixty-seven. He was a man who commanded respect wherever he was known and was exceptionally well informed upon the topics of his time, his library being unusually large and his general reading extensive. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist, and politically he affiliated with the Democratic party. At one time he was a representative from Forestville, and later he served as clerk of that borough and warden of Ansonia. His wife, Sarah Reynolds, who is still living, was born in Pawtucket, R. I. Our subject was one of a family of five children, of whom four are living: Bela R., a resident of Ansonia; Irving, our subject; Adna, a resident of Bridgeport; and Ruby, who married Clifford Cook, of New Haven.

Irving Whiting was educated in the public schools of Forestville and Ansonia, and his first regular employment was in the making of fishing rods with his father. After five years in that business he spent four years in the wire mill of the A. B. C. Co., and in 1887 he entered the employ of the Farrell Foundry Co., taking a position in the rule room, where he is still engaged. At different times he has invested in land and built houses, and he now owns three houses which are rented to seven families. In 1886 he married Miss Annie L. Vine, a native of Norwalk. Her father, George Vine, is the present chief engineer of the Farrell Foundry Co., a most responsible position, and she has a younger sister, Sadie. In politics Mr. Whiting is a Republican, and in 1899 the people of his ward elected him alderman by a majority of 172, to serve until 1901. He is especially interested in the social and industrial problems of the day, and was one of the chief promoters of the Rule Workers Union in Ansonia, of which he has been president. He belongs to the order of the Golden Cross, and is an active worker in the Congregational Church, having served on the prudential committee for several years and held other offices. At one time he was

assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and he and his wife have both taught classes for years. Mrs. Whiting is an Episcopalian, but attends church with her husband, and her fine musical gifts are devoted to the service of the church and Sunday school. Mr. Whiting is also prominent in the work of the Y. P. S. C. E., and has held various offices, including that of president, to which he has been elected a number of times.

GEORGE J. ALEXANDER, a leading dairyman and farmer of Waterbury, New Haven Co., Conn., residing on the Meriden road, was born in Paterson, N. J., April 2, 1850. His father, John Alexander, was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, where, in early life, he received a good education, and also learned the blacksmiths' trade. Subsequently he traveled through England, France and other European countries, working at his trade, and in 1844 came to America. The voyage was made on a sailing vessel, and on landing in New York, he proceeded at once to Paterson, N. J., where he followed his trade until the gold fever took him to California in 1849. The trip overland was attended with many dangers, but, arriving on the Pacific coast, he spent three years among the mines, meeting with fair success in the venture. Upon returning to the east by way of the Panama route, he continued to make his home in Paterson, N. J., until coming to Waterbury, Conn., in 1853. For several years he owned and conducted a blacksmith shop on the present site of the Poli Theatre, East Main street, but finally sold out and entered the employ of Brown Brothers. Later he spent sixteen years with Benedict & Co., as blacksmith, and at the end of that time retired from business and purchased a small farm on the Meriden road, Waterbury. Here he spent the remainder of his life in ease and quiet, dying Dec. 4, 1895, and was interred in Riverside cemetery. A staunch Republican in politics, he was a strong Abolitionist during the Civil war, and a great admirer of Horace Greeley and Henry Ward Beecher. In religious views he was a Presbyterian. Fraternally he was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Paterson, N. J., and he had many other interests, to all of which he gave devoted service and won the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

In Paterson, John Alexander married Agnes Gillespie, who was born in Johnson, near Glasgow, Scotland, and is still living on the home farm in Waterbury. She is a Christian woman, and a faithful member of the Congregational Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were born five children, namely: Ellen, wife of George B. Hitchcock; George J.; Mary I., at home with her mother; John, deceased; and Jessie M., wife of M. J. Fogg, of Waterbury.

During his boyhood George J. Alexander pursued his studies in the public schools of the East Farms district, Waterbury, and was reared to agri-

cultural pursuits upon the home farm. Since attaining man's estate he has engaged quite extensively in the wood business and in general farming, and has made many improvements upon his place, including the erection of a fine residence, good barns and other outbuildings.

Dec. 10, 1888, in Wolcott, Conn., Mr. Alexander was united in marriage with Antoinette (Nettie) Cornelia Hitchcock, a native of that town, and a daughter of Sheldon T. and Cornelia (Andrews) Hitchcock. She is a good house wife and presides with gracious dignity over her home. Three children have been born to them, namely: Elton H. and Morton P., who are both attending school; and Earl G., who died at the age of four years.

Mr. Alexander is a Republican in politics. For thirteen years he was a member of Company D, 2nd Regiment Conn. Nat. Guards, and is now connected with Mad River Grange. He is an active member of the Congregational Church, and is a quiet, unassuming man, noted for his industry and integrity. He has served as a member of the school committee, and as collector of school taxes, and has discharged the duties of both offices in a commendable and satisfactory manner.

J. G. SCHWINK, dealer in milk, vegetables, grain, feed and fertilizers, Meriden, New Haven county, Connecticut.

E. J. HEINEMAN, though young in years, is rapidly rising to the front in the business circles of Wallingford, and in his chosen field confesses no superior, either as to knowledge of his goods, or in the character and quality of the carriages, harness and farm implements he offers for sale. Upright and honorable by nature and known to be fair and square in all his dealings he has won a substantial trade during a comparatively brief business career.

Born in Cheshire, Conn., Feb. 20, 1868, Mr. Heineman is a son of John and Bridget (Reynolds) Heineman, natives respectively of Germany and Ireland, and at present passing their declining years in Wallingford. When but three years old Mr. Heineman came with his parents to Wallingford, where he attended the Wallingford schools, and was reared to habits of industry and economy. While still a lad he realized an income from the sale of local and New York papers on the streets, and while yet in his teens secured a position in the factory of R. Wallace, where he learned the trade of etching. For six years he worked as an etcher, and then worked six years as a clerk in the store of E. C. Morse Baker. In the meantime he was also engaged in the carriage trade, carrying a fine stock of harness, and other accessories to the road, having a partnership interest, which he sold in 1897. Immediately he opened another store on a different street, and has at the present time the largest carriage repository between Hartford and New Haven. Mr. Heineman is also agent for the McCormick

farm implements, and in this line has secured an equally satisfactory patronage. A Democrat, and a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, he belongs to the Catholic Church, and is highly respected by all who know him.

GEORGE H. FORD. Prominent among the business men of Waterville, New Haven Co., Conn., is George H. Ford, who has served as postmaster of the place for seventeen years. No one is better known in that locality, for almost his entire life has been spent there, and all of his interests from boyhood have been closely associated with those of the town of Waterbury. As a business man he has met with excellent success, and by the energy and zeal which he has manifested has won the confidence and esteem of the public.

Mr. Ford was born in Tariffville, town of Simsbury, Hartford Co., Conn., Aug. 16, 1854, a son of Daniel and Jane (Wilson) Ford. In early life the father engaged in the manufacture of spoons at Spoonville, Hartford county, where he remained until 1858, and then came to Waterville, New Haven county, where he spent some time working in the mills, but later engaged in general mercantile business. He was a Republican in politics, was liberal in his religious views, and was well known and highly respected. Both he and his wife died and were buried in Waterville. She was a good Christian woman. Their children were Frances, wife of Mr. Ford; Edgar, a resident of Waterville; James H., of California; Etta, deceased wife of Henry H. B. Fisk; George H.; Florence; and Walter D., of Waterville.

To a limited extent, during his boyhood, George H. Ford attended the district schools of Waterville, but he is mostly self-educated. From an early age he clerked in his father's store, and at the age of sixteen accepted a similar position with L. G. Able, remaining with him over three years. Later he was with C. T. Yale, in the butcher business, and on leaving his employment started in business for himself at Thomaston, Conn. He subsequently returned to Waterville, where he has since conducted a general store, carrying all kinds of merchandise, including groceries and meats. He has built up quite a large and profitable trade.

In Waterville, Mr. Ford was united in marriage with Helen L. Carter, a daughter of D. S. Carter, and to them has been born one child, Maude M. Socially he is a charter member of Speedwell Lodge, K. P., and the Foresters Lodge, both of Waterville, and is now treasurer of the latter order. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and for six years served as constable in Waterville. He was first appointed postmaster of that place during President Garfield's administration, and has filled the office ever since with credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction of the general public. Of a social, genial nature, he makes many friends, and is very popular both in business and social circles.

E. A. BRADLEY is a dealer in carriages, horses, harnesses, etc., and is the proprietor of the livery and boarding stable at Nos. 202 and 204 North Main St., Waterbury, New Haven Co., Connecticut.

HANS RASMUSSEN, a well-known dairy farmer of Town Plot, is one of the leading and influential citizens of Waterbury, and has taken an active part in promoting its substantial material development. An adopted son of America, his loyalty is above question, and his labors in the interest of the town have been most effective and beneficial.

Mr. Rasmussen was born May 17, 1857, on Laaland Island, Denmark, of which place his parents, Jens and Jensine (Jorgens) Rasmussen, were also natives, and where the father followed the occupation of farming. With the younger members of their family, the parents came to the United States in 1882, and have since made their home in Waterbury, Conn. They are members of the Lutheran Church, and highly respected by all who know them. Their children are, Annie Marie, wife of Peter Lund, of Mill Plain, Waterbury; Hannah Sophia, widow of R. P. Peterson, of Prospect, Conn.; Hans; George, a dairy farmer of Prospect; Dorothea, a resident of Waterbury; Rasmussen Scott, a florist of Town Plot; and Niels, a dairy farmer of the same place.

In his youth Mr. Rasmussen attended the public schools of his native land, and completed his education at a military college, from which he was graduated in due time. Subsequently he served for five years in the regular army, and attained to the rank of a second lieutenant of artillery. May 17, 1881, he sailed from Copenhagen, Denmark, for America, and on landing in New York found that he had only \$4.50 with which to begin life in the New World. Coming to Waterbury, Conn., he found employment as a hod carrier for a mason, and after a short time entered the employ of the American Ring Co., and was in their burnishing department until 1884. He then rented a farm of Mr. Nichols in Town Plot, and turned his attention to the dairy business, starting with only five cows. Four years later he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, R. P. Peterson, and they continued to carry on the business together until 1890, when Mr. Peterson sold out and removed to Prospect. Mr. Rasmussen then rented his farm to his brother George, and went to New York, where he was engaged in the construction of a shell factory for the United States government at Brooklyn. After the completion of the factory he acted as assistant manager of the works, under A. T. Porter, for four years, and in the discharge of this responsibility gave entire satisfaction, his experience, while an artillery man in Denmark, proving of great utility. On account of some difficulty he resigned his position at the shell works and returned to his farm in Waterbury, where he has since taken rank as one of the most extensive and successful dairy farmers

in the town. He owns a tract of 250 acres of land, upon which he has made many improvements, including the erection of two fine barns, both 32x108 feet in dimension. He keeps forty-six cows, and conducts his business according to the most approved methods of dairying.

Oct. 15, 1891, in New York, Mr. Rasmussen married Anna Schaffner, a native of Canton Aargau, Switzerland, and a daughter of Johannes and Anna (Weidmer) Schaffner, of that country. Of this union has been born four children: Signe, Ernest, Arnold Rudolph and Hans Floyd. In religious belief Mr. Rasmussen is a Lutheran. He is independent in politics, and in his social relations is a member of the Mad River Grange and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Integrity, activity and energy have characterized his business career, and without the aid of influence or wealth, he has risen to a position among the prominent men of his town. He is eminently public-spirited and with A. G. Camp and C. M. Upson gave a tract of one hundred acres of land to the city of Waterbury for a park, now known as South Park, which generous gift the city government thankfully accepted.

RASMUSSEN SCOTT RASMUSSEN, a brother of Hans, and proprietor of the Town Plot Conservatory, at No. 199 Bank street, Waterbury, was born on Laaland Island, Denmark, June 9, 1865, and was educated in the public schools, and the Floral Culture School of Bethany, Rosenberg, Denmark, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1884. Later in the same year he joined his family in Waterbury, Conn., and soon afterward established his present business at Town Plot. He is one of the representative business men in his line in Waterbury, and has built up an excellent trade. He is admirably equipped for the successful prosecution of his business, his plant costing over \$8,000. His green houses, which cover two acres of ground, are as perfectly arranged as the experience and skill of the horticulturist can make them, and every plant or flower of interest is found there. It has been the aim of the proprietor to make his establishment a complete exposition of the progress of his chosen industry, and his salesrooms contain at all times a choice assortment of the most popular and beautiful flowers. The artistic and elaborate designs in floral work, for which the house has an enviable reputation, are marvels of exquisite workmanship. Mr. Rasmussen is always prepared to furnish plants and flowers for weddings, funerals, banquets and parties, while a full supply of roses, geraniums and other favorite varieties of floriculture are kept at his parlors for personal adornment or ordinary use. He is a member of the Florists Association of America, and thoroughly understands the business which he follows so successfully. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Waterbury. Fraternally he is associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE A. GIBSON, foreman of the press department, Waterbury Mfg. Co., and treasurer of Waterbury, is a native of that city, born Dec. 23, 1868.

Cornelius Gibson, his father, was born in London, England, in 1822, a son of John Gibson, a merchant in that metropolis, where he passed all his days. Cornelius came to America when a young man, locating first in Hartford, Conn., where for many years he followed the trade of machinist, moving from there to Wethersfield. In Hartford he married Catherine Fanning, who was born in Queen's County, Ireland, a daughter of John Fanning, who did not come to America. Seven children were born to this union, viz.: Charlotte married Dennis J. Gaynor, and they live in Bridgeport; Mary is a school teacher; Caroline is the widow of David Hayes, formerly a merchant in Waterbury; Sarah married Eugene O. Martin, of Waterbury, now a retired merchant; Ellen married John H. Frain, of Waterbury; Cornelius, unmarried, is a mechanic in Waterbury; George A. is the subject of this sketch. The parents of this family died, the father in 1884, aged sixty-two years, the mother in February, 1894.

George A. Gibson attended the local schools of his native place until he was sixteen years old, at which time he went to work in the Waterbury Mfg. Co.'s works, where he has ever since continued, being now foreman of the press department.

On Oct. 22, 1895, Mr. Gibson married Bridget Coogan, who was born in Pottsville, Penn., a daughter of Patrick Coogan, a native of Ireland. She was organist in St. Patrick's Catholic Church some ten years, also leading soprano in the choir. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury. In politics he has always been an uncompromising Democrat; in 1897 he was elected city treasurer, serving 1898-99, and was re-elected to the office in October of 1899. Socially he is a member of the Foresters of America, and for four years was treasurer of that society. He is highly popular in the community in which he lives, and he bears a good record as a loyal and substantial citizen.

PETER J. CARNEY, the genial and popular host of the "Griswold House," and proprietor of the cafe in connection therewith, at Branford, is a native of the city which is profiting by his successful career, and was born Aug. 16, 1867. His parents, James and Margaret (Cusick) Carney, are natives respectively of County Tipperary and County Cavan, Ireland.

James Carney emigrated to this country about 1846, and established himself for a time in Middletown, Conn., two years later removing to Branford, where his death occurred in 1890. The family fortunes are more fully narrated under the heading of Thomas P. Carney, whose sketch appears on another page.

Peter J. Carney was reared in Branford, and completed the high school course at the age of sixteen years. His initiation into self support was as an employe in the store room of the Branford Lock Works, where, at a later period, he worked as a lock fitter and brass trimmer. Long before the average youth has formulated political tendencies he had allied himself with the Democratic party, and in 1889, when only twenty-two years of age, he was made chairman of the Democratic town committee. In June, 1891, he was appointed deputy sheriff, a position which he held four years. Beginning with June, 1895, he was for two years a clerk in the office of the Branford Lock Works, and in 1897 engaged in the meat business, as a member of the firm of Bailey & Carney. At the end of a year this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Carney retiring from the firm to take up his present occupation as host to the traveling public.

Nov. 16, 1892, Mr. Carney married Catherine, daughter of Joseph and Bridget (Curtin) Albinger, of Branford, and of this union there are three children, James J., Vera and Francis. Mr. Carney is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and is fraternally associated with the Knights of Columbus, the New England Order of Protection, and the Catholic Benevolent Association. He is a practical business man of unquestioned integrity, and is gifted with the requisite tact, good fellowship and optimism for the successful conduct of his present calling.

GEORGE BARNES (deceased), for many years associated with the industrial world of Waterbury, was a man of more than usual strength of character, and in his youth enjoyed educational privileges of a high order. Born and reared in Litchfield, he had his training in the local schools, and when he went to Northfield, at the age of twenty-two, was well prepared to take up the work of public school teaching. This was his calling for a number of years, as it was also the work of his wife. They were married June 4, 1849, and became the parents of two children: Edwin D., who died at the age of four years; and Eva B., who lived only one year.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes lived at Northfield four years after their marriage, and then resided for short periods at several places. In 1859 they came to Waterbury, where they made their home until the death of Mr. Barnes, April 14, 1894. After coming to that city Mr. Barnes worked for the Scovill Manufacturing Co. several years, and then entered the store of E. T. Turner, his brother-in-law, the eminent dry-goods merchant, with whom he continued for twenty-eight years. Mr. Barnes was a Republican, and, while never an aspirant for political honors, was serving the city as alderman at the time of his death. A member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, he was highly re-

garded by the members of that fraternity. As a genial and courteous gentleman, and a true-hearted and generous man, he had many friends.

JOHN F. GALLAGHER, one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of Waterbury, now living on the Wolcott road, was born in the city of Hartford, Conn., Nov. 25, 1856, and is a son of John Gallagher, late of Waterbury. He was still quite young on the removal of the family from Hartford to Waterbury, and in the public schools of the latter place he acquired his early education. He began his business career as a clerk in a store at Waterbury, where he continued until 1877, and then embarked in the butcher business on a small scale. He has increased his business to meet the growing demands of his trade, and is now at the head of a large and prosperous concern. He is also a large land owner, and is extensively engaged in dairy farming and stock dealing.

Mr. Gallagher married Miss Anna Ferguson, of Waterbury, and to them was born a son, Frank, who was educated in the high schools of that town, and is now at home. The family have a fine home on the Wolcott road in Waterbury. Mr. Gallagher has traveled much in the South, and although his school privileges were meager he has through his own effort become a well informed man. He is progressive in his ideas, is a good judge of human nature, and possesses excellent business and executive ability, which characteristics have been important factors in his success, for he started out in life for himself with no capital, and the prosperity that has come to him is due to his own well-directed efforts. He takes a deep interest in agricultural matters, and both he and his wife are active and prominent members of Mad River Grange. In politics he is independent, voting for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines. He is a good citizen, honest and honorable in his dealings, and is well liked and highly respected.

WILLIAM N. LAD, for the past quarter of a century or so proprietor of one of the leading retail grocery stores in Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, born in South Windham, Dec. 24, 1852.

William Lad, grandfather of William N., was probably born in Franklin, Conn., where he was for years in the grocery business, as was his father before him. He died in the town of Windham in 1858. He married a Miss Peck, and of this union there were six children, as follows: William was a sailor; Fredus is the father of William L.; Alfred went to California in 1849, and died in Denver, Col.; Merrell died in Chicago, Ill., where he was in the insurance business; James was a dentist in Providence, R. I., and died there; Elizabeth married Waldo Bingham, now a retired farmer of Windham, Windham Co., Connecticut.

Fredus Lad, father of our subject, was born in Franklin, Windham Co., Conn., where he was reared and educated. After leaving school he worked in a hotel and grocery store, and thus gained preliminary experience in the business to which he devoted his mature energies. Later, in the grocery store of Eli Bros., in Norwich, he received the slight remuneration of twelve and one-half cents per day. He and his brother, Merrell, furnished ties for the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill R. R., and for years he was in the employ of that company. In 1856 he came to Waterbury, where his death eventually occurred. He married Eliza M. Frink, who was born in South Windham, Conn., a member of an old family in that part of the State. For her second husband she wedded a Mr. Bingham, whose father served in the war of 1812. Mrs. Lad, who died in September, 1883, became the mother, through her first marriage, of the following children: Agnes, who died in 1856, at the age of ten years; Gertrude, who also is deceased; William N.; and Elizabeth, who died in 1874. The family in religious faith were Episcopalians; in politics the father was a Democrat.

William N. Lad was four years old when his parents came to Waterbury, and after attending the local schools, entered Watertown Academy when twelve years of age. His first business experience was acquired as a clerk in his father's grocery store, this training being supplemented by work for two years in a boot and shoe store in Waterbury. He then entered upon an independent grocery business, and, with the exception of twenty months in Watertown, he has been in the retail grocery business in Waterbury continuously for about twenty-five years. Nineteen of these years his store was on South Main street, two on Grand street, and the remainder of the time on Center street, where his present business is located.

In July, 1877, Mr. Lad was united in marriage with Harriet Lowe, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of James Lowe, who was of Irish extraction. Three children have been born of this union: William F., Gertrude H. and Clifford. The family attend the services of the Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Lad has always been a Democrat, and fraternally he is associated with the Knights of Pythias, and the Improved Order of Red Men.

LOUIS A. FISK, who ranks among the prominent and successful young attorneys of Branford, comes of a family for generations connected with the professional and general stability of Connecticut.

His father, Eugene D. Fisk, was long famous in the State as an attorney, and distinguished himself both on the Bench and at the Bar. He was also prominent in political affairs, and was at one time chairman of the State Democratic Convention. For a number of years he was in business in Chicago, where he was a member of the Board of

Trade. During the Civil war he organized a regiment for the Union service. He is now living retired at Sachem's Head, Conn., but his wife, formerly Catherine Daniels, of Hartford, died July 2, 1880. She was the mother of five children, of whom Emily, Clifford and James died in infancy. Of the surviving children, Leonard D. is engaged in the wholesale and retail grain business in Hartford, Conn. He married Jennie Judd, of that city, and they have two children, Leonard D. and Catherine.

Louis A. Fisk was born in Hartford, Conn., Nov. 14, 1873, and received his literary education in the Chicago public schools and under Prof. F. A. Honey, of New Haven, Conn. After three years of professional research in Chicago he graduated in 1897, and returning to New Haven, he entered upon what has proved a lucrative and growing practice. In May, 1901, Mr. Fisk received substantial evidence of his popularity in his election on the Democratic ticket to the office of Warden of Branford. In 1899 Mr. Fisk opened the Branford Driving Park.

The marriage of Mr. Fisk and Ellen Lynch, of New Haven, occurred Dec. 28, 1898, and two children have been born of this union, Leonard D., born Nov. 8, 1899, died in October, 1900, and Marian Catherine, born Nov. 16, 1900.

GEORGE H. ENNIS, attorney at law, Derby, New Haven County, Connecticut.

MICHAEL E. JOHNSON, a leading liquor dealer and a prominent and influential citizen of Derby, Conn., was born in Scranton, Penn., Sept. 20, 1861, and is of Irish descent. His paternal grandfather, William Johnson, was a farmer of Ireland, where he spent his entire life. The father, William Johnson, Jr., father of Michael E., was born in County Mayo, and when sixteen years of age came to the New World and located in Scranton, Penn. At the age of twenty-four he began contracting and building, and followed that pursuit until the opening of the Civil war, in 1861, when he entered the Union army, and remained in the service until the cessation of hostilities in 1865. Returning home, he resumed his former occupation, and also conducted a lime kiln until his death in 1876, which resulted from a fall from a building. He married Jane Rhuan, also a native of County Mayo, Ireland, who died in 1888. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, John died young; William when last heard from was in the West on a ranch; Mary and Honora are both deceased; and Michael E. completes the family.

Reared to manhood in Scranton, Penn., our subject obtained his education in its public schools. In February, 1881, he came to Derby, Conn., where he has since made his home. He worked in the office of Schully Brothers, coal dealers, for two years, and during the following three years clerked

for Phillip McEnerney, a grocer. In 1889 he commenced business on the east side for himself as a liquor dealer, and is now doing a large and profitable wholesale and retail liquor business.

Mr. Johnson was married, in 1890, to Miss Mary E. Dockry, of Derby, a daughter of John Dockry, who was of Irish extraction and was one of the first aldermen of Derby. By this union were born five children, namely: Jennie M., John, Elizabeth, Emma and Margaret.

As a Democrat Mr. Johnson has always taken an active part in local politics, and has been a member of the old town committee and was chairman of the city committee of Derby, in 1896. He is now serving as alderman from the Third ward, and is proving a most popular and capable official. Socially he is connected with the Foresters of America. He is a very active and prominent member of the Liquor Dealers' Association, and represented this State in the national convention of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Protective Association, at Cleveland, Ohio. He has also served as president of the City Liquor Dealers' Association for five consecutive years.

THOMAS J. COYLE, in the employ of the Waterbury Clock Co., Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, born in Bridgeport Jan. 8, 1849.

John Coyle, father of Thomas J., was born in County Longford, Ireland, in 1816, and when but a lad his father, a farmer of that county, was taken from him by death. In 1836 he came to the United States, and for a time worked in Providence, R. I., removing in 1842 to Bridgeport, where for many years he ran a stationary engine, and where he is now retired, at the patriarchal age of eighty-four. In New York he married Catherine Reilly, born in County Longford, Ireland, a daughter of Patrick Reilly, who died in Bridgeport. Mrs. John Coyle, who died in July of 1899, was the mother of eight children, as follows: Ann died in infancy; Ellen married John Foley, of Bridgeport, and died in 1871, at the age of twenty-seven years; Mary married Michael Frawley, of Bridgeport, and died in 1892; Thomas J. is next in the order of birth; John D. (Rev.) is pastor of St. Patrick's Church, New Haven; Catherine and Francis are deceased; Rev. William H. attended St. Francis Xavier College, New York, and is a member of the Society of Jesus.

Thomas J. Coyle received his education in Bridgeport, where he learned the trade of machinist, and followed the same until 1881. That year he removed to New York, and was similarly engaged for seven years, and in 1889 came to Waterbury and entered the employ of the Waterbury Clock Co., with whom he has since been connected. He married Julia A. O'Neil, who was born in Goshen, Conn., a daughter of John and Emily (Hayden) O'Neil, the former a native of Tipperary, Ireland, the latter of Litchfield, Conn. Seven children were born of this union, five of whom are de-

ceased, those living being William C. and Charles O'Neil. The entire family are members of St. Thomas Parish Catholic Church, Waterbury. Socially Mr. Coyle is affiliated with the A. O. U. W.; in politics he is a Democrat, and at present is serving on the board of assessors, having been elected thereto in 1898, and taking office in 1899. He is one of the solid men of the city, respected by all who know him.

NIELS RASMUSSEN, one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of Town Plot, Waterbury, was born on the Island of Laaland, Denmark, April 21, 1868, and is a son of Jens P. and Jensine (Jorgens) Rasmussen, of whom more extended mention is made in the sketch of Hans Rasmussen on another page of this volume.

Mr. Rasmussen was educated in the schools of his native land and was thirteen years of age when he accompanied the family on their emigration to America, locating in the town of Waterbury, New Haven Co., Conn. He found employment with the American Ring Co. at fifty cents per day, and remained with them one year, after which he worked six months for the firm of Chapman & Armstrong. During the following two years he was employed on the farm of his brother, Hans Rasmussen, and brother-in-law, R. P. Peterson, in Town Plot, and later spent three years in Iowa, Minnesota and other Northwestern States, where he thoroughly learned the art of butter making. On his return to Waterbury he obtained the position of foreman on Mrs. Hilman's farm for four years, and then purchased the stock and farming implements and rented the farm, which he has since successfully operated. It is one of the finest farms on the Town Plot, consisting of 165 acres under a high state of cultivation, and with all modern appliances for labor saving. Mr. Rasmussen keeps thirty-five cows and eight horses, and is carrying on dairy farming with marked success. He is an enterprising, energetic and reliable young man, to which laudable characteristics may be attributed his success in life. Fraternally he is a member of the Mad River Grange, and politically is identified with the Republican party.

THOMAS C. LANE, well and favorably known in Waterbury, is a native of Maine, born in Portland July 4, 1858, a son of Marcus D. Lane, and a grandson of Capt. John Lane, who was a lumberman and extensive real-estate owner in Hollis, Maine. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent.

Marcus D. Lane was born in 1823, in Hollis, Maine, where he attended school, subsequently taking a course at Dartmouth College, graduating with the class of '49. He then studied law, and for some time practiced at Standish and Portland, Maine, in which latter city he was at one time judge of the police court. He held two commissions un-

der President Lincoln, was State senator three years, and was also judge of the supreme court for a year, his death occurring at the expiration of this service, in 1872. An aggressive Republican, he was a power in politics, and fraternally was a Freemason of high degree, and a master of the lodge. In religious faith he was a member of St. Stephen's Church in Portland, of which he was a vestryman. He married Elizabeth T. H. Chadbourne, a native of Maine, and of this union there have been born two children: Dr. George Lane, who is practicing medicine in New York City; and Thomas C.

Thomas C. Lane passed his boyhood in Standish and Portland, Maine, attending a seminary in the former and a grammar school in the latter town. In 1872, on the death of his father, he moved with his mother to Brunswick, Maine, where he graduated from the high school with the class of '76; then entered Dartmouth College, class of '82, for the Freshman year, afterward entering Bowdoin College, same class, and leaving at the end of the Junior year. Mr. Lane then went to Boston, where he was in the employ of B. J. Dennison about two years, and then traveled considerably through the West. For four years he was in a wholesale jewelry establishment in Kansas City, then, after a year spent in the South, he returned to Portland, Maine, and for some time continued in the jewelry business in that city. We next find him in New York City, again representing a jewelry house "on the road" until coming to Waterbury, Aug. 8, 1891.

July 17, 1890, Mr. Lane married Jennie C. White, a daughter of Leroy S. White, of Waterbury, and three children have been born to them: Elizabeth C., Edith D. and Helen. Socially our subject is a member of the following organizations: Continental Lodge, F. & A. M., and Eureka Chapter, No. 22; Continental Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Comstock Lodge, No. 13, K. of P.; Tunxis Tribe, Order of Red Men; Ancient Order United Workmen, No. 52, and others.

Mr. Lane has been identified with the politics of Waterbury ever since taking up his residence in the city. In 1892-93 he was chairman of the Second Ward committee; was secretary of the Town committee two years; in 1897 was elected assessor of Waterbury, and was elected clerk of the board, which incumbency he still most acceptably fills. He has made many improvements in the municipal offices, established regular office hours and definite systems of procedure, and it is but fair to say that the city of Waterbury is indebted for much of its municipal prestige to his substantial efforts in its behalf.

AXEL R. ENGQUIST, a successful plumber of Branford, and who, in addition, has built up a paying hardware business, was born in Guthenberg, Sweden, Jan. 26, 1862, and is a son of Otto William and Christina W. Engquist.

Mr. Engquist received the practical early training and education afforded the average Swedish youth, and at the early age of thirteen was apprenticed to the plumber's trade for five years, having completed which he became a journeyman plumber. For two years also he was employed in Guthenberg, and in 1881 came to America in search of a larger and more remunerative field of effort. For some years he led somewhat of a roving career in Connecticut, his first year being spent at North Gross Vanordale, and his second at Putnam. Four and a half years he was at Norwich in the employ of the Richmond Stove Company, and for short periods was in Providence, R. I., New York City and New Haven.

Mr. Engquist located in Branford in 1889, and during the first year of his residence in this city he was in the employ of W. F. Corcoran, and in 1890 set up in business for himself. His thorough knowledge of his craft, his honest work and his fair and candid treatment of his patrons, together with his kindly and courteous disposition, have won him many friends and gratifying financial returns.

Jan. 30, 1885, Mr. Engquist married Hilda F., the daughter of Michael and Fredrica (Weiland) Youngburg, of Guthenberg, Sweden. Six children have been born of this union: Otis William; Arthur; Laura; Roy; Irene; and Rosevelt.

Mr. Engquist is a member of Widows' Sons' Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., Woodlawn Lodge, No. 39, K. of P., and the New England Order of Protection. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Republican.

FRANK L. MARTIN, prominent in the real-estate business of Waterbury, is a native of that city, born Dec. 25, 1861, and is of Irish descent.

Thomas L. Martin, father of Frank L., was born in Ireland, whence when eighteen years of age he came to the United States, settling in Waterbury, where he followed the business of contractor. He was associated with some of the most ambitious earlier building projects of the town, and to his skill of construction was due the first reservoir of the city. He married Catherine McCarr, also a native of Ireland, and a family of five children were born to them: Thomas, James, Eugene, Frank L., and Mary. Of these, Thomas is a physician in Bridgeport, Conn.; James and Eugene are in the real-estate business in Waterbury; and Mary died at the age of three years. The parents of this family of children died in Waterbury, the father in March, 1886, and the mother in September, 1888.

Frank L. Martin, whose name introduces these lines, received his earlier education at the public schools of his native place, afterward attending Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., and St. John's College, Fordham, N. Y., in which latter institution he studied four years. Returning to Waterbury, he remained at home for a short time, and then went to Seymour, New Haven county, to

accept the position of yard master for the Seymour Brass & Copper Co. After eighteen months he again came home, and has since been engaged in real-estate business, looking after his own affairs in that line, collecting rents, etc.

On Feb. 27, 1889, Mr. Martin married Minnie Hendrick, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of John and Barbara (Scollay) Hendrick, natives of New York, and of old English ancestry; they now live in Waterbury. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Clifford H. and Raymond S. In politics Mr. Martin has been a life-long Democrat, and he is socially a member of the I. O. O. F. Himself and wife are members of St. Patrick's Church at Waterbury. They enjoy the respect and esteem of the entire community.

TIMOTHY J. MCCARTHY, the proprietor of McCarthy's Cafe, a noted resort of Branford, was born in Drinoleague, County Cork, Ireland, Jan. 20, 1869, and is a son of Callahan and Mary (Dunnigan) McCarthy.

Callahan McCarthy came to America, and located at Branford in 1893, where he died in 1896. The children born to him and his wife were as follows: John; Bridget, who became the wife of Daniel O'Sullivan; Patrick; Daniel; Timothy J.; Norah, who became the wife of Hugh McGovern; and Charles.

Timothy J. McCarthy was reared in his native country, and obtained his education in the local schools. While yet a lad he left the home of his forefathers, and landed in New York May 1, 1887. After a brief stay in the great metropolis he came directly to Branford, where for about a year he secured work as a farm hand. The following year was put in at the factory of the Malleable Iron Manufacturing Company, and for four succeeding years he was in the employ of the Branford Lock Works. His present business was entered into in 1894, and the wisdom of the departure has been repeatedly demonstrated.

As becomes so broad-minded a citizen, Mr. McCarthy is variously identified with the social and other interests of his adopted town, and for seven years was a member of Battery A, Light Artillery, Connecticut National Guard, and was at the front for six months during the hostilities between this country and Spain. At the conclusion of the war he was honorably discharged from both the State and national service. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and takes an active part in several of the organizations in connection with the local church. He is a member of the Catholic Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is also a member of Hose Company No. 1, Branford Fire Department, and in his political relations is a staunch Democrat. His genial personality and tact have won him hosts of friends, who rejoice at his rapid rise to prominence through the mediums of enterprise, industry and integrity.

FRANK D. FAGAN, proprietor of a popular tontorial parlor in Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, and was born in Milford April 10, 1865.

Michael P. Fagan, father of Frank D., was born in Ireland, and there studied for the priesthood, but changed his mind and came to the United States when about twenty-four years of age. At Stamford, Conn., he became bookkeeper for the Stamford Stove Works, later filling a similar position in Bridgeport for the Thompson Coal Co. Thence he proceeded to Milford, and for nine years lived on a farm, going then to Pascoag, R. I., where for eleven years he was in the employ of the Granite Mills Co., or up to his death in 1882. By his wife, Margaret (Newman), who was born in Ireland, and died in Rhode Island in 1880, he had a family of seven children, namely: Richard died young; Thomas is a groceryman in Pascoag, R. I., where he is prominent in politics, and represented his town in the Legislature many years; Michael is a blacksmith in Maine; John died young; James is superintendent of a woolen-mill in Oldtown, Maine; and Philip is a barber in Pascoag, R. I.

Frank D. Fagan was four years old when his parents moved to Pascoag, R. I., where he attended school, and at the age of twelve began to devote his evenings to mastering the barber's trade. In Pascoag he worked at his trade for five years, in New Haven for four years, and in July, 1885, came to Waterbury, where he has since been successfully engaged in his business.

On June 4, 1889, Mr. Fagan married Mary S. Johnson, who was born in Waterbury, Conn., a daughter of William Johnson, one of the old settlers of the place. Two children have blessed this union, Mary and Joseph. The parents are members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Mr. Fagan is fraternally affiliated with the K. of P., Speedwell Lodge, No. 10, Waterbury, and other beneficiary societies. In politics he is a Republican, and in 1899 held the office of milk inspector, and is now serving his second term as scaler of weights and measures.

C. L. ROGERS, dealer in meats, vegetables, etc., Waterbury, New Haven Co., Connecticut.

WILLIAM L. LLOYD, a popular and successful young business man of Naugatuck, is a native of New Haven county, born in Beacon Falls, July 16, 1874. His father, Henry Lloyd, a native of Wales, emigrated to the United States about 1850, and landed in New York, whence he walked to Beacon Falls, Conn. He was employed as overseer by the Home Woolen Mill Co., of that place, until 1888, when he retired from business and removed to Naugatuck. Here he erected a pleasant residence and spent the remainder of his life in ease and quiet, dying April 24, 1899. He was a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and was a member of the Masonic fra-

ternity. In religious belief he was a Baptist, while his wife held membership in the Episcopal Church. She bore the maiden name of Sarah Leigh, and is a daughter of William Leigh, who died in Kansas. She was born in England, and is still living. Her children are Ada, wife of George Carroll, of Naugatuck; William L., our subject; Alma and Agnes, who are both at home.

William L. Lloyd spent his boyhood in Beacon Falls, and attended the public schools of that place until fourteen years of age, when he came to Naugatuck and worked in the woolen mill for one year. He then entered the drug store of James O. May as clerk, and remained with him for six years, at the end of which time he decided to engage in the same business on his own account, and accordingly opened his present drug store on South Main street in July, 1895. His trade, which is already large, is constantly increasing, and he is now numbered among the leading business men of the place.

On June 3, 1896, Mr. Lloyd married Miss Catherine M. Myers, a daughter of George and Deetle Myers, but his wife died Jan. 22, 1898. He casts his ballot with the Democratic party, and is a member of Gavel Lodge, No. 18, K. P. He has been elected apothecary of Salem Lodge, Foresters of America, and the Union Club of Waterbury, in both of which he also holds membership.

CHARLES H. MONTGOMERY, foreman for the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co., is one of the well-known citizens of Branford. He is a son of the late William Montgomery, a farmer of Branford, who died Jan. 22, 1898, aged seventy-eight years, two months and sixteen days. The elder Montgomery was a native of Ireland.

PATRICK SHANNAHAN, of Waterbury, who has been a resident of the city for between thirty and forty years, is a native of Ireland, and was born in County Cavan.

Timothy Shannahan, father of our subject, passed his entire life in Ireland as a laborer, though his parents were farming people. By his wife, formerly Mary Slattery, who was also born in County Cavan, and who is still living, he had a family of six children, as follows: Daniel lives in Ireland; Patrick is second in the order of birth; Margaret lives in Ireland; John is in New Zealand; Catherine died young; and Timothy lives in Waterbury.

Patrick Shannahan, our subject, received his education in his native land, and at the age of nineteen came to Waterbury, where he has since resided. For twenty-four years he worked in the factory of Benedict & Burnham and then opened his present liquor business on Pemberton street, in time erecting the building in which he has since been conducting his successful enterprise.

June 14, 1878, Mr. Shannahan married Julia Allman, who was born in Ireland, and who is the

mother of two children, Timothy and Julia. The family attend the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Waterbury, and Mr. Shannahan is a member of the Catholic Legion and the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is an enthusiastic Democrat, though not at any time prejudiced or bigoted.

VICTOR MICHAEL BOHN, a popular young business man of Branford, and the manager of Bohn's Cafe, Branford Point, was born in Weyer, in what was then the French province of Alsace-Lorain, Oct. 12, 1869, and is a son of Michael and Catherine (Lux) Bohn, also natives of Weyer. The paternal grandparents were Joseph and Anna Maria Cuni Bohn, and the maternal grandparents were George and Mary (Zens) Lux, the former a blacksmith by trade. Michael Bohn was a contractor and builder, and reared a family of four children: Henry; Joseph; Mary, who married Eugene Thomas; and Victor Michael.

Victor Michael Bohn was reared in his native town and educated in the public schools. When quite young he was apprenticed at the mason trade, and, becoming expert in this line, worked from 1877 to 1888 with his father. The following year he came to this country and entered the employ of his brother Henry, who has a cafe at Branford, and for seven seasons he has managed his cafe also at the Point.

Mr. Bohn is a member of the Catholic Church, and is faithful to the faith in which he was reared. He is a member of Woodland Lodge, No. 39, K. of P.; the B. F. Hosley Company, No. 13, Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias, of which he is the present capable recorder; Harugari Lodge, No. 600; and New Haven Lodge, No. 25, B. P. O. Elks. In politics he is a Democrat.

EUGENE F. CLARKIN, foreman of the soldering department of the Waterbury Mfg. Co., Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, born April 20, 1867, in Middletown.

John Clarkin, his father, was born about the year 1840, in County Armagh, North of Ireland, whence at the age of twelve years he came to the United States, locating first in Thompsonville, Conn., later in Middletown, coming to Waterbury about 1874, and has since here followed his trade, that of painter. He married Bridget McAleer, who was born in Tariffville, Conn., of Irish descent. She died when our subject was about three years of age. Of the children born to John Clarkin and his wife four are yet living: John is a mechanic in Waterbury; William is a plumber in Hartford; Herbert is a machinist in Brooklyn; and Eugene F. is our subject.

Eugene F. Clarkin on the death of his mother went to live with his grandmother in Stamford, Conn., and at the age of seven years came to Waterbury, where he attended school. At the age of fourteen years he commenced working for the Waterbury Mfg. Co., and has been in the employ of

that firm ever since, being now foreman of the soldering department.

On April 2, 1891, Mr. Clarkin married Margaret Joy, daughter of Michael Joy, who was born in Ireland. No children have been born to this union. Our subject and his wife are members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception; socially he is connected with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Fourth Division, and is vice-president of same; politically he is a Democrat, and at the present time is a member of the bureau of assessments.

F. H. HUMPHREY, secretary of the Waterbury Lumber and Coal Company, Nos. 77-107 Meadow street, Waterbury, New Haven Co., Connecticut.

FRANK SMITH BRADLEY, a bright and progressive young carpenter and joiner of Branford, with hopes and well-defined ambitions for the near future, was born in that town, May 9, 1875, a son of Richard and Mary C. (Smith) Bradley. The family history of the Bradleys may be found in connection with the sketch of Richard Bradley, which appears elsewhere.

Frank Smith Bradley was reared in his native town, and acquired his education in the excellent public schools of that city. Starting out in life for himself, his first engagement was as bookkeeper for a cutlery firm in New Britain, where he remained for two years. At the expiration of this time he set himself to learning the carpenter trade with his father, in whose employ he remained for five years.

On June 22, 1896, Mr. Bradley was married to Miss Nettie S., daughter of George and Frances (Gray) Page, of Branford, and their happy union has been blessed by the birth of two children, Frances M. and Richard, both bright and winsome little people, making a home full of joy and sunshine. Mr. Bradley belongs to the Woodmen of the World, and in religion is a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are charming and attractive young people, and have many friends who delight to gather in their cosy and hospitable home.

EDWARD J. FITZPATRICK, senior member of the firm of Fitzpatrick & Gloster, boot and shoe dealers, Waterbury, is a native of that city, and was born May 29, 1868. His father, Martin Fitzpatrick, was born on the parental farm in County Queen's, Ireland, and emigrated to this country, in 1860 settling in Waterbury, where he followed the occupation of a laborer. Here he married Jane Delaney, also of County Queen's, Ireland, and eight children were born to them, four of whom died young. The other children are Catherine, Mary, Deborah and Edward J. Of these, Catherine married William Peters, of Mill River, Mass.; Mary married Edward Kiernan, of Waterbury; and Deborah married John J. Cluney, also of Waterbury.

Edward J. Fitzpatrick attended the local schools of Waterbury, and when fourteen years old began a service of fifteen years with the Waterbury watch factory, after which he was connected about a year with Brown Brothers. In 1898 he formed a partnership with John L. Gloster, in the boot and shoe business, and the firm of Fitzpatrick & Gloster have since conducted a flourishing business at No. 60 S. Main street.

June 26, 1895, Mr. Fitzpatrick was united in marriage with Adeline M. Long, who was born in New York City, a daughter of Addison Long, a native of the South, and descended from English ancestry. No children have been born of this union. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick are members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Socially he is affiliated with the Ancient Order United Workmen and St. Joseph's T. A. Society. In politics he is a Democrat.

TIMOTHY J. BRENNAN, one of the hustling, go-ahead young business men of Waterbury, is a native of that city, born Nov. 2, 1871.

Michael Brennan, his father, was born in Queen's County, Ireland, and in 1865 came to the United States, settling in Waterbury, Conn., where he followed his trade of stone cutter, and where he died in November, 1895. In 1868 he married Annie Mooney, who was also born in Queen's County, Ireland, and who came to America after a few years spent in England. Mrs. Brennan, who is still living, is the mother of seven children, named as follows: Mary, Timothy J., Nellie, Mary Ann, John, Elizabeth and Maggie. Of these, Nellie is the wife of Patrick Farrell, photographer, Bank street, Waterbury; and John and Elizabeth are deceased.

Timothy J. Brennan received his education at the local schools of his native city, and at the age of twelve years commenced work in the Waterbury Clock works, where he remained some nine years. At the end of that time he entered the bottling establishment of H. A. Flanagan, but being taken sick went to New York, and sojourned there a short time. Returning to Waterbury, he was employed in the fire department one year, and in November, 1897, purchased Mr. Flanagan's retail liquor and bottling business, which he has since successfully conducted.

On Dec. 24, 1897, Mr. Brennan was united in marriage with Mary Laney, of Waterbury, Conn., and they have one child, Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Brennan are members of St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church, Waterbury. Socially he is affiliated with the International Order of Odd Fellows and the B. P. O. Elks, and he is a member of the Union Club. Politically he is a Democrat.

MICHAEL MANION, who has so efficiently represented the Third ward of Derby as alderman, was born in that place July 6, 1874, a son of John and Ann (Ready) Manion, both natives of

Ireland, the former born in County Tipperary, the latter in County Clare. The paternal grandparents of our subject never came to the United States, but when a young man John Manion crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Derby. For twenty-six years he has now been connected with the Consolidated Railroad Company (New York, New Haven & Hartford). He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his family are members of the Catholic Church. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Manion, six are still living: Edward, a telegraph operator; Michael, our subject; John, fireman on the "Scout," a government vessel; Mary, Frank and Nora, all at home.

With the exception of five months spent in Florida Michael Manion has passed his entire life in Derby, and is indebted to its public schools for his educational privileges. After leaving school he worked in different shops until seventeen years of age, at which time he began learning the carpenter's trade, and has since followed that pursuit. On Feb. 9, 1899, he married Miss Margaret Connors, of Derby, a daughter of Michael and Hannah Connors. Mr. and Mrs. Manion are both members of the Roman Catholic Church, and are held in high regard by all who know them. As a Democrat he has become prominently identified with public affairs, and in the fall of 1898 was elected alderman from the Third ward, performing his duties in a most creditable and acceptable manner.

JOHN J. MACAULEY, builder, Waterbury, New Haven County, Connecticut.

EDWARD L. CARTER was born in North Cohasset, Mass., Sept. 12, 1872, a son of William M. Carter, whose family history is published in connection with the sketch of Henry B. Carter, to be found elsewhere.

Edward L. Carter spent the first twelve years of his life at Nantasket Beach, Mass., where he attended school, and developed a fine physique. In 1885 he came to Waterbury, Conn., and finished his schooling by four years attendance upon the instruction of the Waterbury high school. When his school days were over he entered the employ of the Waterbury Watch Co., and worked with them for three and a half years, and then became connected with the Waterbury Clock Co. as an apprentice to learn painting. Mr. Carter has worked his way up in this firm until now he is foreman of the finishing department, and is one of the most trusted men on the rolls of this extensive company.

On April 20, 1894, Edward L. Carter and Miss Eva T. Bailey were married. Mrs. Carter is a sister of Mrs. H. B. Sanderson, and her family history is presented in connection with the biography of Mr. Sanderson, which is to be found on another page. Mrs. Carter is a bright and attractive young woman, and a lady of many gifts and graces. There are no children in their family circle. Mr. Carter is one of

the most conspicuous figures of the Waterbury National Guard. He entered Company A, 2d Regiment, Conn. National Guard, in March, 1890, and Dec. 14, 1891, he was appointed a corporal; Nov. 21, 1892, he was made sergeant; May 1, 1891, he won the Officers' Gold Badge for superiority in drill and discipline; and July 17, 1893, he was appointed regimental sergeant-major on the staff of Col. John B. Doherty. Mr. Carter is still in the service, and March 3, 1900, was awarded the ten-year medal for long service, and July, 1900, received the ten-year medal for superior markmanship. In 1893 Mr. Carter was appointed one of the regimental team for competitive shooting at New Haven. The record which he has made in that line is among the very best in the State. Politically he is a Republican, and socially he belongs to Noshogon Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., and Harmony Lodge, No. 42.

LESTER E. WARNER is the well-known proprietor of the Enterprise Fruit Farm of Hamden, which is pleasantly located on Munson street, three miles from New Haven. He is one of the most progressive, energetic and successful agriculturists of the community, and in business affairs is prompt and notably reliable. Mr. Warner was born in Hamden, Oct. 14, 1865, on the old homestead of his grandfather, Jonah Warner, who resided there throughout a long and useful life. He was one of the representative farmers of the town and was an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Miss Sanford, and to them were born nine children, Albert, Abner, Minor, Harley, Elizabeth, Maria, Alma, Eliza and Litha, all of whom married and lived past middle life.

Harley Warner, father of our subject, began life for himself at the age of eighteen years by driving a team used in hauling wood, and the money which he saved from his wages he invested in calves on his return home. He then had charge of the old farm, upon which he continued to live until 1876, when he moved to the place now occupied by our subject and resided there until his dwelling was destroyed by fire in July, 1898. He then went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Ella Warner, and at her home died March 10, 1899. For over sixty years he was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and served as class leader for forty years. He was prominent in town and church affairs, but never aspired to office. His political support was given the men and measures of the Republican party. For a great many years he was interested in the wood business in connection with farming, and though he started out in life for himself as a poor boy, he steadily prospered and became quite well-to-do. He was twice married, his first wife being Susanna Dorman, who died leaving no children, and for his second wife he married Emily Alling, a daughter of Isaac Alling. She is still living and makes her home with her

daughter, Mrs. Ella Warner. She is the mother of the following children: Harley A., a prominent dairy farmer of Hamden; Rosetta E., wife of Ellsworth Warner, of Wallingford, Conn.; Lester E., our subject; and Ella, wife of Edwin N. Warner, of Hamden.

Lester E. Warner was seven years old when the family removed to the farm upon which he now resides, and he was educated in the district schools of the neighborhood. At the age of seventeen he went to Bethany, Conn., where he worked for Charley E. Ball as teamster for two months, and then returned home, giving his father the benefit of his labor until he attained his majority, when he rented the farm and commenced life for himself. He is now the owner of about 100 acres of land, all in one body, and is successfully engaged in general farming and the dairy business, keeping for the latter purpose thirty-one head of cattle. He sells the milk at wholesale. In 1894 he became interested in fruit raising, and now has upon his place fourteen hundred peach trees and several hundred apple, pear and plum trees. In this undertaking he has also prospered.

On Oct. 15, 1888, Mr. Warner was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Warner, a daughter of Vinous Warner, and to them were born four children, three of whom are living: Ralph M.; Gladys E.; and Doris Agnes. Politically Mr. Warner affiliates with the Republican party, and fraternally is connected with Harmony Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New Haven. As a business man and citizen he stands high in the esteem of his fellow men, and commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

JACOB BEISIEGEL, farmer, Westville, town of Woodbridge, New Haven County, Connecticut.

HOBERT FRANKLIN KELSEY, one of the well-known dairy farmers of Branford, was born in Haddam, Conn., Aug. 5, 1834, and is a son of Albert and Almira (Higgins) Kelsey, natives respectively of Killingworth and East Hampton, Connecticut.

The paternal grandfather Kelsey was a farmer of Killingworth, Conn., and he reared his son, Albert, to an appreciation of the dignity and usefulness of an agricultural existence. The latter settled in Guilford in 1839, and for the remainder of his life was identified with the same locality. He was the father of eight children: Hobert F.; Watson D.; Jeanette, who married a Mr. Bartholomew; Cynthia, who married Mr. Porter; Ada, who married Henry Smith; Mary, who is Mrs. John Hugh Baldwin; Richard; and Egbert.

In 1866 Hobert Franklin Kelsey took up his residence in Branford, having previously been educated in the common schools of Guilford. He conducts a model dairy, and in connection therewith is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. The

year of his arrival in Branford he married Ann Eliza, daughter of Adolphus and Abigail (Walker) Palmer, of Branford. Of this union were born three children: William H.; Oscar C.; and Bertha, the latter being the wife of Burton Stowe. Mr. Kelsey was married a second time, his wife being Ann, a daughter of Guernsey and Lucretia (Jones) Kelsey.

Although a staunch Republican Mr. Kelsey has never been an aspirant for political honors, but has, nevertheless, served as a member of the School Committee. He is one of the solid and reliable men of the community, and as a dairyman receives a liberal patronage from the best people of the town.

JOHN A. WILLARD. The Willard family, of whom John Augustus Willard is a typical representative, has for generations taken a prominent part in the business and religious affairs of New England.

The progenitor of the family in America was Major Simeon Willard, who was born in Kent, England, in 1605, and came to the New World thirty years later, settling at Cambridge, Mass., where he died April 27, 1676, at the age of seventy-one years. Major Willard was three times married, and became the father of seventeen children. The names of his three wives were Mary Shapel, Elizabeth Dunster and Mary Dunster.

Josiah Willard, his third child, removed to Hartford, and later to Wethersfield, New Haven county, where he died in 1674. March 20, 1656, he married Hannah Hosmer, and to this union were born eight children.

Thomas Willard, a child of Josiah, was born in Wethersfield, and located at East Guilford, now Madison, where he died in April, 1719. He was married July 8, 1689, to Abigail Bradley, born March 13, 1672, died Nov. 10, 1746, a daughter of Nathan Bradley. She was the mother of ten children: Josiah, born Jan. 10 1691, married Mary Goodale, and died on Nov. 24, 1746; Hannah, born May 31, 1695, married Daniel Bartlett, and died June 30, 1719; Abigail, born Dec. 30, 1699, and died in January, 1700; Prudence, born March 2, 1701, married David Green, and died Nov. 27, 1737; Daniel, born Aug. 10, 1704, married Thankfull Wilcox, and died Oct. 19, 1745; Jared, born March 4, 1706, married Catherine Bates, and died April 30, 1776; Jersuba, born Oct. 5, 1707, married Nathaniel Farnham; Nathan, born May 20, 1709, died June 14, 1709; Dorathy, born June 21, 1711, died young; Nathan, born June 25, 1714, married Esther Blatchley, and died in June, 1772.

Josiah Willard, noted above, born in 1691, in East Guilford, died Nov. 24, 1751. He was married Oct. 28, 1720, to Mary Goodale, who was born in January, 1695, and died Oct. 17, 1750. Their children were: John, born June 29, 1722, married Mary Horton, and died Dec. 9, 1767; Stephen, born Dec. 31, 1724; Hannah, born Dec. 31, 1726, died

Oct. 1, 1749; Mary, born Oct. 10, 1732, married Ebenezer Graves, and died March 6, 1820.

Stephen Willard was born in East Guilford, and died May 14, 1804. Dec. 19, 1751, he was married to Martha Goodale, and the children born of this union were: Hannah, born Aug. 30, 1753, died Sept. 10, 1753; James, born Nov. 23, 1754, married Anna Dudley, and died in July 1814; Elias, born Feb. 23, 1759, married Lois Stevens, and died Dec. 16, 1823; Ada, born Dec. 11, 1763, died Dec. 26, 1763; One (name not given), born Oct. 17, 1764, married Jerusha C. Meigs, and died March 1, 1838; Hiel, born June 30, 1769, died Oct. 22, 1851, married, first, Emma Blatchley, who was born Feb. 8, 1757, and died March 19, 1803; his second wife was Submit Kelsey, born in 1771, and died in October, 1866. Their children were: Jonathan G., born in 1790, married Lydia Redfield, and died Oct. 10, 1872; James, born in 1793; Fannie, born in 1796, married Noah Robinson, and died July 17, 1865; Jehiel Olmstead, born in 1798, married Phebe Wilcox, and died Aug. 11, 1879; Eunice, married James Hinman; Benjamin, born in 1799, married Abigail C. Stevens; Ruth Ann, who married James Francis; Harriet, who married Mr. Bush.

James Willard, the father of John A., was born in Madison, where he died April 24, 1883. Susan Channing, his wife, was born in 1798, in Newport, R. I., and died Nov. 7, 1876. Their children were: Sophia, born Oct. 15, 1817, married William F. Bradley; John Augustus, born Nov. 8, 1820; James L., born Oct. 15, 1825, married Victoria Hlopson, and is a clergyman; William Blatchley, born Dec. 12, 1826, married Mary E. Redfield, and died May 31, 1871; Samuel Francis, born Nov. 12, 1828, married Margaret Bradley, and died in the army, Nov. 17, 1862; Amelia Euston, born Feb. 22, 1833, married Timothy Wilcox; Edward Newell, born April 2, 1836.

James Willard was reared a farmer, but in his young manhood took to the sea, and became master of a schooner in the produce trade between New York and coast points. In middle life he bought the Moses Blatchley farm, on which he built a dwelling house, and made many substantial improvements. A Democrat and a good citizen, he cherished no political aspirations, but worked hard, lived an honest life, and left a good name to his children.

John Augustus Willard attended the public schools of Madison, where he was born Nov. 8, 1820. He was reared on the paternal farm and eventually care for his parents in their old age. In his earlier manhood he was engaged in the coasting trade, and commanded a small schooner, which carried country produce to New York. His later years were devoted to farming on his charming place to which he has given the name of "Sea View." Here he has made a success of his calling, and is among the highly successful agriculturists of the community. Like his father he is a Democrat, and has been selectman of the town. For more than

thirty years Mr. Willard has been a member of Madison Lodge, No. 83, F. & A. M. With his family he is a member of the Congregational Church, and sustains the respect and confidence of the community to a marked degree.

Mr. Willard was married to Ella A. Wellman, in Clinton, Conn. Mrs. Willard was born in Clinton in 1825, and is a daughter of John Wellman. This union, which has lasted for more than fifty-four years, has been blessed with three children: Harriet A., born in 1846, died Dec. 13, 1866; Nellie L., born in 1854, married Charles B. Upton, of Bristol, Conn., and died in January, 1900; Edward, born in 1858, married May 24, 1882, Mary J. Graves, and is the father of two children.

W. A. ROBBINS is an employe of the Holmes, Booth & Haydens Company, Waterbury, New Haven County, Connecticut.

FRANK EDWARD BEACH, contractor and jobber, and one of the leading citizens of Branford, was born May 22, 1858, in the town of Branford, on the old Beach homestead, which he now owns and occupies.

(I) John Beach, "the Pilgrim," was the first of this family in New England, and was in New Haven, Conn., as early as 1643. His son (II) Nathaniel, born in 1662, was a son of (III) David, born in 1692.

(IV) Elnathan Beach, son of (III) David, was born May 11, 1729, and died Aug. 22, 1799. He married Lydia Harrington, born Jan. 5, 1733, and died Oct. 4, 1795.

(V) John Harrington Beach, son of the above, was born Jan. 5, 1756, and died July 16, 1834. He married Phebe Frisbie.

(VI) John Beach, son of the above, was born April 21, 1784, and died June 22, 1864. He was twice married, first time, Oct. 27, 1803, to Vina Baldwin, who died in 1806; his second marriage was May 21, 1807, with Sally Tyler Harrison, who died March 8, 1863.

(VII) David Beach, son of (VI) John, and the father of Frank E., was born Oct. 25, 1817, on the homestead in the town of Branford, and he died in 1895. He married, Jan. 8, 1846, Sylvia, daughter of Noah and Betsey (Rogers) Baldwin, of Branford, and five children were born to them, three of whom reached maturity: Betsey B., John H. and Frank E.

(VIII) Frank E. Beach was reared on the homestead, and received his education at the public schools of the neighborhood. Until the year 1894 he followed agricultural pursuits. He then embarked in the manufacture of children's clothing, in which he continued a couple of years, in 1896 opening a news stand in Branford, conducting same also two years, at the end of that time engaging in his present business as contractor and jobber, in which line he is meeting with well-merited success.

On Nov. 26, 1879, Frank E. Beach was united

in marriage with Alida, daughter of John and Eliza (Thompson) Duncan, of Branford, and they have one son living, David Duncan. Politically Mr. Beach is a staunch Republican; socially he is a member of Widows' Sons' Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., and of the N. E. O. P., both of Branford.

CHARLES BOYLAN, dealer in butter, eggs and cheese, on South Main street, Waterbury, was born in Naugatuck, Conn., June 3, 1862, a son of Patrick and Ann (Brady) Boylan, both of whom are now deceased.

Patrick Boylan was born in Ireland, and was one of the first three Irishmen to settle in Naugatuck. Mr. Boylan married Ann Brady in Stamford, and their union was blessed with five children: John, Thomas, Philip, Charles and Francis. Of these, John died at the age of forty years in Naugatuck; Thomas is a brickmaker in Hartford; Philip lives in retirement in Albany, N. Y.; Francis died in Waterbury at the age of twenty-eight years.

Charles Boylan passed his boyhood days in Naugatuck, attending school and working in a rubber factory for some time, after which he worked in the Malleable Iron Works at Bridgeport. For three and a half years after coming to Waterbury he worked in a clock case factory. In 1894 he engaged in the fruit business, which he carried on about two and a half years, when he sold out and for about three years was employed as a laborer. He then engaged in his present business on South Main street, is doing a thriving trade, and is the most popular dealer in his line in the city.

In May, 1890, Mr. Boylan was joined in marriage with Miss Mary Pendy, who is a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of John Pendy, who came from Ireland. Their home has been blessed by three children, John F., Charles and Ellenetta. They are being reared in the Roman Catholic faith, the parents being faithful members of St. Patrick's parish, to the support of which they freely contribute. In politics Mr. Boylan is a staunch Democrat, and is very popular with his party, and at present is the representative from the Fourth ward of Waterbury in the board of aldermen. Fraternally he is a member of the Foresters of America, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Knights of Columbus and the Woodmen of the World. He and wife are held in the highest esteem socially, irrespective of church affiliations, and as a business man he is recognized as strictly honorable in all his transactions.

T. W. AHERN, treasurer of The Naugatuck News Company, Naugatuck, New Haven County, Connecticut.

HARLEY A. WARNER is a leading dairy farmer of Hamden, New Haven Co., Conn., and he evidences by the manner in which he carries on his business that he thoroughly understands the voca-

tion in which he is engaged. Neatness and order prevail upon his place, and it is managed in a manner which reflects great credit upon the owner.

Mr. Warner was born upon his present farm, Oct. 24, 1862, and there his father, Harley Warner, was also born Sept. 10, 1813, it being the old homestead of his paternal grandfather, Jonah Warner, who resided there throughout a long and useful career. He was one of the representative farmers of the community and was an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married a Miss Sanford, and to them were born nine children, Albert, Abner, Minor, Harley, Elizabeth, Maria, Alma, Eliza and Litha, all of whom married and passed middle life.

Harley Warner, the father of our subject, began life for himself at the age of eighteen years by driving a team used in hauling wood, and the money which he saved from his wages, he invested in calves on his return home. He then had charge of the old farm, upon which he continued to live until 1876, when he removed to the place now occupied by his son, Lester, and resided there until his residence was destroyed by fire in July, 1898. He then went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Ella Warner, and at her home died March 10, 1899. For over sixty years he was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and served as class leader for forty years. He was prominent in town and church affairs, but never aspired to office. His political support was given the men and measures of the Republican party. For a great many years he was interested in farming and the wood business, and though he started out in life for himself a poor boy, he steadily prospered and became quite well-to-do. He was twice married, his first wife being Susanna Dorman, who died leaving no children, and for his second wife he married Emily Alling, a daughter of Isaac Alling. She is still living and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ella Warner. Our subject is the oldest of their children, the others being Rosetta E., wife of Ellsworth Warner, of Wallingford, Conn.; Lester a prominent fruit grower of Hamden; and Ella, wife of Edwin N. Warner, of Hamden.

Harley A. Warner, whose name introduces this review, is indebted to the public schools of Hamden for his educational advantages, and upon the home farm he acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. He remained with his father until he attained his majority, and then started out in life for himself as a farmer, which occupation he has continued to follow with marked success up to the present time. He returned to the old homestead in November, 1896, and upon the place has since made many modern and substantial improvements which add greatly to its value and attractive appearance. Having prospered in his undertakings, he has become the owner of five tracts of land, aggregating 100 acres, and now devotes the greater part of his time and attention to the dairy business.

On Oct. 14, 1806, Mr. Warner married Miss Lillian Shepard, a daughter of Edwin D. and Ella N. (Dorman) Shepard, of New Haven. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and socially is a member of Yale Conclave, No. 244, Improved Order of Heptasophis, of New Haven.

A. H. KELTY, drugs, Derby, New Haven County, Connecticut.

EARLISS PORTER ARVINE, a lawyer of high standing in New Haven, where he has been continuously engaged in the active practice of the law for some thirty years, is one of its substantial men and citizens.

Born April 19, 1846, in Woonsocket, R. I., Mr. Arvine is a son of Rev. Kazlett and Mary Ann (Porter) Arvine, and is descended on both sides from an early and sturdy New England ancestry. His father, a Baptist minister of ability and learning, the author of "Cyclopedia of Anecdotes of Literature and Fine Arts," was a native of Centerville, Allegany Co., N. Y., and a descendant of the Palmers (he had his name changed by act of Legislature to Arvine) of that locality, the forerunner of whom came thither from the State of New Hampshire, and to that State from England. On his mother's side, Earlliss P. Arvine is a descendant in the seventh generation from Dr. Daniel Porter, of Farmington, Conn., who was licensed by the General Court in 1654 to practice medicine, and became Surgeon General for the Colony. Dr. Porter was one of the signers of the petition of Oct. 9, 1673, for the planting of Waterbury. He died in 1690. His wife's Christian name was Mary. From this Dr. Daniel Porter our subject's lineage is through Dr. Daniel Porter (2), Dr. Timothy, Daniel (3), Deacon Timothy and Mary Ann (Porter) Arvine.

(II) Dr. Daniel Porter (2), son of Dr. Daniel of Farmington, born Feb. 2, 1652-53, married Deborah Holcomb. He was one of the original settlers of Waterbury, and for a long period was the only physician in that town. He was also a land surveyor and a useful citizen for some fifty years from the settlement of the town. He died Jan. 18, 1726, and his wife Deborah, on May 4, 1765.

(III) Dr. Timothy Porter, son of Dr. Daniel (2), born Jan. 19, 1725, married Margaret Skinner, who was born in 1739, daughter of Gideon Skinner, of Bolton, Conn. Dr. Porter was throughout life a prominent physician of Waterbury, highly esteemed by the community. He appreciated education and gave his children liberal advantages in that direction, and they were quite remarkable in their different callings in life. Dr. Timothy Porter died Jan. 24, 1792, and his wife passed away in 1813.

(IV) Daniel Porter (3), son of Dr. Timothy, born Sept. 23, 1768, married June 9, 1789, Ana Ingham, a granddaughter of Israel Clark, of Southington, Conn. Mr. Porter was a land surveyor and

a lawyer of great ability, though he never sought admission to the Bar. He served the town as selectman. He became a large land owner.

(V) Deacon Timothy Porter, son of Daniel (3), born Jan. 20, 1792, died in August, 1864. He married (first) May 17, 1812, Clarissa, daughter of Ebenezer Frisbie. She died Nov. 18, 1821, and on Dec. 30, 1824, he married (second) Polly Ann Todd, who was born May 12, 1800, daughter of Hezekiah Todd, of Cheshire, Conn. Deacon Timothy Porter was one of the prominent and successful farmers and manufacturers of Waterbury, in his day. Although agriculture was his chief occupation, he was active and busy in various lines. In early life he worked on a farm through the summer season and taught school in the winters. After his marriage he purchased property. Being very thrifty he ran a carding machine and prospered in the business. Selling his machine in 1829, he for twenty years thereafter carried on the business of brick-making, supplying during that period about all the brick used in Waterbury. In 1845 he was instrumental in establishing a brass mill on his property—owning a fine water power on Mad river—which became the East Mill of the Waterbury Brass Co. He disposed of his interest in this in 1862. As a Whig Deacon Porter represented Waterbury in the State Legislature. He left the Whig party about 1840, and affiliated with the Liberal party, being a strong opponent of slavery.

(VI) Mary Ann Porter, daughter of Deacon Timothy, born Aug. 21, 1815, married Rev. Kazlett Arvine.

Earlliss Porter Arvine was prepared for college at the Episcopal Academy in Cheshire, Conn., and at the Connecticut Literary Institute, in Suffield. He then entered Yale University, from which institution he was graduated in 1869. Subsequently he was graduated from Yale Law School, was admitted to the Bar in New Haven county in 1871, and located in the practice of law in New Haven. By his studious habits, energy and ability, he has won creditable standing in the profession and in citizenship.

Mr. Arvine is a Democrat. He has been several times the candidate of his party for municipal honors, notably for city clerk and probate judge. In 1892 he received at the hands of the late Gov. Luzon B. Morris, the appointment as a member of the Inter-State Commission for the unification of the laws.

On Sept. 2, 1871, Mr. Arvine was married to Alice Jane, daughter of Artemus Lendo Strong, of South Manchester, Conn., and a descendant in the eighth generation of Elder John Strong, of Windsor, Conn., who came from England to the American Colonies in 1630. Her lineage is through John (2), John (3), Deacon David, Ebenezer, Ebenezer (2), and Artemus L. Strong. To Mr. and Mrs. Arvine have been born three children, Palmer, William B. and Edward K.

ULRICH HARING. No better illustration of the characteristic energy and enterprise of the typical German-American can be found than that afforded by the career of Ulrich Haring, who is living in Naugatuck, New Haven Co., Conn. Coming to this country with no capital, he has made his way to success through wisely directed effort, and can now look back with satisfaction upon past struggles.

A native of Baden, Germany, Mr. Haring was born July 25, 1860, a son of Ulrich and Mary (Stattale) Haring, also natives of that kingdom, where both his paternal and maternal grandfathers followed farming throughout life. The parents, who never came to America, died in Germany, the father in 1871, the mother in November, 1870. They had five children, namely: Casper, now a brewer in Nebraska; Bibata, still a resident of Germany; Pierce, deceased; Mary, who also continues to reside in the old country; and Ulrich.

Mr. Haring grew to manhood in his native land, his time being passed in attending the public schools and working for a farmer until fourteen years of age. He then served a two-years' apprenticeship at the bakers' trade, and at the end of that time went to Switzerland, where he worked at his trade until his emigration to America, in November, 1880. Shortly after his arrival in this country he took up his residence in Waterbury, Conn., where he followed his chosen occupation for one year. He then returned to New York for the purpose of gaining a more thorough knowledge of the business, and after devoting four years to his trade in that city he again came to Waterbury, Conn., and had charge of Thomas Carey's bakery for three years and a half. While there he was married to Miss Helen Kuhn, also a native of Germany.

After his marriage Mr. Haring spent some time in New Britain, where he at first worked for others at his trade, and then conducted a bakery of his own for two years. On disposing of his property he came to Naugatuck in September, 1891, and was engaged in the baking business until Feb. 1, 1898. He has met with remarkable success in business and has made some judicious investments, so that he is now quite well-to-do, having an income from his property sufficient to meet all requirements. Politically he is an ardent Republican, and religiously is a member of the Catholic Church. He is a member of several fraternal organizations, including the German branches of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

EULIUS B. SHELDON, a leading business citizen of the city of New Haven, Conn., the head of the well-known firm of The E. B. Sheldon Company, electrotypers, book-compositors, printers and engravers, located at Nos. 101-103-105 Meadow street, New Haven, has an honorable ancestral line.

Isaac Sheldon, the founder of the Sheldon family in Connecticut, was probably born in England

about 1629, his name being known in Windsor, Conn., in 1651-2. In 1653 he married Mary Woodford, of Hartford, Conn., who bore him twelve children. She died in 1684. In 1685 he married again, and by this union had one son. Twelve of his children were living when he died, July 27, 1708.

Thomas Sheldon, third son of Isaac, was born in 1661, in Northampton, where his father was the first settler. He married Mary Hinsdale, and they moved to Suffield, Conn., and reared a family of eight children.

Josiah Sheldon, fourth child of Thomas, was born in Suffield, Conn., in 1695, and on May 30, 1721, married Ann Stanley, of Hartford, Conn. All of his children were born, however, in Suffield: Daniel, born Feb. 2, 1725; Asher, born Nov. 16, 1728, died Feb. 19, 1794; Ann, born Dec. 28, 1730, died Feb. 11, 1731; Ann, born June 28, 1732; and Ruth, born Sept. 4, 1736.

Asher Sheldon, son of Josiah, was born Nov. 16, 1728, and became a hatter by trade. He purchased land in Branford and settled there in 1751. On Aug. 22, 1751, he married Wealthy Ann Steele, of Branford, and their children were: Wealthy, born Sept. 5, 1753, died Nov. 2, 1753; Asher, born Jan. 30, 1756; Wealthy, born March 17, 1758; Daniel, born Nov. 11, 1760; Roswell, born June 28, 1763; Mary, born April 15, 1766; Ann, born Dec. 3, 1768, died Feb. 23, 1826; and Abigail, born Nov. 28, 1771, died April 9, 1773. Asher Sheldon died Feb. 19, 1794, and his wife March 3, 1772.

Asher Sheldon (2), son of Asher, was born Jan. 30, 1756, married Hannah Rogers, March 25, 1778, and died April 27, 1780.

Jere Sheldon, only child of Asher (2), was born Feb. 17, 1779, and baptized July 4, 1784. He married Caty, a daughter of Capt. Oliver and Phoebe (Rogers) Lanfare, born March 2, 1778, and died Feb. 29, 1804. They had a family of eleven children: Sophronia, born March 1, 1802, married James Burton, and died July 13, 1808; Truman, born May 17, 1803, married Almira Apley, of Goshen, Conn. (who died May 12, 1871), and died June 13, 1886; Nicholas, born Oct. 15, 1804; Austin, born June 20, 1806, married Julia Ann Tuttle, of Bristol, Conn. (who died July 16, 1872), and died Jan. 18, 1888; Wilson, born April 9, 1808, married Phoebe R. Mathews, of Bristol, Oct. 17, 1830, and she died March 25, 1858, while he survived until Nov. 30, 1890; Apollas, born May 14, 1810, died March 20, 1825; Betsey, born Jan. 5, 1812, married Harvey Frisbie, of Branford, in 1834, her death taking place on April 7, 1893, he still surviving; Asher, born March 12, 1814, married first in 1845, Sarah Ann Bunnell, who died on Aug. 3, 1848, and in 1849 he married second Jane H. Doolittle, both still surviving; Wealthy Ann, born March 13, 1816, married Seth Peck (who died Feb. 9, 1887), and died June 1, 1865; Roswell B., born Oct. 24, 1817, married Mary Louisa Hendricks, in 1839, and died June 23, 1894 (she died June 15,

1889); and Phoebe S., born Nov. 25, 1820, married Captain William Cowper Baldwin, Sept. 23, 1842, in New Haven, and died June 1, 1899 (Captain Baldwin was a native of Middlebury, and died on Jan. 17, 1858). Jere Sheldon in 1822 moved from Stony Creek, in town of Branford, to Pine Orchard, where he and his wife lived to advanced age, his death occurring Nov. 30, 1870, when ninety-one years old.

Nicholas Sheldon, son of Jere, was born in Branford, then went to New Haven, later moving to Bristol, Conn. After a few years, in the interests of his business, which was that of cabinet and clock case maker, he removed to a better field of operation, at North Goshen, Conn., where he had a factory, and added cheese boxes to his output. In 1853 he returned to New Haven, and here followed his former trade, adding carriage wood work, at which he was actively engaged until within a few weeks of his death, Sept. 15, 1860. On Nov. 22, 1830, he was married in North Goshen, by Rev. George Carrington, to Miss Susan Norval, of Scottish extraction, who was born Sept. 3, 1805, and died Dec. 26, 1870. Their children were: Mary B., born Dec. 17, 1831, died Nov. 11, 1833; Newton R., born Dec. 19, 1835, died Sept. 14, 1841; Mary I., born May 15, 1838, and married William B. Nichols, formerly of New Haven, now of Seymour; Amelia, born and died Sept. 21, 1841; Ellen A., born April 23, 1843, married Howard G. Ford, of the town of Hamden; and Julius B., of New Haven. Nicholas Sheldon was well known in early days as a staunch Whig, but later became an active Republican. The family for many years have been prominent in the Congregational Church.

Julius B. Sheldon, son of Nicholas, was born in North Goshen, Conn., Dec. 20, 1845, and there spent his boyhood until the age of seven years, at which time the family moved to New Haven. Mr. Sheldon received an excellent common school education, being a pupil of the Dixwell school, in New Haven, and then went to work in the Whitney armory, where he remained for some time, later going into the Plant Manufacturing Co., working on a government contract. Later he was employed in this same place by John Marlin, and continued until 1868, when the burning of the establishment caused him to make a change. In the electrotype business, with the firm of Arvine & Twiss, he continued for a short time and then obtained an interest in the business, and some three years later bought the interest of Mr. Arvine and has remained in this connection ever since. For some time he conducted the electrotype business on State street, but later formed a company, admitting C. S. Butler and E. H. Parkhurst to partnership and the business was continued on State street. In 1890, a joint stock company was formed under the name of The E. B. Sheldon Co., and this company bought the land and erected the imposing brick block, on Meadow street, which has been the plant's location, and where a very large

business is carried on. The name is one which is respected in the business world, and ably represents its line in New Haven.

On Nov. 18, 1868, Mr. Sheldon, the efficient and capable head of this large company, was married to Miss Grace Benton, a native of Woodbridge, Conn. Six children have been born to this union: Beulah, who married Henry Bushnell; Mary, who married Frederick Downs; Everett, who is following the trade of electrotyper; Emma, who married C. O. Buckingham, of Deep River, Conn.; and Susan and John, at home. In his political sympathies, Mr. Sheldon is a Republican, but his business absorbs him too closely to permit of seeking political honors. With his family, he is connected with the Congregational Church, where he is a liberal supporter of its various lines of benevolent work. As an intelligent and successful man of business, a lover of law and order, a supporter of charitable and public-spirited enterprises, Mr. Sheldon may well be regarded as one of the representative citizens of this city.

EZRA PIERCE. Throughout the length and breadth of Southbury and in the neighboring towns, Ezra Pierce is widely known as a successful farmer, and as a man of unusual force of character. He has been a farmer all his life, and in his personality displays one of the splendid types of this vocation.

Mr. Pierce was born Dec. 4, 1842, on the farm now occupied by his brother, Charles B., and is the son of Edwin Pierce, grandson of Benjamin Pierce and great-grandson of Joseph, who was a farmer and a native of Southbury. Benjamin Pierce, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Southbury, in 1764. He married, Nov. 29, 1798, Miss Lucy Beers, of Newtown, and to them were born three children: Starling, born Jan. 13, 1800; Chloe, born March 31, 1801; and Edwin, born July 9, 1807, on the farm which our subject now occupies. Benjamin Pierce was for a great many years constable of the town. He died Dec. 16, 1843, aged seventy-nine years, and his wife died March 30, 1855. Starling B., their eldest child, married Sally Hunt, and had one child, Mary A., who was born Nov. 28, 1825, married Etson C. Chamberlain and died Feb. 2, 1877, aged fifty-one years, her husband dying Jan. 26, 1877, aged fifty-five years. Chloe died April 9, 1878, aged seventy-six years.

Edwin Pierce, the father of our subject, when thirteen years of age, moved with his parents to a farm adjoining the old homestead, and there spent his entire life engaged in farming. He married Miss Nancy Mallory, who was born in Southbury, in October, 1815, and to them were born four children, namely: Susan, who was born Jan. 28, 1837, and married John Bryan; Lucian, who was born Feb. 24, 1839, and died Sept. 30, 1888; Ezra, our subject; and Charles B., born May 30, 1857, now a farmer of Southbury. Edwin Pierce was a Demo-

erat in politics. He served as a member of the State legislature in 1852, and for nine years was selectman of the town. He died Nov. 2, 1875, his wife surviving him until Dec. 29, 1893.

Ezra Pierce received his education in the public school in Southbury, and a private school of Woodbury, and remained on the farm where he was born until his marriage, Feb. 24, 1878, to Miss Matilda Gates, a native of Vermont. In 1882 he built the house in which he now resides, and there has since engaged in general farming and dairy business. He owns about 300 acres of land, and is one of the most prosperous farmers of Southbury. His well improved property is located two miles from South Britain. In politics Mr. Pierce is a Democrat. He has filled many local offices, including those of town treasurer one year, constable and school visitor for several years each. In 1872 he was elected a member of the State Legislature, serving with satisfaction to his constituents and credit to himself. He is highly esteemed and eminently successful as a farmer.

FREDERICK MONCKMEYER, contractor with the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., and one of Meriden's respected German-American citizens, was born Feb. 26, 1843, in the city of Hanover, Province of Hanover, Germany.

Christian Monckmeyer, father of Frederick, was also born in Hanover, Germany, and followed the business of carpenter and builder, becoming before his death a large contractor. He spent his whole life in his native country, and died at the age of eighty-one years, a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. He was twice married, his first wife being named Louise, and the second, Hannah. Both died in Germany. The five children born to Mr. Monckmeyer were as follows: Sophia, deceased; William, a resident of Hanover, Germany; Christian, who died in Meriden, in 1868; Eliza, who lives in Germany; and Frederick, the subject of this sketch.

Frederick Monckmeyer was very thoroughly instructed in the German schools, and then learned the machinist's trade. He was offered and accepted a position as assistant engineer on board the S. S. "Hansa," of the North German-Lloyd line, in 1864, and held the position for two years, making schedule trips between New York and Bremen. In 1866 he gave up the sea and came to Meriden, Conn., which as a manufacturing center, attracts skilled workmen from all over the world. He soon became established with the Bradley & Hubbard Mfg. Co., with whom he has remained for the past thirty-six years, during the greater part of this period being engaged on contract work, in the architectural iron department. His skill has won him the confidence of his employers, while his personal attributes have made him esteemed and respected by all with whom business or social life brings him into contact.

On May 2, 1869, Mr. Monckmeyer was married

to Sophia Ulbrand, born in Oldenburg, Germany, daughter of William Ulbrand, who lived and died in his native home. Mrs. Monckmeyer is a woman much devoted to her home and family, and has a host of friends. Her fine home on Crown St. shows the presence of an excellent housewife. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Monckmeyer, namely: Arthur C., a foreman in the Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., married Dora Stamer; Josie C. married Charles H. Beyerle, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and they have one son, Arthur F.; Charlotte M. is at home; Frederick W. is a student of architecture at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and two died young.

Mr. Monckmeyer is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, has taken a deep interest in educational matters, and was one of the organizers of the German-American school, serving as one of its first trustees. He is well read on many subjects, and keeps abreast of the times. In national affairs, he supports the Republican party, but in local matters he prefers an independent attitude. His family are connected with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. He has been prominent in fraternal circles and belongs to Meridian Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M.; and Keystone Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M., of Meriden. He is connected with Teutonia Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F., of Meriden, in which he is a past grand, and he also belongs to the Grand Lodge of the State, in this order.

FRANKLIN B. SHUSTER, a well-known resident of New Haven, was born in that city May 10, 1866, son of John Shuster. His father was a native of Vienna, Austria, born in 1844. His grandfather, Fabian Shuster, came to New Haven many years ago, being one of the early German settlers of this section. Fabian Shuster died in 1897.

John Shuster, the father, was six years of age when his parents brought him to New Haven, and here attended the district schools. He then learned ornamental painting, and formed a partnership with Henry D. Phillips, in the sign painting business, which lasted for thirteen years. For nine years he was with Henry Hooker, doing ornamental painting in his carriage manufactory, his work being so excellent that samples were sent to the National Carriage Builders' Association of the United States, and on two occasions received first prize. Mr. Shuster has done much ornamental painting, and is an expert in that line. In 1894 he opened up his present dry goods store in State street, where he carries an immense stock, owning the commodious building, which he erected in 1884. In 1879 Mr. Shuster was elected town clerk, on the Democratic ticket, and held the position four years, being the first German who ever filled that incumbency in New Haven.

On June 3, 1865, Mr. Shuster married Ophelia A. Talmage, the widow of William Talmage, and a daughter of David Camp, of Woodbridge, the

latter being a member of one of the oldest families in New England. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Shuster are: Franklin B., Edson F., Ella L. and Estella. In politics he is independent. Socially he is connected with Hiram Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M.; and with Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, I. O. O. F.; he is also a member of the 2d Company, Governor's Foot Guards.

Franklin B. Shuster grew to manhood in New Haven, and completed the primary school course when but twelve years of age, at which time, on account of family reverses, he was obliged to look after himself to some degree, beginning by entering the machine shop of John Adt. There he remained for fifteen months, and then accepted other work in the same line. But he had not given up hope of pursuing a higher education. When other lads were at play he was at study, and, much to his credit, kept up with his class and prepared himself for the Sheffield Scientific School. However, this overwork broke him down, and he was obliged to relinquish the course, and later returned to work at his trade. At the age of twenty-one he was made foreman in the machine department of the New Haven Clock Co., with which firm he remained four years, and then took charge of the mechanical work of the E. Ingraham Clock Co., of Bristol, where he remained six months. He was next with Wilmot & Hobbs, of Bridgeport, who made him their superintendent, and with them he continued five years. On May 14, 1895, F. B. Shuster purchased his present business, of the heirs of John Adt, with whom he learned his trade, and since then has controlled a large volume of business. He started in with six men, which number has increased to eighty-two. The business was established in 1866 by John Adt and his son under the firm name of John Adt & Son, was incorporated in 1898, and now has foreign agents in Glasgow, Brussels, Christiania, Paris, Yokohama, Berlin and St. Petersburg, the fame of the machinery turned out by this company extending all over the world. The corporation is now known as The F. B. Shuster Co., and Franklin B. Shuster is president and treasurer.

On Nov. 17, 1886, Franklin B. Shuster was married to Miss Luella Tyrrill, who was born in Naugatuck, daughter of E. S. Tyrrill, of Newtown, Conn., and two children have been born of this marriage, Elmore F. and Corinne O. In his political belief Mr. Shuster is an ardent Republican, and socially he is connected with St. John's Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 1, of Bridgeport, the A. O. U. W. and the Quinnipiac Club; he is also a member of the Governor's Foot Guards and of the Chamber of Commerce, and displays interest in all, despite the busy life he leads.

Not all of Mr. Shuster's time is given to business, however, for the fertile brain of this enterprising young man is teeming with new ideas, of

strong intellectual fiber, and he is filled with that restless energy that is a constant incentive to untiring effort in the line of machinery. It is no wonder that he has won such rapid promotion, as he says his hobby is "anything in the machinery line." He has a number of inventions, and has nine patents pending at the present time, besides many which have been granted, one of the latter being the machine by which cotton can be baled by wire.

Mr. Shuster is justly proud of his father's talents as an artist, some of the landscapes which have come from the latter's brush, painted for pastime, having won the approbation of the public wherever exhibited.

WILLIAM G. NEWTON, superintendent of Peck Bros. & Co.'s manufacturing plant, is probably the youngest man in New Haven to hold so responsible position. He was born in Kent, Conn., Feb. 15, 1867, and has from a very early age looked after his own affairs.

James Newton, his grandfather, came from Massachusetts, and located in Kent. He married a Miss Calkins, and then located in Cornwall, where he reared his family of ten children, viz.: Henry, William (father of our subject), George, Edward, Frederick, John, Charles, Mary, Nancy and Phoebe. Some of the boys became mechanics, and the others engaged in farming.

William Newton, son of James, grew up and married in Cornwall. Immediately after his marriage he went to Kent, and engaged in farming, later, at different times, living in Branford and East Haven, where he continued in the same occupation. After his removal to New Haven he followed the trade of carpenter and molder, which he had learned, continuing at this until obliged by age to refrain from active labor. His wife, Lois Stone, was a native of Ellsworth, Conn. They had a family of five children: Jennie, who married Fred A. Forbes, who is engaged in the gristmill business in East Haven (he is a son of Alexander Forbes, who represented the town of East Haven in the Legislature three terms); Fannie, who married Frank A. Woodward, a farmer of New Haven; Hattie, who married Samuel A. Smith, a farmer and milk dealer of East Haven; William G., our subject; and Royal S., a patternmaker in the employ of Sargent & Co.

William G. Newton passed his boyhood days in East Haven on the farm, and until the age of thirteen attended the district school and a private school in the vicinity of his home. For a time he went to school in New Haven, but soon found employment with Peck Bros. & Co. On Oct. 25, 1882, he entered the machine department, and learned the brass finisher's trade, serving a three-years apprenticeship. Thence he was transferred to the jobbing department, where he remained up to the

age of twenty-one, at which time he was made foreman of that department. At the end of five years he was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent, in which capacity he had charge of the repairs of the entire plant, boilers, machines, buildings, etc. On July 1, 1900, he became superintendent, and in this position he is to-day fulfilling the prophesies made concerning him when, as a boy, he took such a keen interest in the details of the work in the various departments in which he found himself. There is no part of the work of which he is not master, and which he has not learned in this particular factory. The product of the plant consists of plumbers' brass supplies for water, gas and steam. About five hundred hands are under Mr. Newton's care, and the ability with which he discharges his duties has won the praise and admiration of his employers, and by those employed about the plant he is justly regarded as a wise and efficient executive, who will in every way look after the interests of his men. He is the same friendly comrade to the men that he was when he worked side by side with them, and in time of trouble they appeal to him just as of old, when his cheery greeting made the day's work seem lighter.

On Oct. 2, 1893, Mr. Newton married Jessie Nickerson, who was born in New Canaan, Fairfield Co., Conn., daughter of Richard Nickerson, who is in charge of the New Canaan branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. Three children have by their presence lent joy and gladness to the home: Lois A., William Irving and Ralph Hudson. In politics Mr. Newton is a Republican, but though he takes an active interest in the work of his party, and has frequently been offered nominations to various offices, he has ever declined official honors. He has found it necessary to supplement the education he received at school by night study at home, and he has taken a good course in mechanical drafting and engineering, which has been of inestimable benefit to him in his work. Socially he is identified with a number of societies. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and holds membership in Adelpi Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M., of which he is past master, for two years was treasurer and is now trustee. He also belongs to Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., which he joined when he attained his majority. He and his family attend the East Pearl Street M. E. Church, and all are highly esteemed.

LUCIUS W. MOODY—twelfth and sole survivor of the thirteen children of Joel and Betsy Amadon Moody—was born in Springfield, Mass., March 4, 1831. His parents died while he was yet a small boy, and he spent his youth in farm work, receiving such schooling as could be obtained during the winter. At eighteen he entered Wilbraham Academy. He taught school successively in Belch-

ertown, Mass., Deposit, Broome Co., N. Y., and Fairhaven, Conn. At the age of twenty-five he became school commissioner for the Eastern district of Broome county, having under his supervision about one hundred schools. This office he filled for nearly five years. In 1860 he married Mary J. Blair, of Chenango. They made their first home in Binghamton, N. Y., where he was principal of some of the public schools. Early in 1863 he entered the life insurance business, and the following year moved to Buffalo, N. Y., where he continued in the same business for twenty-two years, successfully representing leading companies. In 1885, having been offered the general agency for Connecticut of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Milwaukee, he moved with his family to New Haven, where he has remained ever since. The business built up by himself and his staff of efficient helpers is one of the largest of the kind in the State. Mr. Moody is a Republican in politics; for fifty years has been a member of the Methodist Church, in which he has long held official positions; is a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M.; of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; of the New Haven Historical Society; the Republican League; and several social organizations.

DR. MARY B. MOODY, wife of Lucius W. Moody, born in Barker, Broome Co., New York, in 1837, is, like himself, descended from the earliest New England settlers. Her father, Edson A. Blair, was a farmer; her mother, Caroline (Pease) Blair, a writer of magazine poetry under the pen name of "Waif Woodland." She is a niece of the late Rev. L. M. Pease, who founded the Five Points House of Industry in New York, and while yet in her teens was called to assist him in the School, which was a part of the work of this institution for improving the condition of the children of the "slums." In 1876 Dr. Moody graduated with honors from the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo, being the first woman admitted to that University as a student. She practiced her profession in Buffalo until the removal of the family to New Haven, and continues to do so in her present beautiful home on Fairhaven Heights. All her life she has been active in good works, and a leader in charitable, philanthropic and educational movements. She is a member of the County, State and National Medical Associations, and of various scientific and philanthropic bodies.

Seven children have been born to Lucius W. and Mary J. (Blair) Moody, of whom six survive, the first, Lucius Wilbur, dying in infancy. Charles Amadon resides with his family in Los Angeles, Cal., being one of the publishers and editors of the magazine "Out West." Dr. Robert Orton is a graduate of Cornell University, and of the Medical Department of Yale; he is now instructor in anatomy in the Medical Department of the University

of California, at San Francisco. Frederick Stowell is in the life insurance business in New London, Conn. Rev. Francis Miner (M. A., Yale, B. D., Northwestern University) is pastor of the Methodist Church at Elsinore, Cal. Arthur Blair is in the life insurance business with his father in New Haven, Conn. Mary Grace, the youngest, the only and beloved daughter, who recently graduated from Cornell University, resides with her parents. Home comings at intervals and correspondence keep the family still united, though its members are in widely separated localities, with families of their own to cherish.

HENRY BOHN, whose name was familiar in Branford, was born in the town of Weyer, Alsace-Lorraine, April 11, 1859.

Michael Bohn, his father, was also born in Alsace-Lorraine, and by occupation was a contractor and builder. He married Catherine Lux, of the same nativity. His father, Joseph Bohn, married Maria Cuni, whose mother in her maidenhood was Mary Zenus.

Henry Bohn, whose name opens this sketch, received a good education at the public schools of his native place, and served a five years' apprenticeship at the general mason's trade, afterward working as a journeyman in Weyer, and seven months in Paris, France. In 1879 he came to the United States, landing in New York City April 1, that year, thence at once proceeding to New Haven, Conn., where he entered the employ of his uncle, George Bohn, general contractor. With him he remained some eighteen months, after which for a year he was in the employ of Philip Fresones, brewer; he was with the Quinpiac Brewing Co. five and one-half years. On Dec. 26, 1886, he opened the "Oak Hall Cafe," which he successfully conducted, and he also had a branch establishment at Branford Point, besides being owner of the "Bay View Hotel," Stony Creek. His death occurred in September, 1899.

On Oct. 12, 1884, Mr. Bohn was united in marriage with Anne Miller, daughter of Frank and Ann N. (Weber) Miller, of Germany. In religious faith our subject was a member of the Catholic Church, as is his wife. Mr. Bohn's name was on the rolls of the following fraternities: Rock Lodge, No. 92, F. & A. M.; Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, I. O. O. F.; Woodland Lodge, No. 39, K. P.; U. R. K. of P., No. 13; New Haven Lodge, No. 25, B. P. O. E.; Court Herman, No. 8, Foresters of America; and the Harugari, No. 600. In politics he was a Republican.

JAMES J. FRUIN, a retired business man and real-estate owner in Waterbury, Conn., was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, March 11, 1852, and was but three and a half years old when his parents brought their family here to permanently reside.

After an attendance at the schools of the city,

Mr. Fruin learned stone cutting and monument making, and followed the trade about ten years in the city, and then for a short time worked in Winsted, Conn., for J. E. Pine. On his return to Waterbury, he embarked in the retail meat business in partnership with Robert Fruin, but subsequently bought out his partner's interest in the concern, and for three years conducted it alone. His next enterprise was hotel keeping on East Main street, and for ten years he there catered successfully to the public, after which he retired from active business life and now devotes his attention entirely to his large real-estate interests.

On April 28, 1880, Mr. Fruin was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary J. Slocum, who was born in Winsted, a daughter of Michael Slocum, who was the second native of the Emerald Isle to settle in Winsted. Two children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fruin—William, deceased; and John.

Michael Slocum was born in County Westmeath, and was reared a gardener. In about 1850 he settled in Winsted, Conn., where his death took place in December, 1875, and that of his wife in 1884. Of his children, six grew to maturity and bore the following names: Thomas was a mason by trade, but is now deceased; John, also deceased, was deputy sheriff of Winsted for nine years; Michael was also a deputy of Winsted, likewise served three years in the regular army, but has now passed away; William was ordained a priest in 1876; Frank is a printer by trade; and Mary J., is now Mrs. Fruin.

James J. Fruin is a Democrat in his politics, but he has never sought nor held an office. In religion he is a devout Catholic, and with his family is a member of the Immaculate Conception parish. He is liberal in the contribution of his means to the support of the Church and its good work, and few people stand higher in the public esteem than do James J. Fruin and his family.

GEORGE F. LEWIS, a leading farmer of Kensington, was born in Meriden, Conn., Jan. 6, 1855, a son of George Hallam Lewis, and grandson of Patrick Lewis, who was a native of Meriden, where he became a prosperous merchant and one of the wealthiest men of his day. He married Mary Hull, of Meriden, and died in Burlington, Iowa.

George H. Lewis laid down his life on the altar of his country during the dark days of the Rebellion. He was born Jan. 16, 1833, and was connected with the East Meriden Britannia Co. until the opening of the war. He enlisted in Company F, 15th Conn. V. I., and died in Washington City Hospital Feb. 11, 1863. George H. Lewis married Miss Elizabeth Hotchkiss, who was born in Cheshire, Conn., June 24, 1837, a daughter of Israel and Elizabeth (Beech) Hotchkiss, of Cheshire, and is still living in Meriden. They had a family of four children: (1) Josephine Elizabeth, born in 1854, is

a highly educated lady, and is at present governess in a wealthy family in Cuba. She married Mical Le Fort, bookkeeper for a firm in Tampa, Fla. (2) George F. (3) Samuel Clinton, born in 1859, is a wood turner and scroll sawyer, running a plant of his own at Meriden, under the firm name of the Lewis Wood Turning Co. He married Mary Lambert, of Matawan, N. J. (4) Wilbur Alton, born March 9, 1862, was a machinist in the employ of the East Meriden Britannia Co., and died March 19, 1886.

George F. Lewis received a fair education for his day, attending first the schools of East Meriden, and later the Prattsville district school, then under the direction of a Mr. Finney and Robert Curtis, as principals. On laying aside his text books, at the age of thirteen years, he commenced working as errand boy for the Meriden Britannia Co., at three dollars per week, and remained with that firm one year. He then served a six-months apprenticeship to the carriage painter's trade, with the Russell Carriage Co., and continued in their employ two years, but as painting did not agree with his health he returned to the Meriden Britannia Co., with which he was connected for twenty-two years, being engaged in mold making and die sinking. On leaving the service of that company, in April, 1896, he came to Kensington and purchased ten acres of land of Jacob Sprewenburg, on which stood a large house and good outbuildings. Here he is now engaged in agricultural pursuits.

On May 1, 1881, Mr. Lewis married Miss Marian Ellen Cook, a daughter of Andrew and Ellen (Cook) Cook. She was born in Meriden, and died at the age of twenty-four years, leaving one son, Frank Cook Lewis, born July 2, 1882. He passed through the grammar schools with a good percentage, and studied stenography with Mrs. Graham, in Meriden. Mr. Lewis was again married, July 2, 1891, his second union being with Miss Lina Blakeslee, who was born May 12, 1865, a daughter of Charles Prelate and Delia Ann (Brockett) Blakeslee, of New Haven. To this marriage four children have come: Bessie Irene, born March 25, 1892, who died July 25, 1893; Wilbur Irvin, born Sept. 5, 1894, now attending the Fourth district school of Kensington; Charles, born Oct. 27, 1895; and Mildred Josephine, born March 5, 1897.

Politically Mr. Lewis is an ardent Republican, and an earnest supporter of a high protective tariff. He was a member of Pacific Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F., of Meriden, for many years, and still belongs to Silver City Lodge O. U. A. M., of that place; is a prominent and active member of Charles L. Upham Camp, No. 7, Connecticut Division, Sons of Veterans, in which he has served as first sergeant one term, quartermaster two terms, and first lieutenant two consecutive years; has represented the Camp at the State Encampment for seven consecutive years, and was State chaplain for one year. He and his wife are leading members of the Uni-

versalist Church of Meriden, in which he has served as librarian two years and usher six years. Mr. Lewis is a man of the strictest integrity, upright and honorable in all things.

PATRICK S. HALLIGAN is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of North Haven, who has lived an honest, industrious and frugal life, and he is now reaping his reward in the possession of a competency for his age and the comfort of a creditable family who have been reared to habits of industry and honesty in the home circle.

William Halligan, the father of our subject, was born in County Kildare, Ireland, in 1809, and in his native place was a farmer and laborer. He came to America with his wife and two children in 1845, like many others of his industrious countrymen desiring to secure a better means of livelihood for his family. After locating in Newark, N. J., he soon secured temporary employment on the docks, and later removed to Prospect, New Haven Co., Conn., where he engaged in farm work for Capt. David Hotchkiss during the succeeding six years. After coming to North Haven he worked for a number of people, but finally was engaged by the Stiles family, brick manufacturers, and was a faithful employe of that family for the following forty years, his employers gladly testifying to his honesty and industry. The last work of his life was the carting of clay for that firm, with a team of oxen. His death occurred Feb. 10, 1889, in North Haven.

William Halligan married Ann Mooney, a native of County Kildare, and her death occurred in 1891. They reared a large family, the majority of whom live in Middlesex county, respected citizens.

Patrick S. Halligan was born in Newark, N. J., and he received but limited schooling, as at the age of twelve years he left home to work for himself. The farmers in the neighborhood gave him employment, and in 1863 he went into the employ of Warner, Mansfield, Stiles & Co., brick manufacturers, and for the last twenty years has been in the employ of the companies which have succeeded them, filling almost every capacity in and around the yards, doing a great deal of the teaming and losing very little time, the company knowing that all kinds of weather will find this trusty employe on hand, ready and willing for the work of the day. This confidence makes very pleasant the intercourse between Mr. Halligan and the members of the firm, which still includes some members of the Stiles family.

Mr. Halligan was united in marriage with Jane Dunn, a native of County King's, Ireland, who came to America when nineteen years old, and children as follows have been born to this marriage: William J., who married Annie Kelley, and lives in North Haven; Kate E.; John E., who married Minnie Daley, and lives in North Haven; and James H., an expert mechanic. All of these sons are employed by the I. L. Stiles & Son Brick Co.

A Democrat in his political views, Mr. Halligan

votes for the man he thinks most fitted for the office in local affairs, and does not desire any office for himself. His three sons are members of Court Good Will, No. 27, Foresters of America, Mt. Carmel, and all the family are devout members of the Catholic Church at Mt. Carmel. In the community the family is respected highly, and Mr. Halligan is regarded as one of the worthiest citizens, who deserves all the success which has attended his honest efforts.

D. BURTON BROWN, one of the leading business men of New Haven, and one who for a number of years has been prominent in the municipal affairs of the city, as well as in its fraternal orders, is looked upon as one of the coming young men of his community. He was born in New Haven, May 10, 1869, a son of Anson K. and Emma (Brooks) Brown.

Anson K. Brown for twenty years was one of the active and successful business men of New Haven, and a politician of local influence and power. As a fish and oyster dealer, he was located first on the corner of Chapel and Franklin streets, and later on Grand avenue, where he remained until his death, Aug. 5, 1894, at the age of fifty years, four months and one day. His demise, caused by a street car accident on Kimberly avenue, was a great shock to his family and the community at large. For three terms he had represented the Twelfth ward in the city council.

D. Burton Brown received a good common-school education in the public schools of New Haven, after which he entered his father's business house, and upon the latter's death, succeeded him not only in the commercial house, but also in the line of public affairs in which the father had been working, and the son was soon recognized as a Democratic leader in the Twelfth ward. In 1895 he was chosen a member of the city council to succeed his father, and ran well ahead of his ticket, and when he took his seat, he was but twenty-five—the youngest member of that body. At once, he became an active and conspicuous working member of the council and was very popular. Within a short time, Mr. Brown assumed an aggressive attitude in all affairs pertaining to his ward and the public welfare in general. Through his efforts, the project of locating in the Twelfth ward a hospital for contagious diseases, was abandoned. He opposed what later became the somewhat famous street sprinkling advertising contracts, and with his colleague, Edward Rourke, of the Finance committee, signed a minority report opposing the payment of \$4,000 as proposed, and suggested that \$500 be paid each paper. The result of this report was practically a victory for the minority, as the Finance committee, after careful consideration, finally recommended the sum of \$600 be paid the papers entitled to remuneration. The leadership of young Brown in his ward was ably illustrated when, in a contest at the primaries a few years ago, he received an overwhelming victory.

Mr. Brown is prominent and active in various orders and fraternities. He is a member of Delphi Lodge No. 63, Pulaski Chapter and Crawford Council, A. F. & A. M., and also of the Connecticut State Firemen's Association with a record as volunteer fireman for ten years. Mr. Brown is an honorary member of the Annex Fire Department. He is also past grand master of Polar Star Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F. and has represented the lodge at several meetings of the Grand Lodge; and belongs to Canton Sassacus, No. 1, of New Haven.

On Sept. 14, 1895, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Jennie, daughter of George H. Currass, and to this union have been born: William Morris, Ethel May and Dora Ethel.

HON. JULIUS COLTON CABLE, judge of the Court of Common Pleas of New Haven county, is a representative of a sturdy New England ancestry and of a kind, too, whose love of liberty and freedom was beyond question. John Cable, his emigrant ancestor came from England to New England, settling at Roxbury, Mass., early in the seventeenth century. In 1636 he, in company with Gov. Pynchon, removed to Springfield, Mass. Seven of his lineal descendants served in the war of the Revolution, two of whom were wounded and were United States pensioners.

Judge Cable was born Oct. 11, 1849, in Newtown, Conn., son of Nathaniel J. and Phoebe (Lawrence) Cable, now of Avon, Conn. He attended the schools of his native town, and later was a student in Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. He taught school in Newtown and Unionville, Conn., and in Ithaca, N. Y. Subsequently he entered Yale Law School, from which he was graduated in 1873. In June of that same year he was admitted to the Bar in New Haven county, settled in New Haven in the practice of his profession, so continuing up to the present time. Two years of his early practice were in connection with the late Hon. Dexter R. Wright and Hon. H. Lynde Harrison, and for nine years he was associated with Wright & Harrison, of New Haven, and subsequently four years with Mr. Harrison alone. In 1876 he served as a member of the common council of New Haven. He has also served as clerk of the City Court and from 1883 to 1887, as city attorney. He was appointed judge of the City Court in 1893, a position he filled with dignity and great acceptance, and four years later was appointed to the office of judge of the court of Common Pleas of New Haven county. His long experience and good repute as a lawyer, his fine record as a wise and humane judge of the City Court, his excellent work as a substitute judge in the court of common pleas, his untarnished standing as a man, and his usefulness as a citizen are all so well known that his appointment to his present office for which he is so well fitted is but a just recognition of merit and character.

Judge Cable's political affiliations are with the

Republican party. He is a member of Hiram Lodge F. & A. M., and New Haven Commandery, Knights Templar. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F., and the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

On Jan. 1, 1874, Judge Cable was married to Alatheia B. Woodruff, of Avon, Conn., a daughter of Horace Woodruff, and to them have come two children: Nathaniel J. and William D.

HERBERT C. CLEVELAND WARREN, of the firm of H. C. Warren & Co., bankers and brokers of New Haven, is one of that city's widely and favorably known business men, as well as one of its leading enterprising and public-spirited citizens. Born Feb. 5, 1843, in the town of Derby, Conn., son of the late Henry and Mary A. (Clark) Warren, he is a representative on both sides of sturdy New England ancestry of the Colonial period. On his mother's side he descends from George Clark, one of the first settlers of Milford, Conn., 1639.

On the 250th anniversary of the settlement of Milford there was erected in the town The Memorial Bridge, in honor of the founders of the town. This was dedicated Aug. 28, 1889. Two of the stones of this bridge are inscribed to the memory of the Clarks—one, No. 8, to "Deacon George Clark, Obit 1690, Mary His wife," and the other, No. 18, to "George Clark, Obit 1690, Sarah His wife." Concerning these Clarks, as named respectively, the writer of the Memorial Pamphlet remarks as follows:

"As there were two George Clarks among the settlers of 1639, much error has grown out of it, as to the correct line of descent of the Clarks, but the writer is confident that from the Deacon descends all of that name in Milford, and those that trace to his son Samuel, who married Mary, the daughter of George the 'Farmer,' have of course the blood of both Georges. There has sprung an unusually large progeny from one man, and as a rule, they have been thrifty. He probably died without a will, but the probate records show that he left a large estate. His three sons were prominent, especially Ensign George, and his daughter Sarah was the mother of Gov. Jonathan Law, although Lambert says it was Farmer George's daughter.

"This George Clark (referring to the second mentioned) was brother to John Clark, of Saybrook, who removed thence to Milford and was made deacon of the First Church, and married here the widow of Deacon John Fletcher. His brother Daniel was one of the patentees under the famous charter from Charles II. His only son, John, probably died without issue soon after his father. His daughter Ruth married Thomas Fitch, of Norwalk, and her grand-son was assistant of the Colony of Connecticut. Her daughter Lydia married John Newton in 1680 (probably son of the Pastor), was soon a widow, but evidently a smart business woman, and reached a ripe old age."

Henry Warren, the father of Herbert C. C., was descended from the old Wilcoxson family of Derby, Conn., where he was born in 1810. At an early age he began teaching in his native town, and for nearly or quite half a century was the "Master" in Derby and neighboring towns, and from the schools over which he presided went forth many youths who attained honorable distinction and note in the Naugatuck Valley and elsewhere in the country at large. Master Warren was especially fitted and adapted to his profession, and was eminently successful in it. He won and held the respect and esteem not only of the scholars, but of their parents, and died beloved by a host of friends and acquaintances. For the last fifteen or more years of his life he made his home in New Haven with his son Herbert C. C. Warren, going thither after the death of his wife. His own death occurred Nov. 17, 1896.

Herbert C. C. Warren attended the schools of his native town and was prepared for business as clerk in a store and banking house. At the age of twenty-five years, in 1868, he established the present banking and brokerage house bearing his name. In 1878 Alexander McAlister became a partner, and so continued until his death, in 1885, since which time Mr. Warren has continued the business alone. To the business of this house Mr. Warren has given close application and attention, until he has developed an extensive and successful trade which extends throughout New England, in which section the establishment is well and favorably known. Mr. Warren has successfully handled many issues of trolley railroad and other investment bonds, and has the confidence of a large clientele. The house does a general banking and investment brokerage business.

Mr. Warren is identified with a number of corporations and enterprises. He is a director of the Merchants Bank and the New Haven Electric Co., and is treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce. He has been a member of the New Haven city government. Socially he belongs to the Quinnipiac Club and the Union League. In politics he is a Republican.

On Oct. 9, 1867, Mr. Warren was married to Helen L. Perkins, daughter of Charles Perkins, of Meriden, a representative of an old Connecticut family, and to them came two children, namely: Louise and Harold P. The mother of these died March 23, 1896. On June 14, 1900, Mr. Warren married Mrs. Alice G. Bristol, who had a daughter, Naita.

MORSE. For about eighty years past the late Gardner Morse and his descendants have been closely identified with the history of New Haven, and have figured conspicuously in its business growth and development. The Morse family is one of the oldest among the early settlers of New England.

Gardner Morse was a direct descendant of Joseph Morse, who came to this country from England in 1635, settling at Ipswich, Massachusetts.

GARDNER MORSE was born at Marlboro, Mass., April 11, 1809. When sixteen years old he came to New Haven to enter the employ of Timothy and Stephen Bishop, prominent merchants of the city. After six years' service with these gentlemen he engaged in the wholesale drug and oil business with the late Charles Peterson, under the firm name of Morse & Peterson, and founded the establishment now conducted by the well-known firm of Spencer & Matthews. At an early age Mr. Morse entered the State militia service, and soon became colonel of the Second Connecticut Regiment. Under his command the service was reorganized and brought to a state of high discipline and efficiency, which that admired organization has since well maintained. In this duty he had the good fortune to have the assistance on his staff of Major Minott E. Osborn, the late editor and proprietor of the *New Haven Register*, and attributed much of his success as a commander to the valued co-operation of that greatly beloved and esteemed fellow citizen and soldier. Col. Morse was also later honored with the commission of major of the Second Company of the Governor's Foot Guards, a command of historic renown for its participation in the war of the Revolution. In 1837 he retired from mercantile business, and thereafter during his long life was continuously and actively engaged in the discharge of many public official duties, and in the management of private trusts of considerable importance, for both individuals and corporations. Among the public offices filled by him may be mentioned the collectorship of taxes of the city, town and school district, which position he filled with marked ability for twenty years, from 1837 to 1857. He was also for about forty years trustee of the town deposit fund and the old Almshouse Farm corporation of New Haven. He was identified with the management of the affairs of the New Haven Savings Bank, of which he was a vice-president and trustee until his decease. His business connections as a real-estate and fire insurance agent were early established, and grew in extent and importance from year to year, and his knowledge and experience in all matters pertaining to real property were especially well known and valued.

Mr. Morse was accurate in judgment, quick in perception and prompt in acts of sympathy. His character presented a rare combination of dignity, firmness and gentleness, such as engaged to a marked degree the confidence, esteem and affection of all who knew him. His religious convictions were deep and strong. He was a lifelong member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and served that society as vestryman and treasurer for many years. In his political associations Col. Morse was first a Whig and later an unfaltering adherent of the Republican party. He was deeply interested in all

that pertained to the history and welfare of the town, and retained his activity in all social and business relations until nearly the end of his life, which came suddenly, in May, 1896, from an apoplectic stroke.

Mr. Morse was three times married, and was the father of twelve children. Six of his sons grew to manhood in New Haven and attained considerable prominence in business. The eldest son,

ALGERNON HULL MORSE, whose lamented death preceded that of his father by a few months, was a man of marked character and ability. He was born in 1835, and received an excellent common-school education in the schools of New Haven, and at Oxford, Conn., and began his business career at the age of fourteen in the office of Hooker & Osborn, a leading firm of carriage makers in New Haven. He early showed unusual skill as an accountant, and enjoyed an extensive experience and practice in that employment in various large establishments, in Cambridge, New York and New Haven, until the year 1870, when he established himself as a public accountant in his native city and there remained in the practice of his calling for the remainder of his life. Algernon Morse was a thorough master and progressive student of his chosen profession and acquired a national reputation, not only for the marvelous rapidity and accuracy and beauty of his work, but also for its practical results, and the lasting value of the direction and advice given by him. He was ever ready to instruct and assist others ambitious to excel in the same line of work, and many were encouraged and stimulated to success by the example of his remarkable powers of application. Mr. Morse closely resembled his father in personal appearance, and was of large and powerful form. Socially he was extremely and deservedly popular, and his genial nature found its best expression in the work of the various fraternal societies with which he was connected. He was a lifelong and well-known member of Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M., and was especially noted for his work in the order of the Sons of Temperance. Of this body he was grand scribe for several years, and labored effectively for twenty years in the cause of temperance, as a member of Harmony Lodge, New Haven. He was a fine reader and dramatic critic. His sudden death, from heart disease, in December, 1895, while apparently in the fullest vigor, closed an honored career full of promise of future usefulness.

WILLIAM WILSON MORSE, the second son of Gardner Morse, was born in New Haven, and was educated chiefly in the schools of that city, and, like his brother Algernon, acquired considerable skill and reputation as an accountant. In this occupation he passed his youth and early manhood, but during his middle life was for several years engaged in various business enterprises in the Western States. In youth he particularly excelled in all manly sports and exercises, and was the life of

every social gathering. At the breaking out of the war William Morse, then twenty-four years of age, was a sergeant of the New Haven Grays, and enlisted with that company for three months' service. At the end of that term he raised a company and returned to the field as a captain in the Twentieth Connecticut Volunteers. During the war his command saw much hard service and many battles under the command of Gen. Sherman, and he returned at its close with the rank of brevet major. Major Morse was a most excellent soldier and officer, very popular with his command, and highly esteemed by his superior officers. But his tastes and ambition were not inclined to military affairs, and he preferred and sought the quiet joys of social and civil life. He was much interested in instrumental music and a superior amateur upon the flute. In political affairs he exerted considerable influence, and was ever an active and zealous adherent of the Republican party and a loyal supporter of the best men and measures. He was for several terms a member of the court of common council and also of the board of police commissioners. Major Morse died at New Haven in 1898, leaving a widow and two sons, William Austin Morse and Herbert Townsend Morse, both rising young business men of New Haven.

GARDNER MORSE, the third son of the late Col. Gardner Morse, and the eldest of his three surviving sons, were born at New Haven in 1839. He was educated in the Hopkins Grammar School, and spent a portion of his early years roughing it in what was then the far Western country of Ohio. He began business at an early age in the employ successively of several local mercantile houses, and in a short time, following the footsteps of his elder brothers, became a valued and trusted accountant. For a few years after the war he was engaged with C. S. Maltby & Co., in the oyster canning business, at Baltimore and in St. Louis, but returned to New Haven to resume his work as an accountant in 1869. About the year 1870 he assumed a position with the New Haven Gas Co., where as secretary and treasurer he has for nearly thirty years ably directed the office work of that large establishment. Mr. Morse has been noted for many years for his complete knowledge and proficiency in the gentle sport of angling, and in particular for his interest and efforts in the propagation of trout and the cultivating and protection of trout streams. The well-known Waltonian Club of New Haven county was founded chiefly through the efforts of the brothers Gardner and William W. Morse.

Gardner Morse was married in 1870 to Mary Hamilton, of Northampton, Mass., a lady much admired and esteemed for her personal beauty and

charming social qualities. Mrs. Morse has to her credit, in addition, the distinction of having engaged in historical and genealogical research with much diligence and success. She is an active member of the patriotic order of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Morse is herself of distinguished lineage. She is a daughter of Luther W. Hamilton and granddaughter of Loomis, who was a great-grandson of Duke Hamilton of Scotland. Ruth Waldo, her grandmother was the daughter of Schulen Waldo, a prominent man of Northampton and colonel in the Revolutionary war; he served also in the war of 1812.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse have two daughters living, Miss Edith Hamilton Morse and Mrs. Rebekah How Corbin, of New Britain, and two grandchildren, Gardner Morse Corbin and —.

ELLIOTT HOW MORSE, the fourth son of Gardner Morse, was born in New Haven in July, 1846. After his graduation from the Hillhouse High School he entered at once upon his apprenticeship as a banker's clerk with the late John W. Mansfield, in the Connecticut Savings Bank. In 1880 he succeeded that gentleman as treasurer of the institution, and since that date has continued to discharge the duties of that position and trusts of a similar character with conspicuous ability and fidelity.

JOSEPH BULKELEY MORSE, the fifth son of the late Gardner Morse, born in 1850, was educated in the New Haven public schools and in the academic and law departments of Yale University. He succeeded to and still conducts the business founded by the late Gardner Morse.

CHARLES THEODORE MORSE was the sixth and youngest of the adult sons of Gardner Morse. He was born in 1853, and graduated from the Yale Scientific School in 1872, and from the Yale Law School in 1876. He soon became prominent as an able and brilliant member of the Bar, and was particularly active and efficient as a leading Republican politician. He was chairman of the Republican Town Committee for several years, and also served in the court of common council, and as city clerk of New Haven with Mayor (afterward Gov.) Hobart B. Bigelow, by whom he was honored with a staff appointment as lieutenant-colonel in 1880.

Col. Charles T. Morse was most affectionately beloved by the companions of his youth in college, and retained their esteem throughout his short life, and was especially active in the management of his college fraternal society. Very early he was obliged to give up business and political affairs by reason of failing health, which all treatment and change of climate and travel failed to restore. He died of consumption, at Pasadena, Cal., in 1889.

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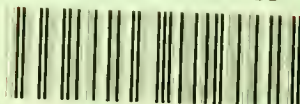
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